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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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JUAN DUARTE, BETSY DUARTE AND N.D.,
INFANT, BY PARENTS AND NATURAL GUARDIANS
JUAN DUARTE AND BETSY DUARTE, LEROY NOBLES
AND BETTY NOBLES, ON BEHALF OF THEMSELVES
AND ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED,

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action No.

vs.

2:17-cv-01624-ES-SCM

UNITED STATES METALS
REFINING COMPANY, et al,

Defendants,

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VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF MICHAEL McNALLY
Morristown, New Jersey
Friday, August 17, 2018

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August 17, 2018

9:25 a.m.

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION of MICHAEL McNALLY, by the
Plaintiffs, held at the law offices of Porzio,
Bromberg & Newman P.C., 100 Southgate Parkway,
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1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. We are
2 now on the record. My name is Kevin Marth. I
3 am a videographer for Golkow Litigation
4 Services. Today's date is August 17, 2018, and
5 the time is approximately 9:25 a.m.

6 The video deposition today is being held
7 in Morristown, New Jersey, in the matter of
8 Juan Duarte, Betsy Duarte and N.D., infant, by
9 parents and natural guardians Juan Duarte and
10 Betsy Duarte, Leroy Nobles and Betty Nobles, on
11 behalf of themselves and all others similarly
12 situated, versus United States Metals Refining
13 Company, et al, in the United States District
14 Court for the District of New Jersey. Our
15 deponent today is Mr. Mike McNally.

16 At this time, would counsel please
17 identify themselves for the record.

18 MR. NIDEL: Chris Nidel on behalf of
19 plaintiffs.

20 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Joel Rubenstein on behalf
21 of plaintiffs.

22 MR. SCHICK: Bob Schick on behalf of
23 defendants.

24 MR. WILKINSON: George Wilkinson for
25 defendants.

1 MR. STOIA: Charles Stoia representing
2 Mr. McNally.

3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: At this time, would the
4 court reporter please swear -- I'm sorry.

5 We're going on the record at 9:26 a.m.

6 Would the -- at this time, would the court
7 reporter please swear in witness and we may
8 proceed.

9 M I C H A E L M c N A L L Y,

10 called as a witness, having first been
11 duly sworn, was examined and testified as
12 follows:

13 EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. NIDEL:

15 Q. Good morning, Mr. McNally. My name is
16 Chris Nidel, as I state for the record, and I
17 represent the plaintiffs in this case.

18 Can you state your full name and address
19 for the record?

20 A. Michael John McNally.

21 Q. And who is your current employer?

22 A. The ELM Group.

23 Q. What is The ELM Group?

24 (Phone interruption.)

25 MR. SCHICK: Off the record.

1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record at
2 9:27 a.m.

3 (A discussion was held off the record.)

4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the
5 record at 9:29 a.m.

6 BY MR. NIDEL:

7 Q. I believe my question was: What is ELM or
8 what does ELM do?

9 A. We're an environmental consulting company.

10 Q. Okay. Have you ever been deposed before?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Okay. You understand you're under oath,
13 right?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. Okay. And you understand that the
16 penalties of perjury apply, including possible jail
17 time?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. One thing, right off the bat, the
20 court reporter is here to get a transcript of our
21 discussion. I would ask that -- though your
22 tendency may be to give body language responses, nod
23 your head, I'd ask for a verbal response as well
24 and, you know, try to avoid yeahs or yups, yeses and
25 noes, when you can, in addition to any body language

1 that you might naturally use as well; is that fair?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. You're not under the influence of
4 any drugs or alcohol that may impair your testimony
5 today?

6 A. No.

7 Q. You have no reason that you could not
8 testify honestly and truthfully today?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Because of the fact that we're trying to
11 get a written record -- I may anticipate your
12 answers, I may cut you off at times,
13 unintentionally, but it might happen. You may
14 anticipate my questions with an answer -- I would
15 just ask that we both try to keep our conversation
16 one at a time, if that's fair?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. Are you represented by counsel
19 today?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And who is your counsel?

22 A. Charles Stoia.

23 Q. I'm trying to think if there's anything
24 else.

25 Did you review the subpoena that was

1 provided for your case?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. Did you produce documents in
4 response to that subpoena?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What did you do to prepare for your
7 deposition?

8 A. I read through some of the files to
9 refresh my memory of various primary components of
10 the work. Took a look through what -- what would
11 have been in the package that was sent over. I
12 didn't review every single document. I just would
13 get a sense of what was there and generally just
14 sort of tried to keep -- bring some things to be a
15 little more fresh in my mind.

16 Q. Okay. And when you say "the package that
17 was sent over," what are you referring to?

18 A. The documents that were the subpoena
19 response.

20 Q. Did you review them electronically?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Do you remember specific documents that
23 you reviewed?

24 A. The work plans primarily. The -- some of
25 the remedial action reports for individual

1 properties, not every single one, but some of them.
2 Some emails, I guess. A sort of broad review.
3 Again, I was trying just to refresh my memory, not
4 do a detailed -- I didn't try to memorize all the
5 documents that were in the record.

6 Q. Did you talk to anyone to prepare for your
7 deposition?

8 A. I did.

9 Q. Okay. Who did you talk to?

10 A. Charlie Stoia.

11 Q. Is there anyone other than Charlie Stoia
12 that you spoke to and to prepare for your
13 deposition?

14 A. No, other than people who would have
15 copied the files for the depo- -- the document
16 response.

17 Q. Did you talk to Joe Brunner?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you read a deposition of Joe Brunner?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Did you do anything else to prepare for
22 your deposition?

23 A. Not that I can think of.

24 Q. Can you describe for me your education
25 post high school?

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1 A. Yes. I have a bachelor of science in
2 civil engineering from Lehigh University.

3 Q. And what year did you get that BS?

4 A. 1990.

5 Q. Any other degrees?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Do you have any professional
8 certifications or licenses?

9 A. Yeah, I'm licensed as a professional
10 engineer in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Ohio.

11 I was in New York, but I didn't continue
12 it. So I think it's -- I don't know if it's still
13 registered or -- but it's -- I didn't continue to
14 renew it because we don't do work in New York.

15 And I'm a licensed site-remediation
16 professional in New Jersey.

17 Q. What is a licensed site-remediation
18 professional?

19 A. So I'm not sure what year it was exactly,
20 but New Jersey changed -- historically, New Jersey
21 had -- the NJDEP had case managers who were the
22 reviewers of documents and managed the cases, the
23 environmental cases. Whenever they started the --
24 they did a site remediation reformat and they
25 established the licensed site-remediation program

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1 and the role of the licensed site remediator is to
2 certify that work was done in accordance with the
3 regulations and guidance.

4 Q. And who do you work for in that capacity?

5 A. I'm not sure I understand that question.

6 Q. Is that -- are you contracted directly by
7 a PRP? Are you paid by the state?

8 A. The company that would be the responsible
9 party to it pays for the LSRP service.

10 Q. And in this case, they were paying your
11 company, the company that you work for?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How does a company select a PRP?

14 A. How does a company select a PRP?

15 Q. I'm sorry.

16 How does a company select an LSRP?

17 A. I don't know what, you know, exactly the
18 process of my clients is. I mean, I think sometimes
19 we've worked with them as -- in the past, so we've
20 had a relationship with the companies for a period
21 of time. In this case, I know we had interviews, so
22 I don't know who else they were interviewing.

23 Q. Okay. Were you interviewed or was ELM
24 interviewed or both?

25 A. Both.

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1 Q. So -- and when you say we were
2 interviewed, who interviewed you?

3 A. I don't even know who all was there. I'd
4 be guessing. I assume Joe Brunner was there, but
5 I -- honestly, I can't remember. It was, I think,
6 2011 or something like that, so seven years ago.
7 And I didn't know who they were at the -- like, I
8 didn't know the people at the table at the time,
9 so...

10 Q. Did you know what company you were meeting
11 with?

12 A. I think the offices we met in were
13 Freeport-McMoRan.

14 Q. What is Freeport-McMoRan?

15 A. I think it's a metals -- it's a metals
16 refining company or something like that. I don't
17 know.

18 Q. What is your understanding as to who Joe
19 Brunner works for?

20 A. I presume he works for Freeport-McMoRan.

21 Q. Do you know who Freeport-McMoRan Inc. is?

22 A. I'm not sure. I mean, I assume it's the
23 same company, but it would be just an assumption.

24 Q. Do you know who Freeport-McMoRan, or
25 McMoRan Copper & Gold is?

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1 MR. STOIA: Objection, form.

2 A. No. I mean not specifically. To me,
3 they're the same -- sound like the same companies.
4 I don't know what they are.

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. Do you know who Freeport Minerals is?

7 A. No.

8 MR. SCHICK: Same objection.

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. Who is your contract with, what company?

11 A. I think it's with Freeport-McMoRan. I use
12 the terms "Freeport-McMoRan" and "USMR" sort of
13 interchangeably. At this point and -- I think of it
14 as the USMR site, so I don't -- I don't really
15 distinguish.

16 Q. Okay. At the time in 2011 when you
17 interviewed with Freeport-McMoRan, ELM was already
18 doing work for Freeport at the site; is that
19 correct?

20 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

21 A. I don't know. I don't think so.

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. Okay. Do you know what other work that
24 ELM did at the USMR site?

25 A. Before I was hired?

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1 Q. Other than the work that you were involved
2 in, what other work did --

3 A. So --

4 Q. -- was ELM involved in?

5 A. -- ELM did the -- managed the on-site
6 investigation as well as some of the investigation
7 work in the Arthur Kill. It was managed by a
8 different product manager in the company.

9 Q. And what project manager managed those?

10 A. Lauren LaPort.

11 Q. Did she manage both of those?

12 A. I think so.

13 Q. Do you know when ELM was engaged to work
14 on those projects?

15 A. I think the same time I was. I was -- I
16 think the LSRP services and the consulting services
17 at that site started at the same time.

18 Q. Okay. And was she engaged as an LSRP or
19 just as a consultant?

20 A. As a consultant.

21 Q. How does your role as an LSRP work? Can
22 you describe that for me? Are you -- who do you
23 report to at the DEP?

24 A. I don't report to anyone at the DEP. We
25 submit documents. I guess -- I'm going to try to

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1 answer it as best I can.

2 Q. Yep.

3 A. I don't report -- there's no direct report
4 to the DEP, but we submit documents that are then
5 subject to review by DEP. They do various levels of
6 review, depending on a number of circumstances that
7 I don't know all the details of. Sometimes it has
8 to do with complexity, other things. There are
9 certain triggers.

10 THE WITNESS: Am I going too fast?

11 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.

12 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

13 A. I don't -- I don't know exactly -- I know
14 they have different levels of review, but there's no
15 person I report to. There's people I can consult
16 with, ask questions of, but...

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Who at the DEP had primary responsibility
19 for the USMR site? Is there some -- your point of
20 contact at the DEP?

21 A. Not directly. Afterwards, Kevin Schick
22 has provided some -- and some others senior NJDEP
23 have provided some -- we've met with them once or
24 twice. I know one in particular. I can't remember
25 more than that. But we've had several conversations

1 with them. But Kevin I think was the lead. But
2 it's not -- it's a consulting relationship, but I --
3 they don't have -- I don't report to them.

4 I don't -- the only communications we have
5 with them is mainly -- like, we might ask them, you
6 know, we're thinking about doing this, does that
7 sound like it makes sense. And then, in some cases,
8 like this is a -- there's a number of properties
9 here, so some of the administrative components,
10 there's been a little bit of back and forth with
11 NJDEP on exactly how to manage certain components of
12 it.

13 Q. What were your responsibilities with
14 respect to the site?

15 A. So generally I reviewed -- so I would be
16 in -- periodically I'd have updates on the planning
17 of work from the technical team. The technical team
18 would -- the consultant -- I'm going to -- I'm going
19 to try to use the term "consulting team" here versus
20 my work.

21 And in this case, it could be the ELM
22 consulting team or it could be the Arcadis
23 consulting team for the off-property --

24 THE COURT REPORTER: It could be the what?

25 THE WITNESS: Arcadis.

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1 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay.

2 A. -- consulting team for the off-property
3 work. Typically they would develop strategies and
4 plans. Sometimes during their process, they'd
5 consult with me, like, in intermediate steps, like,
6 here's what we're thinking. And I'd get input.
7 Ultimately that would lead to a work plan of one
8 piece or another that would get my review. My
9 then-primary role would be reviewing the document
10 and the strategies and trying to confirm that it
11 complies with the regulations or requirements.

12 So I'd say primarily a reviewer role,
13 although I did provide some direction, in certain
14 cases, for compliance.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. And who was your point of contact at
17 Freeport?

18 A. Primarily Joe Brunner.

19 Q. So did you have any other people that you
20 interfaced with at Freeport?

21 A. There was some people early -- there's --
22 and I don't remember everybody's name. There was a
23 man that passed away. I -- his name was Mike
24 something or other. I can't remember who he was.
25 After that, it's primarily been Joe. So early on a

1 project, there might have been one or somebody else,
2 but it's primarily been Joe. Occasionally there may
3 be calls with Joe and their attorneys, because
4 there's been other -- you know, there's -- they have
5 a legal interest in the project.

6 Q. All right. What is their legal interest
7 in the project?

8 A. As I understand it -- and I don't know all
9 the details of it, but they had some kind of -- I
10 don't know the details of it. They had some kind of
11 legal matter with the town that I know the broad
12 strokes of, but very broad. So they -- and
13 otherwise, I think they just have their attorneys
14 involved.

15 Q. What was the other -- you mentioned a
16 Mike. Was that Mike Leach?

17 A. Yes, that sounds right.

18 Q. Who was on the ELM consulting team for
19 this site?

20 A. Hank Martin, who's a principal in the
21 company. Lauren LaPort. A woman named Jennifer
22 Wollenberg. I think she worked primarily on
23 wetlands in the Arthur Kill. And then some junior
24 staff. I don't know all the details beyond that.

25 Q. Okay. And who did you interface with at

1 Arcadis?

2 A. Primarily Lisa Szegedi.

3 Q. Anyone else?

4 A. Not that I can think of on a regular
5 basis. There might have been somebody I spoke to
6 here and there, but I can't think of everybody's
7 name.

8 Q. Okay. What was Lisa's role?

9 A. As I understand it, she's the product
10 manager for Arcadis.

11 Q. Who at ELM had final say in the review of
12 plans and submissions?

13 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

14 A. As submitted to the DEP?

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. Correct.

17 A. I would as the LSRP.

18 Q. Okay. So they might submit a plan to you
19 or discuss a plan with you. You may discuss it with
20 your colleagues at ELM. But then ultimately you
21 would have the final say as to what was approved for
22 as far as a plan goes or as far as what was
23 submitted; is that fair?

24 A. Yes. It wouldn't get submitted to NJDEP
25 without my signatures. I -- like, I have to certify

1 it.

2 Q. Okay. And did you also certify things
3 like remediation assessments. I think there were
4 some RAO reports.

5 You know what an RAO --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- report is?

8 And what's an RAO report?

9 A. It's a response action outcome.

10 Q. And can you tell me practically what that
11 means?

12 A. Yeah, it's essentially a document that --
13 it's -- it documents that the remedial action is
14 complete. You know, it might a media-specific --
15 there's different types but, you know, it documents
16 it's complete.

17 Q. Okay. And did you review those for the
18 off-site work?

19 A. I did.

20 Q. And you certified those being complete, I
21 guess?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you know how much ELM has been paid for
24 the off-site work?

25 A. I actually don't have any idea, because I

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1 don't manage the numbers.

2 Q. Do you know what your hourly rate is?

3 A. Not exactly. I think it's 160 an hour,
4 170, something like that.

5 Q. You were investigating off-site
6 contamination, correct, or USMR was investigating
7 off-site contamination; is that correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Who is ultimately responsible for
10 identifying USMR's contamination?

11 A. USMR is.

12 Q. And in this instance, would that be
13 Freeport?

14 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

15 A. I don't -- like I said, I use them
16 interchangeably, so I -- assuming they're the same
17 entity, yes. I don't know.

18 BY MR. NIDEL:

19 Q. Okay. Your under- --

20 A. That's sort of corporate law stuff that I
21 don't get involved in.

22 Q. But your understanding as to who Joe
23 Brunner worked for was Freeport-McMoRan, correct?

24 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

25 A. I guess to state that I had an

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1 understanding of exactly who he worked for is sort
2 of stronger than I would word it. Meaning he worked
3 for what I understood to be the responsible party.
4 I call it USMR. It could be Freeport-McMoRan. I
5 don't know the difference between the two so to me,
6 they're the same company. Like, I don't know -- I
7 don't know which company even pays the bill, to be
8 honest. Like, if we got a check from them, I don't
9 know which one.

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Okay. But you get a lot of email from Joe
12 Brunner, correct?

13 A. Some, yeah.

14 Q. And his email says "Freeport-McMoRan
15 Inc.," correct?

16 A. I don't know.

17 Q. You don't know?

18 A. I don't know what his email address is.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. It just -- when I type in "Joe Brunner,"
21 it fills it in, so...

22 Q. Okay. But I'm not asking you his address.
23 I'm asking you what his footer is at the bottom of
24 every one of his emails other than the --

25 A. I don't know.

1 Q. -- ones he sends --

2 A. I don't --

3 Q. -- from his iPad.

4 THE COURT REPORTER: The bottom of every
5 one of his emails?

6 MR. NIDEL: Other than the ones that he
7 sends from his iPad.

8 A. I don't know what the bottom of the emails
9 say.

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Okay. And you don't know who the contract
12 is with, between ELM and --

13 A. I don't, not specifically. I think it's
14 with Freeport-McMoRan, but I don't know.

15 Q. Okay. Whose responsibility is it that the
16 properties get remediated and cleaned up?

17 A. USMR's.

18 Q. Are you concerned about metals in the
19 soils in Carteret?

20 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

21 A. As an LSRP -- you mean to the extent that
22 it related to my -- to the project or what do you
23 mean?

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. Yeah. Yeah. I mean you're in the --

1 A. To the extent that --

2 THE COURT REPORTER: You're in the?

3 BY MR. NIDEL:

4 Q. -- in the shoes of the state, correct?

5 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

6 You can answer.

7 A. Yeah. To the extent that USMR contributed
8 to off-site contamination above the standards, yes.

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. Did USMR contribute to off-site
11 contamination above the standards?

12 A. I think so, yeah. That's why we're
13 cleaning it up.

14 Q. What are the standards?

15 A. New Jersey has promulgated soil
16 remediation standards.

17 Q. Okay. And what are they as they apply to
18 this cleanup?

19 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

20 A. You mean what are the numbers?

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. Yeah. What are the constituents that
23 you're cleaning up?

24 A. We're targeting right now the ones that --
25 well, anything that exceeds the standard -- that

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1 we've detected exceeding the standard off site of
2 the ones we're targeting that have -- haven't been
3 delineated. So we're primarily focused on lead and
4 arsenic, and there's some copper we're looking at,
5 although copper doesn't typically exceed.

6 Q. Okay. What are the applicable standards
7 for lead?

8 A. 400 for nonresidential -- or for
9 residential. Sorry. 800 for nonresidential.
10 Impacted groundwater is site specific. I can't
11 remember what it is for this site.

12 Q. 400 parts per million?

13 A. Milligrams per kilogram, yeah, same thing.

14 Q. And how about for arsenic?

15 A. 19. It's 19 for all pathways because
16 there's naturally occurring arsenic in New Jersey.

17 Q. Did releases from USMR impact the dust in
18 homes?

19 MR. STOIA: I'm sorry. Did --

20 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

21 MR. STOIA: I didn't hear what you said.

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. Did it impact the dust in people's homes?

24 MR. SCHICK: Same objection.

25 A. I don't have any data about the dust, so

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1 I'm not sure.

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. Okay. Do you know if any dust testing was
4 done?

5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. Do you know why -- did you recommend that
7 no dust testing be done?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Okay. Did anyone ask you if they should
10 test indoor dust?

11 A. Not that I recall.

12 Q. Okay. Was indoor dust ever something that
13 was proposed in a sampling plan or report?

14 A. Not that I recall.

15 Q. What's the extent of USMR's contamination
16 in Carteret?

17 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

18 A. When you say "extent," how far does it go?

19 BY MR. NIDEL:

20 Q. Yeah, lateral and vertical extent.

21 Are you familiar with those terms?

22 A. Yeah.

23 I'm not sure -- so it doesn't go very
24 deep, because it's -- so -- I think it goes up to --
25 it's usually the top couple of feet, anywhere from a

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1 foot to -- I think, in some cases, it's gone down as
2 deep as 3 feet or at least we've treated it as if it
3 was related to the site.

4 The aerial extent, I don't know the exact
5 distance. Half mile maybe. Quarter mile. I'm not
6 sure exactly the distance. And it might be based on
7 the data we have so far.

8 Q. What data is that?

9 A. So there's been -- there was remedial
10 investigation conducted in -- prior to 2016. I
11 don't know the -- for a period of years, because of
12 access agreements and things. There was remedial
13 investigation conducted.

14 THE COURT REPORTER: There was?

15 THE WITNESS: Remedial investigation.

16 A. And then subsequent to that, as part of
17 the remedial actions, there's a fairly detailed
18 sampling done on each individual property that
19 provides additional data that expands the database
20 as we go, made up of more data.

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. The goal of the RI was to delineate the
23 extent of contamination, correct, one of the goals?

24 A. Generally yes, although it's also to
25 determine what type of remediation would be

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1 necessary and whether remediation is necessary.

2 Q. Okay. But one of the goals is to
3 delineate the extent of contamination?

4 A. It is, although NJDEP has specifics of
5 what "delineation" means. It's not necessarily
6 point-by-point.

7 Q. What do you mean by that?

8 A. They provide -- they provide a
9 clarification before a due date for many of their
10 remedial investigations. A few years ago, they set
11 some dates that remedial investigation that were due
12 based on when the sites were triggered. I don't
13 know what the right word is. And so they clarified
14 what delineation meant in a memo that basically
15 acknowledged that in some cases you may have
16 additional data to collect in the remedial -- in a
17 remedial action.

18 Q. Has the extend of contamination in
19 Carteret been delineated?

20 MR. STOIA: In -- I'm sorry. What was the
21 word?

22 MR. NIDEL: "Delineated."

23 A. It was. But we're still looking at the
24 data as it's comes in, because we're getting more
25 and more data.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Okay. What does the word "delineated"
3 mean?

4 A. Identifying where material exceeds the
5 standards versus doesn't exceed the standards,
6 horizontally and vertically.

7 Q. Okay. And just for the jury, so when you
8 say "horizontally," you mean the geographic extent
9 of contamination that exceeds the cleanup standards;
10 is that fair?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. And you testified that the RI was
13 complete. You testified, I think, that it had
14 been -- the contamination had been delineated but
15 there was additional work being done.

16 Is that correct?

17 A. That's right.

18 Q. Okay. Do you today have an understanding
19 of where -- what the extent of USMR's contamination
20 is in Carteret?

21 A. To the extent that it was determined based
22 on the RI, yes. Again, we're generating a lot more
23 data as part of the remedial action. And I try
24 to -- I try to consider the -- they plan and it's
25 written this way in the remedial investigation and

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1 then the remedial action is as the data comes in or
2 as we have a bigger data set to continue to evaluate
3 the data and see -- we won't be done until we're
4 done.

5 Q. Okay. When you say that it's to the
6 extent an RI has been completed, are you referring
7 to the area that was determined to be the area of
8 concern, or AOC?

9 A. Can you repeat the question?

10 Q. Yeah. To the extent that -- your
11 testimony a second go, and I didn't go back and read
12 it to you, but was something in reference to while
13 an RI has been completed, to the extent that that
14 was completed, the site has been delineated but
15 additional work is being done, right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And I'm just trying to understand what
18 that delineation is?

19 A. So at the time -- at the time of the RI,
20 the data supports -- supported that the standards
21 have been achieved at a certain distance from the
22 site based on actual data. But we are generating
23 more data as we -- as we go that may change where
24 those limits end up before we finish the remedial
25 action.

1 Q. Okay. And what I'm trying to understand
2 is: What limits is it that you're referring to? Is
3 that the limits of the area of concern, or AOC?

4 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
5 question.

6 But you can answer.

7 A. I guess maybe I'm struggling with what
8 terms you're using here. So the area that will be
9 remediated, so if that -- you want to refer to that
10 as the AOC, then, yes, it would be the limit of the
11 AOC.

12 BY MR. NIDEL:

13 Q. Okay. What I'm trying to understand is
14 where USMR's contamination is.

15 A. And it's --

16 MR. SCHICK: Objection --

17 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
18 question.

19 MR. SCHICK: Same objection.

20 BY MR. NIDEL:

21 Q. Where is USMR's contamination?

22 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

23 A. It's -- it's laterally off site so far
24 we've been determined -- based on the data so far,
25 it's laterally off site, I don't know, whatever my

1 distance I said before was, a quarter mile, a half
2 mile. I'm not exactly sure. But it's still remains
3 to be final determination -- the final
4 determinations remain to be made.

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. Okay. Based on data that you've reviewed,
7 how far off site do arsenic and lead exceed the
8 cleanup standards?

9 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

10 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

11 A. Like I said, I think it's -- I don't know.
12 It's a quarter mile or a half mile. I'm not sure of
13 the scale of the drawings.

14 BY MR. NIDEL:

15 Q. Okay. When you say "a quarter mile or a
16 half mile" -- I'm just trying to make sure I'm on
17 the same page as you -- are you talking about
18 Roosevelt Avenue and the extent of the AOC?

19 A. I'm still confused by that question. I'm
20 not -- I don't -- I didn't pick a street as a limit.
21 It's going to be based on where the end of the
22 contamination exceeds.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. So I'm not sure -- that's where the end
25 will be and that's -- right now, my current

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1 understanding of the data so far is that it exceeds
2 the -- in the RI, we had data that supported a line
3 being where it is. So that was the extend of the
4 AOC at that point. But as data is generated, that
5 line could change a bit depending on what our data
6 says. So right now, as I understand it, it's about
7 where the -- about where it was in the RI.

8 Q. And that's the edge of the -- what's been
9 determined for the site to be the AOC, correct?

10 A. At that point, yes.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. But it still remains to be -- it's not a
13 hard -- there's no hard line that, like -- that we
14 stop there because we drew a line there.

15 Q. Where are they remediating?

16 A. Right now, on that footprint.

17 Q. Okay. So they stop --

18 A. But if we have -- if we have data that
19 continues to support that it goes further than that
20 line, we'll continue to the remediate.

21 Q. Okay. And do --

22 A. I would require them to continue to
23 remediate.

24 Q. Okay. And do you have that data now?

25 A. Not yet.

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1 Q. Okay.

2 A. Because they're still remediating and
3 getting the data.

4 Q. Okay. But they're done transect testing,
5 correct?

6 A. I understand it's being done. I know the
7 work plan was submitted and we're prepared and I
8 know the work has proceeded. I don't know exactly
9 what the status is.

10 Q. You have not reviewed any data from the
11 transects. Is that your testimony?

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. Okay. You've not been provided any data
14 outside of the AOC; is that correct?

15 A. That's correct. I don't think I've ever
16 seen anything yet.

17 Q. Okay. If there is data outside of the AOC
18 that shows exceedances of those cleanup standards,
19 would that then extend the boundary or aerial extent
20 of contamination?

21 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

22 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

23 MR. STOIA: You can answer.

24 A. To the extent that it was site-related,
25 yes.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Okay. What are -- what are some of the
3 other sources of arsenic in the area?

4 A. There's naturally occurring arsenic in
5 soils in New Jersey. There's anthropogenic-type
6 things. It could be pesticides or herbicide -- I
7 don't know what -- arsenic, I think, is used in
8 pesticide. I think people put it on tomatoes and
9 things at some point.

10 MR. STOIA: Were you finished?

11 A. I'm trying to think. I can't think of
12 any -- I don't know what other -- I know there's
13 other sources, but I don't know what they all are.

14 BY MR. NIDEL:

15 Q. Okay. What information do you have on
16 people using arsenic-based pesticides in Carteret?

17 A. Nothing specific.

18 Q. Okay. You said there's naturally
19 occurring arsenic.

20 What is the background of arsenic in
21 New Jersey?

22 A. Well, they establish the soil remediation
23 standard of 19 based on -- they -- based on regional
24 background. I think naturally occurring arsenic can
25 vary substantially within that, but I think their

1 data actually had it -- some places higher, some
2 places lower. But NJDEP selected 19.

3 Q. Okay. What is the New Jersey background
4 in soil for arsenic?

5 A. I think it's 19.

6 Q. That's the background or that's the
7 cleanup standard or both?

8 A. That's -- I think it's both. The cleanup
9 standard is based on background.

10 Q. Okay. And do you know what the background
11 is in urban soils?

12 A. I think that's dependent upon whether or
13 not there's historic fill, that sort of thing. So,
14 no, I don't -- I know it's variable. I've seen some
15 tables that showed the sampling around the state
16 that was, you know -- that was based on
17 anthropogenic and background and I've seen variable
18 data. But that's about it.

19 Q. Okay. What's the -- what are some other
20 sources or what are the other sources of lead in
21 Carteret?

22 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

23 A. I haven't done a detailed analysis of
24 sources of lead in Carteret. It broadly -- sources
25 of lead in the environment, anthropogenics --

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1 there's naturally occurring lead. Lead is an
2 element, so --

3 THE COURT REPORTER: Lead is what?

4 THE WITNESS: An element.

5 THE COURT REPORTER: Uh-huh.

6 A. -- so it occurs in soil all over.

7 Ethyl lead was used in gasoline, so it's
8 been used -- it's -- there's lead from that.

9 Historic fill -- you asked about sources
10 of arsenic. Historic fill, which can be present in
11 urban areas, is -- and in some cases -- I don't know
12 exactly where it has been here. We're not really
13 making it -- so far I haven't really made an issue
14 of -- or seen an issue with historic fill in our
15 particular area. But historic fill can have arsenic
16 and lead in.

17 Lead-based paint. So if you have an older
18 house -- and I forget when they stopped using
19 lead-based paint, but I think sometime in the '70s.
20 And that paint tends to flake off over time. So
21 around drip edges and things like that, lead can be
22 in soil. I have a friend that has a -- an old house
23 that he remediated and he ended up taking samples --
24 because he was in our business, took samples around
25 his drip edge and he ended up with very high

1 concentration, of digging into the soil --

2 THE COURT REPORTER: Took samples -- just

3 please slow down. Took sample around his?

4 A. His property boundary -- his house

5 boundary, because he was concerned about the lead

6 paint. And he ended up with values that exceeded

7 his -- the cleanup standard. So he cleaned up his

8 own house, so...

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. And just to be clear, I think you said he

11 tested his drip edge, correct?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. Okay. Any other sources of lead in

14 Carteret?

15 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

16 A. Specifically, I don't know.

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Okay. And what is the background in

19 New Jersey for lead and soil?

20 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

21 A. I don't know. It's below the remediation

22 standard, because otherwise they would have

23 established the standard based on that.

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. What are the contaminants of concern from

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1 the USMR operation as it relates to the off-site
2 work?

3 A. Primarily, in the areas we're working in
4 right now, lead and arsenic.

5 Q. What about other metals?

6 A. Based on the remedial investigation data
7 we had, there wasn't exceedances of other metals for
8 the most part. I think -- I think we analyzed
9 copper, because there's still -- there was a few. I
10 don't think any other metals exceeded, that I can
11 recall.

12 Q. What about dioxins?

13 A. There was some dioxin detected on site
14 that we then sort of evaluate -- so then we
15 evaluated that off site as well. So we took samples
16 outside the property boundary. I think they're in
17 public right-of-way just adjacent -- just across the
18 street from the site. And we found that we had
19 achieved it -- we had achieved or just about
20 achieved the remediation standard at that point.

21 Q. Is there a remediation standard for
22 dioxins in New Jersey?

23 A. No, actually, it's not a standard. It's
24 a -- it's guidance -- I don't know exactly what form
25 it takes, but it's like a -- it's a -- it's not

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1 promulgated, so I don't know what it's called. But
2 essentially it's a screening -- I think it's called
3 a screening level, is what it is.

4 Q. Did you look into what the screening
5 levels were for dioxins in other states?

6 A. In other states?

7 Q. Yeah.

8 A. No.

9 Q. Okay. Did you look at -- do you know what
10 the health risk-based number is for arsenic in soil?

11 A. The risk-based number?

12 Q. Correct.

13 A. I know it's lower than 19. I don't know
14 what the number is.

15 Q. Do you know if it's below 1?

16 A. I don't know. It's -- I know -- the only
17 reason I know it, it shows up in their table in the
18 standards.

19 Q. Okay. But you do know that the -- that
20 arsenic presents a health risk even at or below, to
21 some degree, the cleanup standard, correct?

22 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

23 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
24 question. We're getting into an interesting
25 area here. This witness is here to give

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1 factual testimony about what he did at the
2 site. That's what the subpoena calls for.
3 You're now asking for his expert opinion and
4 you have not determined that it has anything to
5 do with what he's done at the site. I think
6 you have to lay that foundation, because I
7 don't believe you're entitled to get this
8 witness' expert opinion on things that have
9 nothing to do with what he's done at the site.

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Okay. And to be clear, I'm not trying to
12 get an expert opinion. But let me ask you this:
13 The goal of the remediation off site is to make a
14 safe and healthy environment for the impacted
15 properties in Carteret, correct?

16 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

17 A. Yeah, I -- to meet the remediation
18 standards, yes.

19 BY MR. NIDEL:

20 Q. Okay. Is it, in fact, to make it safe and
21 healthy for people with unrestricted use of their
22 property?

23 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

24 A. It's to bring it to unrestricted use --
25 yes, I think it's to make it safe and healthy.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Okay. And making it safe and healthy with
3 respect to lead and arsenic is to get those to
4 levels that are safe and healthy for people to use
5 their property, correct?

6 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

7 A. I would say yes.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Okay. So what is the safe level of
10 arsenic in soil?

11 A. NJDEP has determined it to be 19.

12 Q. Are you aware of a risk-based number for
13 arsenic that is less than 19?

14 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

15 A. Yes.

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. I think so.

19 Q. Okay. And the reason New Jersey chose 19
20 was because, in fact, the safe level of arsenic is
21 below the level that in cases it naturally occurs or
22 it's found in the background, right?

23 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
24 question.

25 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

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1 A. I don't know how -- I mean, I wasn't there
2 when DEP set the standard. As I understand it,
3 yeah, that's how I think it works.

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. Okay. And so I'm just asking: Is it true
6 that arsenic can present a health or safety hazard
7 even if it's below 19?

8 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

9 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
10 question. Again, that's asking for his expert
11 opinion that's beyond the scope of what he's
12 done at the site. You're asking for his expert
13 opinion on something that he hasn't evaluated
14 or done.

15 MR. NIDEL: No, because there's emails
16 that say that this level is not protective but
17 it was chosen. He's on those emails. His goal
18 was to create a safe environment for people.
19 And I'm not asking him to define for the world
20 what's safe as far as arsenic. I'm asking him
21 what his understanding is for what is safe and
22 whether that number is below 19.

23 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Wait a second. Let's
24 have the witness step out if we're going to
25 have this conversation.

1 MR. STOIA: Okay.

2 MR. NIDEL: Let's go off the record.

3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record at

4 10:08 a.m.

5 (Recess was taken.)

6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the

7 record at 10:21 a.m.

8 MR. RUBENSTEIN: How much time have we --

9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 41 -- 42 minutes on the

10 record.

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. When you delineate -- when you delineated

13 the extent of contaminates in Carteret, did you

14 delineate to background?

15 MR. STOIA: Objection, form.

16 A. We delineated to the remedial action

17 cleanup standards.

18 BY MR. NIDEL:

19 Q. Okay. And the extent of contamination

20 that USMR has identified, does that go down to

21 background levels?

22 A. It would go to the remedial action cleanup

23 standards.

24 Q. Okay. Can you tell me what the extent of

25 USMR's contamination is in Carteret at any level?

1 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

2 A. When you mean -- "at any level," what does
3 that mean?

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. Okay. Where did USMR's pollutants go in
6 Carteret?

7 MR. STOIA: Objection, form.

8 A. I don't know. I mean, I don't know how
9 far they may or may not have gone. I know they
10 exceeded a standard -- or we've determined that
11 they've exceeded a standard within a certain
12 footprint.

13 BY MR. NIDEL:

14 Q. Okay. And I just want to be clear.

15 Your determination -- your determination
16 that those contaminations exist within that
17 footprint is not that they exist within that
18 footprint and don't exist outside that, it's just
19 that they exist within that footprint above a
20 certain standard, right?

21 A. That's right.

22 Q. Okay. So -- and your testimony was that
23 you're continuing today to look beyond that boundary
24 as to whether those contamina- -- those contaminants
25 exist outside that boundary above that same

1 standard, correct?

2 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

3 A. Yes -- well, they are, yeah.

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. Okay. And you are working with them to do
6 that, correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. Who selected the area that was
9 tested for dioxins, the location?

10 A. I think it was primarily Arcadis. It may
11 have been. I don't -- I don't recall. I was
12 involved in the discussions, though.

13 Q. Do you know: Why was that area selected?

14 A. Based on on-site data. So the conceptual
15 site model is that there was an on-site source. And
16 so we have -- we took data on site to see if
17 contaminants ended within the site versus going
18 beyond the property. And we found some
19 contamina- -- some dioxin values that exceeded the
20 screening value, or whatever the -- whatever the
21 right term is, at the -- near the property boundary
22 in the northwest corner and so we took a series of
23 borings off site.

24 Q. Okay. And what is your basis for your
25 understanding that dioxin levels exceeded a

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1 screening standard in the northwest corner?

2 A. There was a series of borings collected.

3 There was also some historic data too that was a
4 line evidence.

5 Q. Okay. And what historic data was that?

6 A. I don't -- I think it was collected in --
7 I think there was two sets of data. I can't
8 remember the details. I think there was some
9 collected in the '80s and some maybe collected in
10 the early '90s or something like that.

11 Q. Is it your understanding that the highest
12 levels of dioxins were in the northwest area of the
13 site?

14 A. I don't think it was the highest. I don't
15 remember where the highest was. There was a series
16 of borings and some of them were collected as
17 composite samples so they were sort of --
18 represented a broader area. So I don't remember the
19 details.

20 Q. Okay. The goal was to find out if dioxins
21 had -- from the site, have left the site, correct?

22 A. Yes, to -- whether or not there's dioxins
23 outside the property boundary that exceeded the
24 standard.

25 Q. Okay. And what I'm trying to understand

1 is why the northwest corner was chosen either on
2 site or off site?

3 A. To evaluate whether additional work needed
4 to be done in the off -- off-site AOC.

5 Q. Okay. Does it make sense to choose the
6 area with the lowest dioxin levels to test just
7 adjacent to, to see if -- would it make sense to
8 test the area with the lowest levels of dioxin?

9 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

10 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

11 A. It might. Because if you're looking for a
12 gradient where you're expecting things -- you know,
13 generally, contamination decreases with distance
14 from source. And so you might take a sample --
15 actually, frequently you'll take a -- the "next step
16 out" sample adjacent to where you have a fairly low
17 concentration. The highest concentration is area
18 where you already know you have contamination.

19 BY MR. NIDEL:

20 Q. If you have a high concentration right
21 next to a fence line, you're more likely to get
22 contamination outside that fence line near that high
23 concentration, correct?

24 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

25 A. Potentially.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. All other things being equal, that's
3 correct, right?

4 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

5 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

6 A. It depends on the distance from the
7 source. There's a number of variables you'd have to
8 consider. I don't know what -- it's a hypothetical.

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. Okay. And I'm talking about the same
11 distance. You have a high concentration here, a low
12 concentration here. You would expect -- you're more
13 likely to get high concentrations off site near the
14 high concentration than the low concentration,
15 right?

16 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

17 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

18 A. Potentially.

19 BY MR. NIDEL:

20 Q. When will you not?

21 A. If there's been disturbance. If there's
22 been filling in the area. If there's been a reason
23 why -- you know, assuming all the CSM, like -- so
24 there's a number of factors. It's a complicated
25 site that's been industrialized for a long period of

1 time, so -- and the whole area has been developed
2 for a long period of time. So there's a number of
3 different things that influence concentration grades
4 and concentrations -- and concentrations in the
5 samples.

6 Q. Okay. So there's a number of things,
7 development -- a number of factors that you just
8 went through, and probably some more, that would
9 influence whether you would find dioxins next to a
10 high or a low site on the property and off site,
11 right?

12 MR. STOIA: Object to form of the
13 question.

14 You can answer.

15 A. If I understand what you said correctly,
16 yes.

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Okay. There's a number of factors that
19 may impact whether you find dioxins off site,
20 whether it be near a high area or a low area,
21 correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And the only area that was tested
24 off site was one area just outside the northwest
25 boundary, correct?

1 A. Yeah, because we were trying to also sort
2 out whether or not -- at least for me, what I was
3 interested in is whether if the pathway was between
4 most of the residents and the source. And I was
5 trying to determine whether additional work needed
6 to be done as part of the investigation on the
7 residential properties, what is the -- what's the
8 concentration trends look like in that direction.

9 Q. Okay. What was the source of lead on
10 site?

11 A. As -- there's a number of different
12 sources. As I understand, there was swag. There
13 was -- they were smelting metals, so there was some
14 in the different ores. I think there were some
15 operations that were lead developing -- lead
16 dependent. I can't remember all of the details of
17 the individual operations.

18 Q. Okay. There were fugitive and stack
19 emissions, correct?

20 A. Fugitive and stack emissions. You mean
21 there was dust and -- when you -- describe what you
22 mean by "fugitive emissions" in this case.

23 Q. Emissions that were coming other than
24 outside of a -- of a stack emission?

25 A. I don't know whether or not there was

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1 fugitive emissions. I don't know what's been
2 documented. There may have been.

3 Q. What were the height of the stacks?

4 A. I don't recall the details of it. A
5 hundred feet, something like that. I don't
6 remember. I think there were two different heights
7 over different times.

8 Q. Okay. What --

9 A. I think the stack was rebuilt.

10 Q. What were the two different heights?

11 A. I don't recall.

12 Q. Okay. What information were you provided
13 about the source of the contaminants?

14 A. There was a history of the overall site
15 that was developed. There is all the reports
16 describing the different operations, things like
17 that. They're all documented in the RI.

18 Q. Okay. For our discussion, the source of
19 the contaminants in Carteret was the smelter
20 operations on the site; is that fair?

21 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

22 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. In broad terms.

25 MR. SCHICK: Same objection.

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1 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

2 A. Yeah, I mean, to the extent that I sort
3 of -- in that case, mentally, it's their -- it's the
4 operations primarily. If you're talking about
5 outside the main property, I would say it's --
6 they're primarily airborne deposition.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. Okay. So what can you tell me about the
9 source?

10 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. Tell me everything you know about the
13 source.

14 A. They -- they performed, I think, some
15 primary smelting activities and some secondary
16 smelting activities.

17 Q. Okay. When did they start?

18 A. I think it started in the early 1900s,
19 like 1908 or something -- 1903.

20 Q. Okay. Did they -- what controls did they
21 have in 1908 or 1903?

22 A. I don't know.

23 Q. When did they add controls?

24 A. I'm not sure.

25 Q. What controls did they add?

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1 A. I don't know.

2 Q. How tall were the stacks?

3 A. I don't know.

4 Q. When was the first stack built?

5 A. Pretty early, but I don't know. 1920s.

6 1910s. I don't recall.

7 Q. How high was the stack on the converter?

8 A. I don't know.

9 Q. How high was the stack on the cupola?

10 A. I don't know. All those are in the
11 documents that -- for the site. All those details
12 are in the doc- -- I don't -- I don't keep them in
13 my head, so...

14 Q. Was there a -- did you review documents
15 that told you what the cupola stack was, what the
16 converter stack was for what given period of years?

17 A. I don't know about the specifics of each
18 of the items you mentioned there, but generally,
19 yes, the operations were described.

20 Q. Okay. What modeling did you review?

21 A. I think there was a few different models
22 there that I saw.

23 Q. Okay. What models were there?

24 A. I don't recall the details of them.

25 Q. What did the models suggest as far as how

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1 far contaminants went from the site?

2 A. I think it varied by the model.

3 Q. Okay. And what did they suggest?

4 A. They -- it went somewhere -- so it went
5 somewhere in the range of where we had started out
6 the investigation. So I think it's half a mile,
7 quarter mile, something like that.

8 Q. And when you say "they went," they went
9 only a half mile or quarter mile or they went in
10 excess of a half mile or a quarter mile?

11 A. I don't recall. I wasn't -- I only
12 treated the models as one line of evidence. I
13 expected to use the data as the real guide. Once we
14 got the data as the -- a model to me was one -- an
15 airborne deposition model is one line of evidence
16 that helps inform your conceptual site model. But
17 the data is what I was -- always expected to use as
18 the determination of whether or not -- where the
19 limit of the remediation ended.

20 Q. How far did the models -- the modeling
21 that you reviewed suggest that the contaminants went
22 from the site?

23 A. I don't remember the distance.

24 THE COURT REPORTER: Contaminants went?

25 MR. NIDEL: From the site.

1 A. I don't remember the distance.

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. Was it more than a mile?

4 A. I don't remember the distance.

5 Q. Was it more than 5 miles?

6 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

7 A. I don't remember the distance.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Okay. Part of your work was in developing
10 a conceptual site model for the property, right?

11 A. It was primarily reviewing it. I did
12 provide some input to how it would be developed,
13 yes.

14 Q. Okay. Did you agree with the conceptual
15 site model that was developed?

16 A. I'd say broadly, yes.

17 Q. Okay. What was the conceptual site model?

18 A. That there were stack-type operations,
19 so -- well, it's a conceptual site model for -- I'm
20 answering now with respect to off-site AOCs. I
21 think that's what we're discussing here, because
22 there's other conceptual site models for other areas
23 of the site.

24 That there was airborne -- potential
25 airborne sources. At the time, we weren't sure

1 whether or not they had an impact -- we weren't sure
2 for certain whether or not there was an impact -- an
3 actual impact off site. So that led to a work plan.
4 So the general conceptual site model is that if you
5 have an airborne deposition or an airborne source,
6 that concentrations tend to decrease with distance
7 from the site, which is true of actually most types
8 of sources, but...

9 Q. Which would be true of my example with
10 dioxin, right, that you would -- you would expect
11 higher concentrations adjacent to higher
12 concentrations of the site, right?

13 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

14 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

15 A. I already answered that. It's -- I said
16 it varies on a number of things. That's -- it's a
17 piece of the model. So the -- if you want all the
18 other pieces -- so conceptual site models can have a
19 number of different levels of detail. And some of
20 them you put down and -- you refine the conceptual
21 site model as you go through a project like that,
22 and any project, actually. Some of them you keep in
23 your head, you know, meaning it's how you -- how you
24 understand the site. So that's what the concept is.

25 So there are other factors that involve --

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1 that inform or can -- need to be considered in a
2 conceptual site model. And those things that I
3 mentioned before about disturbances and factors
4 and -- in this case, for example, if I was looking
5 at things -- so if I was looking, I was interested
6 in potential impacts to a specific area, say the
7 residential areas, I wouldn't sample in the opposite
8 direction, even if the highest concentration was in
9 that direction. I'd sample in that direction. The
10 concentrations could be affected by other things and
11 you have to look at it in the overall context.

12 BY MR. NIDEL:

13 Q. Okay. And what historical information on
14 the source did you review?

15 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

16 A. There were some historical documents that
17 were provided. There's -- I'd say primarily what's
18 in the remedial investigation report summaries is
19 what's -- what I reviewed.

20 BY MR. NIDEL:

21 Q. Okay. What did you review about the
22 particle size of emissions from the site?

23 A. I don't recall the details of it.

24 Q. Did you -- what were the particle size of
25 the lead that came off the site?

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1 A. I don't recall.

2 Q. What was the particle size of the copper
3 that came off the site?

4 A. I don't recall.

5 Q. Did you review information about particle
6 size?

7 A. It was in the models, so, yes, it existed.
8 Like I said, I didn't rely on the models very
9 strongly because I considered the models a starting
10 point.

11 Q. Okay. What did you rely on very strongly?

12 A. The data. The investigation data.

13 Q. Okay. You had a conceptual site model.
14 Okay? The conceptual site model, there's actually
15 tech guidelines for conceptual site models from
16 New Jersey, correct?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. Okay. And one of the important things in
19 determining a conceptual site model is to understand
20 the source, right?

21 A. Generally, yeah.

22 Q. Okay. What did you do to understand the
23 source?

24 MR. STOIA: Objection, asked and answered.

25 Go ahead.

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1 A. I reviewed the data that was provided to
2 me regarding the sources. I don't recall all the
3 details of them, because it was five years ago or
4 six years ago when I reviewed them. The conceptual
5 site model is a starting point at that point. So
6 we've reviewed the models. And models form the
7 basis -- there's documents in the work plans, the
8 specifics of which models were considered or
9 presented in the plans. The -- and the basis for
10 where the sampling was collected and where the --
11 what the specific decisions made are documented in
12 the work plan.

13 The -- so we did review it at the time. I
14 considered the models one -- the models and particle
15 size a line of evidence to support the model,
16 although the model is pretty general at that point.
17 You don't have any supporting data yet.

18 BY MR. NIDEL:

19 Q. How has the model changed?

20 A. I don't know that we've rerun the model.
21 I don't recall if we have. I wouldn't rerun -- to
22 me, the model -- at this point, now we have data, so
23 the model is sort of -- we have empirical data and
24 that's what is -- primarily what's going to be the
25 determination.

1 Q. What did you review to determine this --
2 to characterize and understand the source? You
3 talked about data. I'm not sure if you meant the
4 data from the field testing or data from documents
5 you reviewed. But I want to know what documents,
6 what types of data you reviewed to understand and
7 characterize the source to agree to buy into a
8 conceptual site model.

9 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

10 MR. STOIA: Objection. That's the fifth
11 or sixth time the same question has been asked.

12 MR. NIDEL: Okay.

13 A. So if you look at the work plans and the
14 RI report, they have references in them. I don't
15 recall all the documents. It's pretty -- and so I
16 don't recall all the documents that were considered,
17 but if you look at the RI and the work plans, those
18 are the materials I would have considered.

19 BY MR. NIDEL:

20 Q. Okay. Did you review anything that's not
21 cited in the RI and the work plans?

22 A. I don't recall. I don't think so.

23 Q. Did you review everything that is cited in
24 the RI and the work plans?

25 A. I think so.

1 Q. What can you tell me about the particle
2 size of emissions from the site?

3 MR. STOIA: Objection, form.

4 A. I don't know the particle size of the
5 emissions from the site.

6 BY MR. NIDEL:

7 Q. Do you know if they were greater than
8 2 1/2 microns, less than 2 1/2 microns, 50 percent
9 greater, 50 percent less?

10 A. I don't know. I'm sure that's in the
11 documents that are available for the site.

12 Q. Okay. And what can you tell me about the
13 fugitive emissions, the contribution from fugitive
14 or nonstack emissions?

15 A. My general sense of those is that they'd
16 likely be less than stack because the elevations are
17 lower and they're -- unless they're blowing them
18 straight out to this -- to the air as in -- like,
19 you would with a stack, that they're lower so they
20 likely disperse low -- lesser distances.

21 Q. They're more likely to end up in the
22 immediate vicinity, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. What emissions are in the
25 neighborhood in the AOC? Are those contaminants

1 from stack emissions? Are they from fugitive
2 emissions?

3 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

4 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

5 A. Which AOC, the on-site AOCs?

6 BY MR. NIDEL:

7 Q. The off-site AOC.

8 A. I don't know the specifics of every
9 particle that landed out there.

10 Q. But I'm asking you in your -- based on
11 your review of the data, is the AOC impacted by
12 fugitive emissions that you just described or is it
13 impacted --

14 A. I think it's --

15 THE COURT REPORTER: Or is it? Or is it?

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. -- by stack emissions?

18 A. I think it's primarily stack emissions.

19 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the concept
20 of plume rise?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. Your conceptual site model says
23 that air deposition occurred and air deposition --
24 with air deposition, you would expect to see a -- an
25 exponential decrease in concentration as you move

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1 farther from the source, right?

2 A. I didn't say exponential.

3 Q. Okay. You expect to see a decrease as you
4 move farther from the source, correct?

5 A. I said generally, yeah.

6 Q. Okay. And you also expect to see
7 variation because of development and other things,
8 correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the concept
11 of the fact that when you emit from a stack, say at
12 100 feet high, you're going to get some minimal
13 deposition close to the stack, you're going to
14 increase as you get further from the stack, and then
15 you're going to start to see that declining trend?
16 Is that fair?

17 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

18 A. Yes, that can happen.

19 BY MR. NIDEL:

20 Q. Okay. What is the distance from a
21 hundred-foot stack that you're going to start to see
22 things peak?

23 A. I'm not exactly sure.

24 Q. Okay. Do you know if it's a mile,
25 2 miles, half a mile, hundred feet?

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1 A. I don't know.

2 Q. How about a 400-foot stack?

3 A. I don't know.

4 Q. Okay. Was there a 400-foot stack on site?

5 A. I don't recall.

6 Q. You don't -- you don't know whether or not
7 there was a 400-foot stack?

8 A. I don't recall the sizes of the stacks.

9 Q. Does the distance at which you're going to
10 see that peak of deposition -- you understand what
11 I'm talking about, the peak of deposition?

12 Does the distance at which you're going to
13 see that peak depend on how tall the stack is?

14 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. In general.

17 A. In general, yes.

18 Q. Do you know if there was a 60-foot stack
19 on site?

20 A. I don't recall the size of the stacks.

21 Q. Okay. And the distance where you'd see
22 that peak is obviously also a function of whether
23 you have contribution from fugitives or not,
24 correct?

25 A. Yes. Also what amount is being -- number

1 of variables.

2 Q. Okay. How much lead was emitted from the
3 site?

4 A. I don't know.

5 Q. How much copper was emitted from the site?

6 A. I don't know.

7 Q. What was the ratio of copper to lead?

8 A. I don't know off the top of my head. It's
9 in some of the documents, but I don't know.

10 Q. When you say it's in some of the
11 documents, can you tell me that there's a document
12 that says for the site's emissions historically from
13 all the unit operations, that there is a ratio that
14 the site -- it's a fingerprint for arsenic to
15 copper?

16 A. So I think in the work plan for the
17 off-site transect work that's being done outside the
18 current AOC boundary, there's some information about
19 fingerprinting of the arsenic and copper -- arsenic,
20 lead, and -- the various ratios of the different
21 metals.

22 Q. Okay. I understand there were sampling
23 data taken and ratios were taken of that sampling
24 data.

25 Can you tell me what the ratio of any

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1 metal is to another metal from the metals that were
2 emitted from the operations, the source?

3 A. No. Not sitting here, no.

4 Q. Have you seen that data anywhere?

5 A. Like I said, I thought it was in that work
6 plan. I can't recall.

7 Q. What was the -- what was the fingerprint
8 of dioxins that were emitted from the site?

9 A. You're asking me all, like, which
10 different congeners are in --

11 Q. Yeah.

12 A. I don't know. Again, that's in the
13 documents as well.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. That's in the RI, I think.

16 Q. Okay. What were the sources of dioxins on
17 the property?

18 A. I think there's any number of them. Like,
19 I don't know the -- all the different sources, but I
20 think potentially burning plastic whenever doing
21 secondary smelting.

22 Q. Okay. What other sources were there?

23 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

24 A. There's airborne deposition of dioxins.
25 There's others. I don't know.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Okay. The burning of plastics, was that
3 emitted through a stack?

4 A. As I understand it, yeah.

5 Q. Okay. What stack?

6 A. One of the ones on the site, the primary
7 smelter stack.

8 Q. Okay. How high was the primary smelter
9 stack?

10 A. I don't know the heights of the stack.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. I can answer that question all day long
13 the same way. I don't know -- I don't know the
14 heights of the stack.

15 Q. Okay. You don't know the types of dioxins
16 that were emitted either, do you?

17 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

18 A. It's in a document. I don't keep it in my
19 head.

20 BY MR. NIDEL:

21 Q. Okay. You looked at a document that had
22 some testing of stack emission of dioxins, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. What kind of -- what kind of
25 dioxins were omitted at the fugitive level?

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1 A. I don't know.

2 Q. Were dioxins emitted at the fugitive
3 level?

4 A. I don't recall.

5 Q. Was there open burning of plastics?

6 A. There may have been. I don't know.

7 Q. Was that emitted through a stack or was
8 that emitted through --

9 A. I don't recall the details of specific
10 operations on the site.

11 Q. Okay. Did you review any documents that
12 told you what the congener fingerprint was of
13 dioxins emitted from open burning at the site?

14 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

15 A. I don't recall what the dioxin fingerprint
16 analysis included.

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Okay. You looked at the dioxins and you
19 said, well, if the dioxins match -- if the
20 fingerprint from the stack doesn't match the
21 off-site fingerprint and the fingerprint from the
22 on-site soils don't match the off-site fingerprint,
23 then you have a very good argument that the dioxins
24 off site aren't from the site, correct?

25 MR. STOIA: Objection to form --

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1 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

2 MR. STOIA: -- of the question.

3 A. I didn't say that, so I'm not sure -- I
4 know, in the RI report, there's a discussion of it.
5 So -- and I didn't have a problem with that
6 analysis. I was looking at the concentrations in
7 relation to the standard. Wasn't so much worried
8 about the attribution at that particular moment.

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. What was the analysis? What was the
11 fingerprint analysis of the dioxins?

12 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

13 A. They looked at the different congeners of
14 the dioxins from the various sources and compared it
15 to what they found in the soil.

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. The report does that.

19 Q. Okay. Did they compare it to what they
20 found in the on-site soil?

21 A. I don't recall. I think so. I don't
22 know.

23 Q. Did they compare it to what they found in
24 the baghouse dust?

25 A. I don't know.

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1 THE COURT REPORTER: In the what?

2 MR. NIDEL: Baghouse dust.

3 THE COURT REPORTER: Oh.

4 A. I don't know.

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. But you signed off on the delineation of
7 dioxins, correct?

8 A. Yes, but that didn't have to do with the
9 fingerprinting.

10 Q. Okay. So your opinion that the dioxins
11 have been fully delineated off site is based simply
12 on the fact that there was five or ten samples taken
13 off site in the northwest corner of the property
14 just off site, right?

15 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

16 MR. STOIA: Objection to the form of the
17 question.

18 You can answer.

19 A. The off-site, the dioxin data in that
20 direction, yeah, that was with the -- the data
21 that's we used that's presented in the RI was based
22 on the data that we have, the actual soil data.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. So your opinion as to the delineation of
25 dioxins off site has nothing to do with the

1 fingerprint analysis that was done?

2 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

3 A. No, I didn't -- I didn't really rely on
4 the fingerprint analysis.

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. Okay. Did you rely on sampling that was
7 taken anywhere else off site?

8 A. I don't think so. I'm not -- I'm not -- I
9 don't think I'm aware of any site sampling that was
10 done off site, other than what's in the RI.

11 Q. Would you agree that the characterization
12 of the source provides a basis for completing the
13 site remedial investigation?

14 A. Can you repeat that question again?

15 Q. Yeah. Would you agree that the
16 characterization of the source or the sources of
17 contaminants provides the basis for completion of
18 the site remedial investigation?

19 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

20 You can answer.

21 A. Yes.

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. Okay. And so part of that is to identify
24 discharges, discharge material, the nature of
25 contaminants that were discharged, the properties of

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1 those contaminants, the particle sizes, et cetera,
2 right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And it would be important to know the
5 location on the -- on the source property of where
6 those contaminants came from, correct?

7 A. So I guess I'd characterize it this way:
8 That understanding the source is important because
9 it does tell you about the nature that -- what's
10 coming -- what has the potential to be there, where
11 it potentially is. But in a complex site where you
12 have potential disturbance, it forms a starting
13 point and the actual data then drives the rest of
14 it. So you -- so you start out with a source and
15 you investigate outward from there. And you start
16 out broader and then you can narrow down.

17 Q. Okay. Is it your testimony that starting
18 out half mile or so is broader than what you
19 expected --

20 MR. SCHICK: Objection --

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. -- based on your review of the source?

23 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

24 A. Broader than I expected. When I say
25 broader to start out with, like I start out on site

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1 with a wider sampling. I might start out with a
2 wider selection of COCs and sampling around the
3 perimeter. Some sites -- this one, we didn't do it,
4 but with you might do a grid.

5 So that's how you do it. And then you
6 start looking at the data and see where that takes
7 you.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Did you review any documents related to
10 violations at the site, environmental emissions
11 violations?

12 A. Yeah, I think there was some historic
13 documents related to that. I don't recall what they
14 were.

15 Q. Okay. What did they indicate? Was it in
16 compliance most of the time, in violation most of
17 the time, well kept?

18 A. It's been a really long time. So the
19 whole RI work plan was developed initially,
20 especially the on-site and the off -- with -- had
21 a -- that had a lot of the history and the off-site
22 had a bit more -- was developed six years ago and
23 all the details of that I don't recall.

24 Q. Okay. What did the details that you
25 reviewed of the source, what did they suggest, all

1 these lines of evidence as far as what the distance
2 would be? I know the data suggests it's only half
3 mile. But what did the -- your review of the
4 source --

5 A. Whatever the distance would be --

6 Q. -- information -- let me just finish the
7 question.

8 The source information, what did that
9 indicate or suggest to you as far as a distance that
10 you should be looking?

11 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

12 A. So there was a work plan prepared as we
13 started the investigation. I don't recall actual
14 distances. Whether it's a hundred -- you know,
15 quarter mile, half mile, eighth of a mile, I don't
16 recall the actual distance. But it started out with
17 a footprint of sampling that was based on an
18 evaluation of the data and modeling that was done at
19 the time. And that's what we based the initial
20 sampling area as.

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. Okay. What data and modeling was that
23 initial sampling based on?

24 A. I don't recall. It's -- the work plan was
25 written in 2012 or 2011. I don't recall the

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1 details.

2 Q. Okay. Is that in the work plan?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. At least it should be. I think -- I think
6 it's there.

7 Q. Okay. Okay. The data and the modeling
8 that was -- that suggested half mile, eighth of a
9 mile, quarter mile?

10 A. I think it's in the reports.

11 Q. What -- we talked about this plume rise
12 and the fact that you're going to get a limited
13 deposition and then it's going peak and then it's
14 going to decrease, right?

15 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. You remember that discussion?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. And you would agree with me that
20 the distance at which it peaks is going to depend on
21 a number of things, including the stack heights,
22 correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you would agree the taller the stack,
25 the greater the radius will be that it will reach

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1 before it peaks, correct?

2 A. All other conditions the same, yes.

3 Q. Okay. Do you know what the tallest stack
4 east of the Mississippi was in 1960?

5 A. I don't.

6 Q. Do you know if it was in Carteret at the
7 USMR smelter?

8 A. I don't recall.

9 Q. Do you know how far a 425-foot smelter
10 stack emits pollutants to?

11 A. Not specifically. It's in the documents.

12 Q. Okay. What research did you do to inform
13 yourself about smelter cleanups and site
14 investigations?

15 A. So it's been a long time, but I think I
16 looked at some online -- so there would have been
17 some online documents from other smelter sites. I
18 don't recall which ones and I'm not sure I
19 downloaded them or just read them online. I don't
20 remember what they were.

21 Q. Okay. And what did they suggest as far as
22 what -- how far contaminants go from smelters?

23 A. I don't recall.

24 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

25

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. You don't recall if they said that they go
3 10 feet, they go 10 miles, they go 50 miles? You
4 don't recall?

5 A. I don't recall the details of any of the
6 reports. I don't remember -- or even which ones I
7 read. It was seven years ago.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Six years ago, whatever it was.

10 Q. Sitting here today, you can't tell me what
11 you would expect a smelter with stacks operating
12 throughout the 1900s, how far you would expect to
13 find those contaminants. You have no --

14 A. So --

15 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

16 A. So we currently have an AOC that goes
17 out -- I don't -- like I said, I don't recall feet.
18 So whatever that line was that's what the data
19 supported, based on the RI at that time. We'll use
20 additional data to continue.

21 So I don't know -- so the factors of how
22 far a stack and what concentrations would deposit
23 from a stack are highly variable, as I'm sure you
24 know. So they are influenced by temperature.
25 They're influenced by throughput. They're

1 influenced by height, general wind direction, any
2 number of things. So it could be that on one side
3 of the stack, you have almost no deposition, even
4 if -- even the highest concentrations might be --
5 might not exceed a standard. Going another
6 direction, it might be higher. I don't know. I
7 don't know -- when -- in, you know, a given site,
8 it's going to vary.

9 So I also know that there's -- wind
10 direction and throughput can be highly variable over
11 the course of an operation of a plan. Other factors
12 can affect it, whether it rained, whether it didn't
13 rain, how much washed off, any of those things. So
14 there's a number of variables that are all in there,
15 and so I relied on the data. And I plan to continue
16 to rely on the data.

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Your testimony was that the -- that the
19 data supported the boundary at the time.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And what I'm asking you is: How is that
22 boundary picked? Why did you stop at Roosevelt
23 Avenue doing the ISDA sampling?

24 A. I think it's in the work plan. So we
25 looked at -- so -- again, I don't recall the details

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1 of it, but I think -- so there was some modeling
2 done. There was some -- I don't remember if there
3 was data at the time or not, but -- I don't recall
4 the details of how that -- where those -- why we
5 sample -- stopped sampling initially when we did.
6 But then the data, when we reviewed it, at the time,
7 showed, at the perimeter, that the soil achieved the
8 standards.

9 Q. Did the data show that the soil was
10 achieving the standards at the perimeter of the AOC?

11 A. In the RI, yeah.

12 Q. Okay. What information did you review
13 about the wind and weather patterns?

14 A. I broadly reviewed the general wind
15 direction.

16 Q. Okay. And what was the general wind
17 direction?

18 A. It's usually to the east.

19 Q. Okay. It's usually toward Staten Island,
20 right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. What -- based on that information,
23 what recommendation did you make to delineate --
24 strike that.

25 The goal was to delineate the impact of

1 off-site contaminants from USMR's operations,
2 correct?

3 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
4 question.

5 You can answer.

6 A. In accordance with New Jersey
7 requirements, yes.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Okay. And you understood that the
10 predominant wind direction was actually toward
11 New York, toward Staten Island, right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What testing did you recommend that they
14 do over there?

15 A. We didn't do any over there.

16 Q. Okay. Why not?

17 A. There's no requirement to go over to that
18 part of the state. You're crossing state
19 boundaries.

20 Q. Okay. Is there a requirement to protect
21 the public health?

22 A. I'm not sure how to answer that question.
23 We have to meet New Jersey standards. Just
24 different laws in different states, so I don't know
25 the New York laws.

1 Q. Okay. Is it your -- based on everything
2 you reviewed, is -- are there contaminants from the
3 USMR's operation in Staten Island?

4 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

5 A. There could be.

6 BY MR. NIDEL:

7 Q. There likely are, correct?

8 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

9 MR. STOIA: Objection to form. Counsel,
10 we're getting -- it's got nothing do with what
11 he's done here.

12 MR. NIDEL: Absolutely does.

13 MR. STOIA: We're going beyond what --

14 MR. NIDEL: He's a human being. There are
15 people there.

16 MR. STOIA: You're right.

17 MR. NIDEL: There are 4-year-olds that are
18 playing in their yards right now.

19 MR. STOIA: That's true.

20 MR. NIDEL: Their properties haven't been
21 tested.

22 MR. STOIA: I -- that's true. However,
23 you're not entitled to ask his expert opinion
24 on any of those issues. He's not here as an
25 expert for you.

1 MR. NIDEL: He's clearly not an expert. I
2 understand.

3 MR. STOIA: And you're not going to usurp
4 him as an expert. So you can ask him in regard
5 to what he has done at the site. But you're
6 going beyond that.

7 MR. NIDEL: Okay.

8 MR. SCHICK: And it's not a part of your
9 pleading either.

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Would you expect contaminants to be in
12 Staten Island?

13 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

14 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

15 A. There could be. I don't know if they
16 exceed the New York standards or what they are.

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Based on your review of the data and your
19 work at the site, you would actually -- that's where
20 you would expect the majority of them went, right?

21 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form. Not
22 supported by any pleading in this case. Not
23 relevant to any issue in this case.

24 MR. NIDEL: I'm going to object to the
25 speaking objections and I'm going to ask the

1 witness to answer that question.

2 A. Potentially.

3 BY MR. NIDEL:

4 Q. That's where you would expect the majority
5 of them to have gone, correct?

6 MR. SCHICK: Same objection.

7 MR. STOIA: Objection.

8 A. I expect the majority --

9 MR. STOIA: Counsel, now he's given you
10 your answer to the inappropriate opinion that
11 you've asked and now you're arguing with him
12 about the inappropriate opinion that he's
13 already given you.

14 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Guys, let's just state
15 the words "objection" and the basis.

16 MR. STOIA: No. No.

17 MR. RUBENSTEIN: That's the rule.

18 MR. STOIA: As I've stated --

19 MR. RUBENSTEIN: That's the rule.

20 MR. STOIA: As I stated, you're not going
21 to get this witness's expert opinion on areas
22 beyond his work at the site.

23 MR. RUBENSTEIN: We understand that.

24 MR. STOIA: We're not going to do that
25 today.

1 MR. RUBENSTEIN: We're not asking --

2 MR. SCHICK: That all -- the other rule is
3 one lawyer per objection per side.

4 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Sure. This isn't an
5 objection.

6 MR. SCHICK: It's his deposition.

7 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Just asking counsel to
8 follow the rules, which is to state objection
9 or to state objection and the basis for
10 objection, and that's it. And I think that's
11 pretty clear around the country but
12 particularly in New Jersey.

13 BY MR. NIDEL:

14 Q. Based on your review of the documents and
15 data, you would expect that that's where the
16 majority of the emissions from the site went,
17 correct?

18 MR. SCHICK: Same objection.

19 A. It depends. So, again, because the wind
20 can be going -- so I don't know where they landed.
21 So -- and at what concentrations. I don't have any
22 data about that. The wind would be carrying more of
23 it -- more wind would be blowing in that direction
24 carrying the contaminants, but I have no idea about
25 the concentrations or anything about what's --

1 whether -- how they relate to any standards or
2 what's applicable in New York.

3 BY MR. NIDEL:

4 Q. Okay. Based on the conceptual site model
5 and based on the data that you reviewed, that's
6 where the majority of them went, correct?

7 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

8 A. I just -- I think it's the same answer
9 that I just gave. I don't have any data about what
10 went over there. So if the wind is blowing in that
11 direction, I don't know how far, so -- meaning so
12 you could -- if you have the same amount, so you
13 have the -- if the same amount of -- the same amount
14 of a material is -- let's imagine snowfall.

15 If the snowfall is being blown at a
16 hundred miles an hour, it might deposit at a half an
17 inch. Or if it's blown slowly, it might deposit at
18 3 inches. So that analogy is similar to
19 concentrations. I don't know what concentrations
20 are present and to what extent and where things
21 would be deposited on Staten Island.

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. There was a history of development that
24 you were made aware of with respect to the land in
25 Carteret, the properties in Carteret, correct?

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1 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
2 question.

3 You can answer.

4 A. So are you asking me do I know when houses
5 were built?

6 BY MR. NIDEL:

7 Q. You reviewed houses, parks --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- where -- when land was redeveloped.

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. Okay. You reviewed that information,
12 right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And you reviewed that, in part, to
15 associate it or, you know, to compare it to the
16 levels that were being reported by the sampling,
17 correct?

18 A. Yes. And also to determine whether or
19 not -- to help scope out the work as well.

20 Q. Okay. It also told you whether certain
21 properties were factually relevant to your
22 conceptual site model of air deposition, right?
23 Because you knew a property might have been
24 redeveloped and fresh fill was applied in a certain
25 year or --

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1 A. Yeah, that's what I mean. It helped with
2 the scoping.

3 Q. Okay. And there were areas that were
4 tested in the AOC or the original ISDA that had
5 been, in fact, redeveloped and tested clean,
6 correct?

7 A. Yeah, I think so.

8 Q. Okay. But those areas were included in
9 the AOC ISDA analysis, correct?

10 A. Yeah, I think all the data was included.

11 Q. Okay. How many samples were included in
12 that first delineation?

13 A. I don't know the -- I don't recall the
14 specifics. I think it was like 60 points. I don't
15 remember if it was more than that or less than that.
16 I think that's -- that's the number that comes to my
17 head. I don't know.

18 Q. Okay. Do you know if USMR had the data
19 before they determined the zones?

20 A. I don't think they had the data before
21 they determined the zone, but I -- I don't -- I
22 don't recall.

23 Q. Okay. They didn't do a grid, right?

24 A. No, they did -- they did, essentially,
25 like, transects, if I recall correctly.

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1 Q. They did not randomly generate those
2 locations, did they?

3 A. I don't remember how the specific points
4 were developed at that particular point.

5 Q. Did you do your own analysis of the -- of
6 the concentration samples shown in the zones?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. And what did that analysis show
9 or --

10 A. I was -- I was looking at it primarily in
11 comparison to standards.

12 Q. Did you do your analysis as far as showing
13 that expected decline?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. And what did that show?

16 A. It showed, at the perimeter, the standards
17 were typically met. I think in some cases we had
18 some that we had to -- we established the limit
19 at -- for the RI based on gradient. I think that
20 was on the northeast corner of the area. But the
21 rest we had, like, samples for lead that met the
22 standard at the perimeter.

23 Q. Okay. Explain to me how the -- how the
24 contaminants lead and arsenic were delineated, the
25 extent of those contaminants --

1 A. So there is a series of samples that are
2 collected at varying distances from the site in this
3 area. And essentially my review, what I was looking
4 at is whether or not we achieved the standard at
5 what the distance. "Distance" is little strong,
6 because I'm not sure that's the way I actually think
7 about it. It's where do the samples start to
8 achieve the -- like, where do we have consistent
9 sampling that achieves the standard.

10 And it doesn't have to be consistent,
11 meaning a trend per se, but literally, like, point
12 by point. And then if there's a trend in a given
13 area, like, there's a spot where we didn't quite get
14 it at that one spot but there's additional sampling
15 that's necessary to follow up but there seems to be
16 a trend that sets the boundary temporarily at that
17 point.

18 Q. Okay. So is it your testimony that -- and
19 was that based on a 60-sample -- 60-ish samples?

20 A. Whatever was in the RI. I don't -- if it
21 was 60 -- whatever was in the RI sampling. If I
22 recall, I think it was 60. And I don't know if it's
23 60 points. I don't think it was 60 samples. I
24 think it was 60 locations. That's what I think.
25 But at varying depths.

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1 Q. Okay. 60 locations, correct, plus or
2 minus?

3 A. Whatever that is, yeah.

4 Q. Okay. And is it your testimony that a
5 consistent trend was seen of clean samples at the
6 boundary of that area?

7 A. That's what I recall, yeah.

8 Q. Okay. Then there was additional data
9 taken within those same areas, correct?

10 A. Yes, the general -- like, the whole AOC
11 sort of doing different remediation, so getting data
12 from each of the sites.

13 Q. Okay. And was that data consistent with
14 this consistent trend of clean samples at the
15 boundary?

16 A. I -- actually, I think -- so that's why
17 we're doing the transects. So it -- there's some
18 data that was developed that led us to ask should we
19 do additional work beyond this boundary. USMR
20 actually did -- was -- they had the whole database.
21 I don't have the database. They didn't give --
22 like, I'm not working with the whole data set. They
23 come to me with reports, but then they did an
24 analysis. And they came to me and said, based on
25 this analysis, we may need to look at further. And

1 so they gave a presentation, that I think is in the
2 work plan, actually. It showed some of their
3 analysis of data. And that's what I was referring
4 to earlier with --

5 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry if I'm speaking
6 too fast.

7 A. -- that showed some of the correlations of
8 different the metals and things like that. But it
9 also showed potential trends that, if you took
10 different types of sites in or out of the data set,
11 could lead you to conclude that the additional --
12 that the boundary could go further. So they're
13 doing a transect analy- -- the transect sampling
14 beyond it to try to evaluate and develop further
15 data to see we -- if there is any impacts further
16 out.

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Okay. Would you agree that the goal of --
19 that the delineation will not be complete until you
20 get -- whether it's already been achieved or it's
21 not, but that it -- in order to delineate with the
22 samples, you need to achieve a clear consistent
23 trend of samples that are below the cleanup
24 standards?

25 MR. STOIA: Objection, form.

1 A. Yes, provided that there's not another
2 source, meaning that, you know, we -- just -- that
3 we -- it's not attributable to something else.

4 Like, if we find that the battery breaker
5 out -- a mile out -- I don't remember our distances,
6 but -- so it's -- let's say it's a mile and a half
7 out, whatever the distance is. And we have a really
8 high concentration on this one property but nothing
9 around it is clean -- everything else around is it
10 clean and the CSM supports that some other source,
11 that could exceed.

12 But in general what you said is correct.
13 In general, as we achieve the standard and the data
14 starts to support that we achieved the standard,
15 that would be the -- that'd be the ultimate end of
16 the AOC.

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Okay. So you would agree that short of
19 identifying other sources, that the goal of
20 delineation proceeds until you achieve consistent
21 clean -- and by "clean," I mean samples that are
22 below the cleanup standards.

23 Am I correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. And what other sources -- I know we

1 talked about generally other sources: Pesticides
2 for arsenic, lead paint, leaded gasoline.

3 What other sources are there that you're
4 aware of in this area?

5 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

6 A. Those are the ones that come to mind. I
7 mean, there's -- historic fill is common. I don't
8 know that there's historic fill on any of these
9 particular properties at this point, but we could
10 encounter historic fill in an urban area. They -- I
11 don't know, but these properties have been in
12 someone else's -- people have done things on these
13 properties for -- since they've been developed, at
14 any given time.

15 So I don't know -- like I said, I just
16 came up with a hypothetical, but somebody could have
17 been done a battery breaker operation. Somebody
18 could have had a gas tank.

19 THE COURT REPORTER: Somebody could have
20 done a?

21 THE WITNESS: Battery breaker operation.

22 A. Which I think is unlikely. But there
23 could have been car repairs done. There could have
24 been any number of -- because there's lead in car
25 parts.

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1 It's hard for me to speculate on all the
2 different sources because I think the first question
3 is whether we -- whether or not we exceed. And then
4 the second is whether or not it's consistent with
5 being from our site.

6 BY MR. NIDEL:

7 Q. Okay. And there were -- there were steps
8 taken in the remedial work plan to avoid things like
9 drip lines for lead and things like arsenic-treated
10 wood, right?

11 A. I think that's correct.

12 Q. Okay. So the best technical efforts were
13 made to avoid those extraneous sources of the
14 specific contaminants of concern, correct?

15 A. I think so.

16 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 188 was received and
17 marked for identification, as of this date.)

18 BY MR. NIDEL:

19 Q. Okay. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 1 --
20 well, it's Exhibit 188 in this case.

21 A. Thank you.

22 MR. NIDEL: I don't -- generally, I
23 probably don't have enough exhibits, but I
24 don't -- I don't need that.

25

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Can you identify Exhibit 188?

3 A. It's the subpoena for -- to produce
4 documents.

5 Q. Okay. Is that what you reviewed?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. And you produced documents that
8 were requested in that subpoena?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you provided them to your counsel?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Hand you Exhibit one -- I think I -- did I
13 pick the wrong sticker? I might have.

14 MR. STOIA: It says 192.

15 THE COURT REPORTER: They're going down.

16 MR. NIDEL: Oh -- oh, down.

17 THE COURT REPORTER: Sorry.

18 MR. NIDEL: It's all right.

19 MR. SCHICK: Do you need it back?

20 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Take it back.

21 MR. NIDEL: Yeah. Sorry. I go across and
22 she went down.

23 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 189 was received and
24 marked for identification, as of this date.)

25

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Hand you Exhibit 189.

3 Exhibit 189, can you identify Exhibit 189?

4 A. It's an invoice.

5 Q. Okay. And who is that invoice to?

6 A. Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.

7 Q. Okay. Did you send invoices typically to
8 Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.?

9 A. Apparently. I didn't send them, so I
10 don't know. I wasn't involved in the invoicing.

11 Q. Okay. Is that an -- is that an invoice
12 from your company --

13 A. It is.

14 Q. -- to Freeport?

15 A. That's why I said "apparently."

16 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm approaching
17 needing a break, so --

18 MR. NIDEL: Yeah --

19 THE COURT REPORTER: -- whenever it's a
20 good time.

21 MR. NIDEL: -- we need a break for the
22 meeting as well, so we're going to take a
23 break.

24 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay.

25 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 190 was received and

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1 marked for identification, as of this date.)

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. Hand you Exhibit 190 to your deposition.

4 Do you know what Exhibit 190 is?

5 A. 190 is a proposal for a scope of work.

6 Q. Okay. And that's from The ELM Group, your
7 company?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Is that related to work that you were
10 involved in?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. And it's directed to Joseph
13 Brunner, director, discontinued operations,
14 Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Does this refresh your recollection as
17 to -- do you know who Joe Brunner worked for?

18 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

19 A. It looks like he worked for -- it looks
20 like the address I had for him was Freeport-McMoRan,
21 so I assume that's who the contract was with.

22 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 191 was received and
23 marked for identification, as of this date.)

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. Hand you Exhibit 191 to your deposition.

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1 Can you identify Exhibit 191?

2 A. It's -- it's a NJDEP receipt of some
3 forms. It's an online receipt.

4 Q. Okay. And is this something you would
5 have generated?

6 A. Yeah, it comes from the -- well, it comes
7 from the NJDEP website when you -- when you
8 certify -- so when you submit documents. So here it
9 looks like we did an online submission of some
10 forms.

11 Q. Okay. And it's got you currently logged
12 in, Michael McNally?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. And then the contact name is
15 William Cobb.

16 Who is William Cobb?

17 A. I think he's -- so I don't know the
18 specific relationships. I think he is Joe Brunner's
19 boss. But he was who -- the person they identified
20 as the -- the name to put down as the responsible --
21 the signatory for documents going to the agency, the
22 DEP.

23 Q. He was the responsible contact for the
24 site?

25 A. He was the -- I think -- if that's the

1 correct NJDEP term, he was the person that the
2 company identified as the signatory for the -- for
3 the submittals.

4 Q. Okay. And when you said "they," you meant
5 the company, Freeport, right?

6 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

7 A. Yeah, my -- yes, Freeport or --

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Okay. But when you said "they," you meant
10 the company, right?

11 A. Yes.

12 MR. NIDEL: Okay. We need to go off the
13 record.

14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of
15 Media No. 1. We're going off the record at
16 11:15 a.m.

17 (Recess was taken.)

18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the start of
19 Media No. 2. We're back on the record at
20 11:38 a.m.

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. Mr. McNally, has the off-site
23 contamination been fully delineated from USMR in
24 Carteret?

25 A. I think there's additional delineation

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1 that's being done. I don't know what the data says.

2 Q. Okay. Has it ever been fully delineated?

3 A. I thought it was delineated for the sake
4 of the RI, so when we -- when we did that, I thought
5 it was delineated. As the data fills in, we're look
6 at it. We're doing a transact analysis. I haven't
7 seen the data, so I don't know what that's going to
8 tell.

9 Q. Okay. I just want to be clear. I
10 understand that the RI -- the objective of the RI
11 was to delineate the site, correct? A requirement
12 of the RI was to delineate the site, right?

13 A. Yes, with the New Jersey's requirements.

14 Q. Okay. And is it your testimony that that
15 was achieved?

16 A. It was achieved at the time, yeah.

17 Q. What is the basis for rejecting sample
18 results from the lab?

19 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
20 question.

21 You can answer.

22 MR. SCHICK: Same objection.

23 A. Rejecting in which way?

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. There were sample results that were

1 rejected as out of expectations or out of bounds.

2 A. The thing --

3 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

4 A. I guess -- not knowing specifics, that's
5 hard to answer, but it could be -- there could have
6 been a laboratory problem. So I don't know what --
7 you know, specifics, but there could have been
8 something didn't meet its holding time or didn't
9 meet its recovery -- laboratory quality assurance
10 and quality control items. So those would be --
11 that sort of data would be rejected.

12 BY MR. NIDEL:

13 Q. Okay. Other than a lab error, what data
14 is it -- what -- under what conditions or
15 complications is it appropriate to reject data from
16 the lab for a given site?

17 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

18 A. I don't think we are rejecting any data
19 from the -- that's been provided by a lab other than
20 those circumstances.

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. Okay. So it's your understanding that
23 no -- all the data that's coming from the lab,
24 unless there's an indication of lab error or chain
25 of custody issues, all data is being considered for

1 your assessment of the site; is that fair?

2 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

3 A. Yeah, I think that's correct.

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. And you would agree that all the data
6 should be considered unless there's a lab basis for
7 rejecting it; is that fair?

8 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

9 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

10 A. Yeah, consider. You'd have to look at it.

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. Okay. Is the data that -- is the sample
13 data from individual properties being provided to
14 the property owners?

15 A. I don't think so. I don't know. I don't
16 know specifically what's provided. I know that
17 there's a summary that's provided to the property
18 owners. I don't think they're getting the full copy
19 of a RAR, which is submitted and is public record.

20 Q. Okay. They're not getting a copy of the
21 data from their property, correct?

22 A. I don't think so.

23 Q. Okay. And who is Fred Mumford?

24 A. He's a representative of the DEP. I think
25 he's the -- is he the ombudsman? No, he's not

1 the -- he's some -- he's some sort of interface
2 between DEP and EPA.

3 Q. Okay. And he was insistent that the data
4 be provided to the residents, right?

5 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

6 A. I don't recall that. It's been a long
7 time since I've had communications with Fred
8 Mumford.

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. Okay. Did -- has Joe Brunner ever
11 confirmed to you whether or not the data has been
12 provided to the residents?

13 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

14 A. I don't recall specific- -- specifically
15 what communications have happened with Joe, so I
16 don't know.

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Okay. But it is your testimony that,
19 based on everything that you're aware of, the
20 residents have not been provided the data for their
21 properties, correct?

22 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

23 A. I don't know -- I don't think -- I think
24 they're provided an analysis of the data. It's been
25 a little while since I looked at their -- the

1 specific things that it's -- they're provided. But
2 I think they're provided an analysis of the data
3 regarding the comparison to the standard.

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. Okay. Are they provided the actual data?

6 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

7 A. I don't think so.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Okay. Whether it was Fred or not, is it
10 your understanding that the DEP was insistent that
11 they be provided the data?

12 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

13 A. No, I didn't think the NJDEP was insistent
14 about that.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. Okay. And you -- so then you don't -- you
17 don't believe that Fred was insistent of that?

18 MR. SCHICK: Same objection.

19 A. I don't think he was. I don't recall that
20 if he was.

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. He's also not a -- he's -- he's not
24 necessarily the person that would decide that at DEP
25 anyway.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. He's just a DEP person.

3 Q. Okay. Do you think that a property owner
4 should be provided with the data for their
5 contamination on their property?

6 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

7 A. Yes, except I think there's a -- there's a
8 challenge with -- it has to be presented in a
9 context.

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Okay. But they should get the raw data,
12 correct?

13 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

14 A. I don't know that they should give -- you
15 know, I don't know that it'd be helpful to provide
16 full lab reports to them.

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Okay. I'm not talking about full lab
19 reports, but the data.

20 MR. SCHICK: Same objection.

21 Go ahead.

22 A. And so -- I actually came across an email
23 related to this, because I was preparing for this.
24 And -- because I couldn't remember what exactly -- I
25 was going through some documents. I couldn't

1 remember some components as we were going through.

2 So if I recall correctly when we were --
3 when -- at some point, I had a discussion with -- I
4 don't know. I think it was Lisa Szegedi from
5 Arcadis sent an email about it. And the question
6 came up whether or not to provide the full RAR to
7 each individual property owner. And at the time, my
8 response was that I didn't think the full RAR was
9 required to be submitted to the property owner and
10 that I recommended providing a summary.

11 And my reason for that was that we have --
12 so we're doing compliance averaging as their
13 compliance approach for most the properties. And
14 that's a statistically based analysis of the data
15 that -- I was concerned would provide -- that
16 providing the full RAR report would be confusing,
17 because it's difficult to understand the -- a
18 layperson understand the details of the statistics.
19 So I thought it would be clearer to present it in a
20 format that it achieves the standard, a little like
21 an RAO does. You know, the RAO format basically
22 says you met the standards.

23 So I think the genesis of them providing
24 the summaries came from me, the -- you know, based
25 on -- you know, the question came up whether the RAR

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1 was required to be submitted, and I didn't think it
2 was a requirement and I thought actually it would be
3 a -- honestly a clearer and more relevant
4 presentation of the information by presenting it as
5 the -- a summary of the data in terms of how it
6 meets the standard or doesn't meet the standard.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. Okay. What were the residents told about
9 whether they were going to get their property
10 results?

11 A. I don't know what communications people
12 have had directly with the property owners.

13 Q. Did you review any communications with --
14 between USMR and the residents?

15 A. Not that I recall.

16 Q. Okay. Do you know if USMR told them they
17 were going to get their sample results?

18 A. I don't know.

19 Q. Do you know if USMR told them they were
20 going to have any exceedances cleaned up on their
21 property?

22 A. I don't know what specific communications
23 there were between USMR and the property owners.

24 Q. Okay. And it's your testimony that it
25 would be more clearer to a property owner who had

1 their property sampled if they got a 95 percent
2 upper confidence limit average summary, than it
3 would be -- than to get individual results.

4 Is that your testimony?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. What's the average level of
7 education for residents of Carteret?

8 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

9 A. I don't -- I don't know.

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Okay. What's your basis for saying that a
12 summary of upper confidence limit of mean averaging
13 data would be more understandable for a resident of
14 Carteret?

15 A. Well, so an individual data point -- and
16 so if you're doing compliance averaging, an
17 individual data point might have a concentration
18 that individually is higher than the standard.
19 However, in the overall context of the exposure
20 pathway analysis and the compliance approach, the
21 attainment approach -- that's New Jersey's term --
22 is based on the overall statistical average that --
23 the compliance average of 95 percent upper
24 confidence level. It's one method. There's four or
25 five methods you could use.

1 But -- so an individual sample exceeding a
2 standard isn't necessarily relevant. It's about the
3 average in that particular compliance approach. And
4 it has to do with -- as I understand, it has to do
5 with exposure pathways and the standard isn't based
6 on a point-by-point basis.

7 So what happens is -- so my concern is
8 that if you give somebody a table that shows a
9 standard of 400 and you show them that there's a 500
10 in among 7s -- I don't know -- whatever the number
11 is. There's a 500 here in among 7s. The
12 appearance, the misleading appearance -- and this is
13 my concern -- is that there's things there that they
14 need to worry about. And I don't think that, based
15 on NJDEP's attainment guides, that an individual
16 sample is something they need to worry about. It's
17 about whether or not the overall site met the
18 standard.

19 Q. How many square feet of 500, 600 parts per
20 billion lead should a homeowner worry about?

21 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

22 A. How many square feet?

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. Yeah. Yeah. How big of an area of 500
25 parts per billion lead should a property owner worry

1 about? And let's add if they have a 3-year-old that
2 likes to play in the yard.

3 A. So there's a -- so NJDEP established the
4 sampling protocol based on use areas. And the
5 frequency of sampling, I can't recall the details of
6 how many samples per use area. But the sampling
7 frequency per use area -- "use area" is defined as a
8 specific size of property -- that you then do the
9 statistics on the data from there.

10 So the question is built into their
11 protocols. I can't -- and I have to look it up,
12 what the frequency requirement is, but we're
13 following NJDEP's approach. So the -- this -- it's
14 built into the statistics. So we're following
15 NJDEP's standards and attainment guidance. And the
16 soil, once -- if it achieves the 95 percent upper
17 confidence level, has attained the remediation
18 standard in accordance with the NJDEP requirements.

19 Q. Okay. NJDEP requirements prohibit you
20 from using compliance averaging until you fully
21 delineated a site, correct? Prohibit.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. So it's not incompliance with NJDEP
24 regulations, correct?

25 A. I don't agree with that.

1 Q. Okay. But it's prohibited from using
2 averages until you fully delineated a site, correct?

3 A. So we reviewed the protocols. We had a
4 meeting with NJDEP to review the protocols.

5 MR. STOIA: Okay.

6 MR. SCHICK: Excuse me.

7 MR. STOIA: Yeah, this --

8 MR. SCHICK: This is really becoming
9 distracting.

10 MR. STOIA: But when you --

11 MR. RUBENSTEIN: That's too bad, Bob.

12 MR. STOIA: When you two -- when you two
13 start to talk, the witness doesn't think he has
14 to continue his answer, so he turns away from
15 you.

16 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Nobody instructed him not
17 to answer. There's a question pending.

18 MR. STOIA: But when --

19 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Nobody instructed --

20 MR. STOIA: But when the questioner turns
21 his back to the witness, the witness does not
22 know to continue to respond.

23 MR. NIDEL: We're going to go off the
24 record -- we're going to -- we're going to stop
25 if you keep doing this.

1 MR. STOIA: No, no, no.

2 MR. NIDEL: Yes.

3 MR. STOIA: All I'm suggesting is when you
4 ask a question --

5 MR. NIDEL: I don't have to maintain eye
6 contact with him. I --

7 MR. STOIA: Not eye contact, but you're
8 turning around --

9 MR. NIDEL: That's fine.

10 MR. STOIA: -- and talking. It's very
11 distracting to the witness.

12 MR. RUBENSTEIN: The witness, if he's
13 distracted, he could stop and say he's
14 distracted. We didn't know he was distracted.
15 But just do us a favor. Say "objection."

16 MR. STOIA: No, I'm saying the objection
17 and observing what's going on --

18 MR. RUBENSTEIN: I'm not -- I'm not --

19 MR. STOIA: -- this is not coaching the --

20 MR. RUBENSTEIN: I'm not -- I'm not --

21 MR. STOIA: -- witness in any way. I'm --

22 MR. RUBENSTEIN: I'm not -- I'm not --

23 MR. STOIA: -- trying to stop something --

24 MR. RUBENSTEIN: -- listening to you.

25 MR. STOIA: -- that's causing a problem.

1 MR. RUBENSTEIN: We heard you.

2 MR. SCHICK: Okay. He didn't finish his
3 answer.

4 MR. STOIA: That's right.

5 MR. RUBENSTEIN: That's because his
6 counsel interrupted.

7 MR. STOIA: No, that's because he turned
8 to talk to you and you were distracting the
9 witness.

10 MR. RUBENSTEIN: No.

11 MR. STOIA: It's on the camera. You'll
12 see what happens.

13 MR. RUBENSTEIN: He didn't say he was
14 distracted. Let him finish his answer.

15 MR. STOIA: But you could see him looking
16 at the two of you. And stop talking. It's on
17 camera.

18 MR. RUBENSTEIN: But he can answer the --
19 he can answer the question afterwards.

20 MR. NIDEL: We are -- I've never seen an
21 objection to a lawyer's conferring while an
22 answer is being discussed.

23 MR. RUBENSTEIN: That's your objection.

24 MR. NIDEL: Not at all.

25 MR. STOIA: No, my objection is that

1 you're conferring while the witness is in the
2 midst of -- let me finish. No, no. I let you
3 finish. Why are you interrupting me? Why
4 can't I finish? Why are you interrupting me
5 and not letting me speak?

6 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Because you're --

7 MR. STOIA: No.

8 MR. RUBENSTEIN: -- violating the rule.

9 MR. STOIA: Why aren't you letting me
10 speak?

11 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Because you're violating
12 the rules.

13 MR. STOIA: No. That's not the rules.
14 The rules is I'll let you say whatever you want
15 to say on the record and I would appreciate the
16 same courtesy and you let me say what I want to
17 say on the record.

18 MR. RUBENSTEIN: You're supposed to state
19 "objection" and the basis. So is it confusion
20 or distraction?

21 MR. STOIA: It's distraction and -- it's
22 distraction.

23 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Okay.

24 MR. STOIA: I never used the word
25 "confusion."

1 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Where is that in the
2 rules?

3 MR. STOIA: Let me -- you're not even
4 letting me talk.

5 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Where is that in the
6 rules?

7 MR. STOIA: Could I talk?

8 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Where is that in the
9 rules?

10 MR. STOIA: Tell me when you're done. Are
11 you done?

12 MR. RUBENSTEIN: When you show me an
13 objection of distraction in -- distraction in
14 the rule, then. Otherwise, we should continue
15 and you should stop.

16 MR. STOIA: Are you done?

17 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Objection, distraction?

18 MR. STOIA: Are you done?

19 MR. RUBENSTEIN: I'm done.

20 MR. STOIA: Now can I talk and will you
21 not interrupt me?

22 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Give me a basis for the
23 objection.

24 MR. STOIA: Can I talk and you will not
25 interrupt me?

1 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Sure. But I want a basis
2 for your objection.

3 MR. STOIA: Okay. The basis for my
4 objection: It is distracting for you to ask a
5 question and then turn around and speak to your
6 counsel. Between the two of you -- and the
7 camera will show you are distracting the
8 witness. He does not know whether to continue
9 with his answer or to stop.

10 So what I'm asking you is to please stop
11 doing that, ask a question, wait for the
12 witness to answer. Then you can turn and
13 confer all you want.

14 MR. NIDEL: I'm asking you to object to
15 form and that's it.

16 MR. STOIA: No. I'm objecting to the
17 procedure.

18 MR. NIDEL: Okay. But --

19 MR. STOIA: I can object --

20 MR. NIDEL: Stop.

21 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Fine.

22 MR. STOIA: -- to the procedure --

23 MR. NIDEL: Stop.

24 MR. STOIA: -- that you're doing.

25 MR. NIDEL: Stop.

1 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Objection, procedure.

2 MR. NIDEL: You made your objection.

3 MR. RUBENSTEIN: We got it.

4 MR. NIDEL: It's inappropriate.

5 MR. STOIA: It's not --

6 MR. NIDEL: Stop.

7 MR. STOIA: -- inappropriate. It's --

8 MR. NIDEL: It's absolutely inappropriate.

9 MR. STOIA: What are you talking about,

10 inappropriate?

11 Can you read back --

12 MR. NIDEL: Can you read the question

13 back?

14 MR. STOIA: And the answer, please.

15 MR. NIDEL: There was no answer.

16 MR. SCHICK: Yes, there was a part --

17 MR. STOIA: Of course. He had been

18 talking for --

19 MR. SCHICK: -- of the answer.

20 MR. NIDEL: Stop. Stop yelling.

21 MR. STOIA: -- several sentences before

22 you turned.

23 MR. NIDEL: Stop yelling and stop.

24 MR. STOIA: I'm not yelling. The camera

25 is on. It's clear whether I'm yelling or not.

1 You -- I know what you're trying to do. Ask
2 the witness the questions. Let him answer your
3 questions.

4 MR. NIDEL: Stop.

5 (The record was read back by the
6 reporter.)

7 A. So -- and where I was, was compliance --
8 so the site is effectively -- each individual
9 property is effectively delineated -- actually, not
10 delineated. We're not clean at the property matter.
11 We reviewed this entire process with NJDEP's senior
12 management, including -- I forget the person but
13 somebody who was directly involved with the
14 generation of the standards. There's -- so we met
15 with DEP to work through exactly how this would be
16 implemented. They agreed that this was what --
17 specifically, the procedure we had was consistent
18 with what their requirements were.

19 BY MR. NIDEL:

20 Q. Okay. Who at DEP agreed with that?

21 A. I can't recall who was all at the meeting.
22 Kevin Schick was there, but he wasn't the one that
23 would have agreed to it. There was a group of four
24 or five people from senior management. Ken Kloo was
25 there. Karen Kloo may have been. I can't remember.

1 Somebody who was involved in the compliance
2 averaging approach. And as I understand it -- so
3 Arcadis met or called DEP and reviewed -- developed
4 the process and discussions with DEP. We then met
5 with them. We specifically walked through the
6 process with them and they agreed that it made
7 sense.

8 Q. And they agreed you could use compliance
9 averages?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And they agreed you could provide only the
12 compliance averaging summaries to the residents?

13 A. We -- they weren't consulted about that,
14 as far as I know.

15 Q. There was no discussions with that -- with
16 them about that?

17 A. I don't recall that, no.

18 Q. You don't recall discussions with DEP
19 about whether --

20 A. No. What to submit to -- not -- sorry.

21 Q. -- about whether the residents should be
22 given the sampling results?

23 A. I don't recall having those discussions
24 about what would be provided to the property owners.

25 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 192 was received and

1 marked for identification, as of this date.)

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. Okay. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 192.

4 MR. NIDEL: That's the only copy I have.

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. It's a study called "Tacoma Smelter Plume

7 site" on a Asarco Tacoma smelter prepared for

8 Washington State Department of Ecology.

9 Is that fair?

10 A. That's what -- yeah.

11 Q. Did you review that study?

12 A. I don't know. I may have. I don't know.

13 What's the date on this? I might have. I don't

14 recall.

15 Q. If you turn to page 47.

16 A. (Witness complies.)

17 Q. Bottom heading there, "Smelter emissions

18 can be transported long distances."

19 THE COURT REPORTER: Uh-uh. You can't

20 read now, that quickly.

21 MR. NIDEL: Sorry.

22 THE COURT REPORTER: Just read a little

23 slow.

24 MR. NIDEL: Yeah, yeah. Gotcha.

25

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. "Smelter emissions can be transported long
3 distances."

4 Do you see that?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Next page, 48, bottom of the page: "The
7 spatial extent of contamination from smelter
8 emissions can be regional in scale," excluding --
9 (extending tens of kilometers from the source)."

10 Do you see that?

11 A. I do.

12 Q. Okay. You hadn't reviewed this study,
13 correct?

14 A. I don't remember whether I did or not.

15 Q. Okay. Do you disagree with the
16 conclusions of the Asarco authority -- the
17 assessment from the Asarco smelter investigation?

18 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

19 MR. STOIA: Objection.

20 A. If this is what their data said, I
21 don't -- I don't agree or disagree with it. Take it
22 for what it is.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. I want to get back to my question about
25 the technical regulations in New Jersey. They

1 prohibit the use of compliance averaging until a
2 site has been fully delineated, correct?

3 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

4 MR. STOIA: Objection to form, asked and
5 answered.

6 A. So first I'm not sure the regulations
7 do -- there's guidance that I think provides -- I
8 don't think the resolution speaks specifically to
9 compliance averaging. I'd have to -- I don't recall
10 exactly what the regulations say about compliance
11 averaging. There's guidance, which isn't
12 regulations.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. So I'm not arguing right now. Just saying
15 that's what I understand. So -- however, the way
16 the guidance is written, as I understand it, so --
17 it wasn't anticipating multiple residential
18 properties or multiple parcels that -- where
19 contamination extended beyond the property boundary.
20 So when it said delineation, it assumed that you
21 were done and so that we had a clean boundary within
22 a given site.

23 So here we know that's an area-wide issue.
24 We're cleaning up each area to -- similar to --
25 similar to what you would do on a site. The only

1 issue would be is that you won't have delineation at
2 the sides of the boundary, because it goes on to the
3 next -- it presumably goes on to the next property
4 and goes on to the next property, because it's an
5 area-wide issue.

6 So the issue about delineation in this
7 case is a little bit different. Much of what we had
8 to do here is not textbook things according to NJDEP
9 requirements, because they don't have many sites
10 like this.

11 Q. Okay. The guidelines prohibit you from
12 using technical -- from using compliance averaging
13 before a site is fully delineated, correct?

14 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

15 MR. STOIA: Objection, asked and answered
16 three times now.

17 A. The guidelines say that you're supposed to
18 have delineation complete. And actually, as far as
19 I'm concerned, to start out with, we did. In the
20 RI, we have widespread delineation complete. It may
21 change. But at this point, I consider the
22 delineation complete at the RI phase.

23 Q. Okay. But it's not done, correct?

24 MR. STOIA: Objection, form of the
25 question.

1 A. I haven't seen the data that says it
2 hasn't. I've seen data that says that it might not
3 be.

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. You've seen a whole lot of data on the
6 boundary of that site that's just as contaminated as
7 some of the data that's right close to the smelter,
8 correct?

9 A. I actually haven't seen a whole lot of
10 data like that, so...

11 Q. Have you seen all the sampling data within
12 the AOC?

13 A. I've seen lots of it, yes, but not all of
14 it.

15 Q. Okay. And it does not show a clean
16 boundary, does it?

17 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

18 A. I haven't reevaluated the boundary.

19 BY MR. NIDEL:

20 Q. Okay. Does it show a clean boundary?

21 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

22 A. I think it still does, actually. I don't
23 know. I don't think we have data that discounts the
24 RI outright.

25

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. And that's what we're doing the transect
4 analysis for.

5 THE WITNESS: Okay. Exhibit 193.

6 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 193 was received and
7 marked for identification, as of this date.)

8 THE COURT REPORTER: We're doing the what?

9 THE WITNESS: The transect analysis.

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Exhibit 193 is a study called "Heavy Metal
12 Concentration of the Soils Affected by Zinc Smelter
13 Activities" --

14 MR. NIDEL: I don't have one.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. -- in the -- "In the Qeshm Island, Iran."

17 Do you see that?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Is that a study that you reviewed.

20 A. I don't recall. It's 2013, so I don't
21 know. Probably not.

22 Q. You've never refreshed your research based
23 on your conceptual site model?

24 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

25 A. I've looked at things here and there. I

1 just don't recall what I've read.

2 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 194 was received and
3 marked for identification, as of this date.)

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. Okay. I'm going to hand you a 2015 study,
6 It's Exhibit 194 to your deposition. It is entitled
7 "Environmental Exposure to Arsenic, Lead, and
8 Cadmium in People Living Near Janghang Copper
9 Smelter in Korea."

10 Is that fair?

11 A. That's what it says, yeah.

12 Q. Okay. And is that a study that you've
13 reviewed?

14 A. I don't recall. As I said, I did -- most
15 of my research was online, so I don't recall what I
16 would have read and didn't read back at the time.

17 Q. What regulation are you relying on when
18 you say that you can just get an exception from the
19 DEP?

20 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

21 MR. STOIA: Objection, form.

22 A. I'm not sure -- when you say getting an
23 exception from DEP, I didn't say we had an
24 exception.

25

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Well, the technical regulations prohibit
3 you from using compliance averaging until a site is
4 fully delineated, correct?

5 A. Which technical regulation specifically --
6 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

7 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. What?

8 A. Which technical regulation specifically
9 are you referring -- are you referring to the
10 guidance or the regulations?

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. Either/or.

13 A. 7:26E?

14 Well, there's a difference. One's a law
15 and one's guidance.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. The guidance, I don't have to comply with.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. A guidance is a guide. And then I can use
20 judgment and a number of other things to consider.

21 And I don't need specific DEP approval to make

22 judgment determinations. That's specifically

23 written into all the guidance. And it's written

24 into the regulations.

25 So there is a difference between the

1 regulations and all of the NJAC that are codified
2 there and the guidance, which are guides.

3 Q. Okay. Where is it written into the
4 regulation?

5 A. I'm asking you that.

6 Q. No. Where is it written into the
7 regulations, as you just testified, that you can use
8 all these other things and you don't have to follow
9 the guidance?

10 A. It says --

11 THE COURT REPORTER: And you don't have
12 to?

13 A. It's --

14 THE COURT REPORTER: Follow?

15 MR. NIDEL: The guidance.

16 MR. STOIA: Let him finish.

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. You're starting your answer before I'm
19 finished.

20 A. Okay.

21 So the guidance specifically is written --
22 so there's nothing that says specifically in the
23 regulations that I have to follow guidance. There
24 is variance -- there is, in the regulations, some
25 laws that allow for variance from the guidance.

1 Q. Okay. Did you get a formal variance from
2 the guidance?

3 A. There is no formal variance to get from
4 anyone.

5 Q. Okay. Well, the regula- -- what
6 regulation allows you to get a variance?

7 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

8 A. It's built into the whole process. I'm
9 not sure -- there is no getting it. I'm not sure --
10 there's judgment that's built into -- professional
11 judgment is built into the process. It's
12 specifically outlined in all the guidance.

13 BY MR. NIDEL:

14 Q. What experience do you have with airborne
15 deposition other than this case?

16 A. This is the first one I've done.

17 Q. Okay. What professional judgment do you
18 have, what's your basis for your professional
19 judgment in this case?

20 A. Regarding --

21 Q. Regarding --

22 A. -- what specific thing?

23 Q. -- the conceptual site model, the extent
24 of contamination, all the things we've been talking
25 about.

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1 A. Well, so there are a number of things,
2 so -- I mean, that's a pretty broad question, so
3 it's difficult to answer. Because it -- there's
4 judgment in a number of things. So I have been in
5 the industry since 1990.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. I'm familiar with other sites that are out
8 there. I did review literature that's been done on
9 other sites. I'm familiar with the New Jersey
10 requirements on what's necessary to be done.
11 Ultimately we're required to delineate to the
12 standard. So unless we missed entire -- in the
13 entirety of the plume, of soil contamination, the
14 data will take us where it goes.

15 My understanding of the applicability of
16 the attainment guidance, including the 95 percent
17 upper confidence level usage is that it can be used
18 in this instance and that it was appropriate to be
19 used in this instance, based on my read of the
20 guidance and its applicability and what the intent
21 was.

22 And then we discussed it with the people
23 at DEP, who agreed.

24 Q. Okay. You also can't use compliance
25 averaging with respect to arsenic contamination, can

1 you?

2 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

3 A. I'm not aware of that.

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. You're not aware of that?

6 A. No.

7 Q. You're not aware of any limits on the use
8 of averaging with respect to arsenic specifically;
9 is that fair?

10 A. No, not that I can recall.

11 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 195 was received and
12 marked for identification, as of this date.)

13 BY MR. NIDEL:

14 Q. Okay. Hand you Exhibit 195.

15 Can you identify Exhibit 195?

16 A. It's a response action outcome.

17 Q. Okay. What is that?

18 A. That's the determination of completion of
19 a remedial action.

20 Q. Do you determine completion for all
21 remedial actions off site in Carteret?

22 A. With respect to this site, as I understand
23 it, yes.

24 Q. You testified earlier that if somebody had
25 a 500 in one spot, that wasn't significant if they

1 had 7s everywhere else, right? You recall that
2 testimony?

3 A. I used that as an example that it's -- the
4 compliance approach is based on averaging of the
5 data, so it's based on an area-wide analysis of the
6 data within the use areas.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. So that individual values provided that
9 they're -- that the individual values, whether it
10 exceeds or not, is not -- that's not the basis for
11 compliance or attainment.

12 Q. Is that relevant to a property owner?

13 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

14 A. I actually don't think so.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. Okay. What if it is a part of their front
17 yard that their 3-year-old plays in?

18 A. I think the -- we've still attained the
19 standard. So I think that their 3-year-old is
20 playing in an area that has met the standard.

21 Q. Okay. Is their 3-year-old playing in an
22 area that's got 500 parts per billion in lead and 25
23 parts per billion in arsenic safe in your view?

24 A. I think so. To the extent that NJDEP had
25 determined it's safe, yes.

1 Q. You think it is safe?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. You're not a toxicologist, correct?

4 A. No.

5 Q. You're not a risk assessor, correct?

6 A. No.

7 Q. You're not an epidemiologist, are you?

8 A. No.

9 Q. What's your basis for saying it's safe?

10 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

11 A. I just -- the NJDEP has determined what
12 the cleanup standards are. So my interpretation is
13 that -- I -- so my assumption there is that NJDEP
14 has done their job in determining what's reasonably
15 safe.

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. Did the NJDEP come to you with a request
18 to use anything lower than the cleanup standards for
19 arsenic or lead?

20 A. Not that I can think of.

21 Q. You can't recall the NJDEP saying we
22 should use a lower standard for these residents?

23 A. Not that I recall.

24 Q. Is compliance averaging allowed for
25 residential properties?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. By what regulation?

3 A. That's unrestricted use that would allow
4 residents.

5 Q. Okay. And is compliance averaging allowed
6 to be done across various depths?

7 A. Yes, you have two depth intervals. You
8 have surface interval and the deeper interval.

9 Q. And you can do compliance averaging across
10 multiple depths?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. And what regulation allows that?

13 A. The guidance that allows it is the
14 attainment guidance.

15 Q. And what's the title of that document?

16 A. It's like the New -- NJDEP guidance for
17 attainment, something like that.

18 Q. What distance did you determine you would
19 expect to see the peak deposition from the stacks
20 that were on site?

21 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

22 A. I don't recall the distances. And it
23 essentially was built into the original sampling
24 program, although, again, I didn't rely on the
25 modeling so much, because it was a line of evidence.

1 Ultimately, I expected the data to take us there.

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. Okay. I'm not asking about the modeling,
4 to be clear. I'm asking about the -- your
5 understanding of the source and you knew that it at
6 least had one stack. And I'm trying to understand
7 what your expectation was, from your knowledge of
8 the -- that stack and the fugitive emissions that
9 you're aware of, as to where you would expect to see
10 the peak, how far away you'd expect to see the peak.

11 A. I don't know, not specifically.

12 Q. You don't know if it would be a mile way
13 or a half mile away or --

14 A. I don't recall the distances. We did
15 consider that sort of analysis in developing the
16 sampling approach to start out with.

17 Q. What document was that considered in?

18 A. It was one of the remedial investigation
19 work plans.

20 Q. Which one?

21 A. I'm not sure. There was a couple of
22 revisions of it. 2014, 2015, something like that.
23 2016. Actually -- I'm sorry -- that would have been
24 the -- I think it was earlier than that. I think it
25 was 2012 or twenty -- I don't know. It was before

1 we did the remedial action work plan, so it would
2 have been 2012 or 2013.

3 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 196 was received and
4 marked for identification, as of this date.)

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 196.

7 Exhibit 196 is a page from Radian's
8 sampling of dioxins on the site. And it shows the
9 USMR smelter site divvied up into quadrants. I
10 think you talked about how there was composite
11 sampling in various -- not quadrants, but sections
12 of the site.

13 Is that --

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Is that map familiar to you?

16 A. It's familiar. I don't remember which
17 report it's from.

18 Q. Okay. With your pen, can you identify
19 where approximately the off-site sampling was done?

20 A. (Witness complies.)

21 Q. Okay. You've put a circle on Exhibit 196.
22 And can you put a DS for dioxin sampling?

23 A. (Witness complies.)

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. It might be here now. Looking at it, it

1 might be here.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. It's -- it's up in this area, so let me --
4 like that.

5 Q. So you've now extended your circle to
6 include --

7 A. Because I don't know what -- it might be
8 this parcel as opposed to up here. I can't -- I
9 don't know where I am exactly.

10 Q. Okay. Was that adjacent to -- was the
11 northwest corner the lowest levels of dioxin that
12 was detected on site?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. And that was adjacent to where your
15 sampling was done off site, correct?

16 A. Yes. It's also adjacent to the direction
17 of the residential properties.

18 Q. There are residential properties south of
19 that sampling, correct?

20 A. I don't think so. I think it's all
21 commercial down there.

22 Q. Okay. Was there --

23 A. Even then, on that property boundary,
24 we're talking about a range of .03 to .06. So the
25 numbers are essentially -- with respect to

1 variability of data, those numbers are almost --
2 they're essentially the same. There is variation in
3 data, so -- they're all lower than the southeast
4 corner.

5 Q. Do you know how tall the stacks were that
6 emitted dioxins from the site?

7 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

8 A. I don't recall the heights of the stacks
9 on the site.

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Do you know -- what do you know about the
12 weathering of dioxins in the environment?

13 A. I know they can change. And I know that
14 they can -- some of them are more persistent. I
15 don't know which ones are which, off the top of my
16 head.

17 Q. So you know that the fingerprint of
18 congeners, dioxin congeners can change over time
19 based on their different weathering properties,
20 correct?

21 A. That's my understanding, yeah.

22 Q. Okay. You raised that concern, didn't
23 you?

24 A. Yeah, I think so.

25 Q. And how was that addressed?

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1 A. I don't recall. I know that -- so I
2 didn't rely on that fingerprint analysis very
3 strongly, so I didn't really comment on it very
4 much.

5 Q. That was what Arcadis submitted for being
6 the basis for delineating the dioxins, correct?

7 A. It was -- well, to me, the basis was based
8 on the data, meaning the actual data in comparison
9 to the screening levels. It wasn't so much about --
10 that was sort of their CSM, but I was more
11 interested in the data itself.

12 Q. Okay. Some of the hits were actually in
13 exceedance of the screening levels, correct?

14 A. There were a couple, yeah.

15 Q. Okay. So was the -- was the dioxin
16 contamination delineated?

17 A. I think so, based on -- based on
18 concentration ingredients, not necessarily based on
19 point-by-point.

20 Q. Did the data show a gradient?

21 A. Compared to the site, yes.

22 Q. Okay. But there were hits off site,
23 correct?

24 A. In one of five samples, I think, or one of
25 four, whatever it was.

1 Q. Okay. Was that the sample that was
2 farthest away from the site or closest to the site?

3 A. I don't recall.

4 Q. Okay. So was there a gradient?

5 A. In relation to the overall site, yes.

6 Q. Okay. Was there a gradient in relation to
7 the other samples for dioxin?

8 A. I don't -- I don't know. There is
9 variability in the data. All of them, if I recall
10 correctly, were very close to standard, the
11 screening level.

12 Q. What level of dioxin is safe for children
13 to play in?

14 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

15 A. I think the screening level for
16 residential is 70. It's been a while since I had to
17 look at it, but I think it's 70. And then I forget
18 what the units are there.

19 BY MR. NIDEL:

20 Q. Parts per trillion.

21 A. Yeah, something like that.

22 Q. Okay. Do you know what the screening
23 level is in California?

24 A. No.

25 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Do you know what the screening level is in
3 any other state?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Do you know what the level is that's safe
6 for children to play in dioxins?

7 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

8 A. NJDEP's screening levels, as I understand
9 them, are based on the health numbers. But I don't
10 know the full basis --

11 THE COURT REPORTER: Based on what?

12 THE WITNESS: Health numbers.

13 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay.

14 A. But I don't know the full basis of how
15 they determine their screening levels.

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. What did the air modeling indicate as far
18 as what was the extent of contamination of dioxin
19 from the site?

20 A. I don't think we did any remodeling for
21 docs specifically, that I can recall.

22 Q. Did Arcadis or anyone?

23 A. I don't know.

24 Q. Did you review air modeling of dioxins?

25 A. I don't remember.

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1 Q. Were you provided air modeling of dioxins
2 for the site?

3 A. I don't remember.

4 Q. Not that you recall?

5 A. No.

6 Q. You did not rely on air modeling, correct?

7 A. No.

8 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 197 was received and
9 marked for identification, as of this date.)

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Hand you Exhibit 197.

12 Exhibit 197 is a technical memo from
13 Arcadis to David Wallis, dated -- doesn't appear to
14 have a date on it. But it's got a Bates number of
15 832390.

16 Is that correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. Did you review that document?

19 A. I don't recall seeing this document. I
20 may have, but I don't recall seeing it. Again,
21 because I didn't focus too much on the -- on
22 modeling. I was using the data, but I don't -- I
23 may have received this. I can't recall.

24 Q. You were not aware of modeling, as you sit
25 here today, that you reviewed --

1 A. Sitting here today --

2 THE COURT REPORTER: That you reviewed?

3 A. -- I don't remember there being a model.

4 THE COURT REPORTER: Was that --

5 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

6 BY MR. NIDEL:

7 Q. -- that you reviewed on the dioxin issue?

8 A. I don't recall reviewing modeling on the
9 dioxin issue. I may have.

10 Q. So you don't know if the assumptions that
11 were used in the modeling, if any, was [sic] done
12 and were accurate or reflective of the source,
13 correct?

14 A. I don't know sitting here, no.

15 Q. Was there an attempt to do correlating of
16 dioxin data with metals data in the sampling? Was
17 that something you discussed?

18 A. I don't recall doing that at all.

19 Q. Okay. Do you know -- do you recall
20 someone proposing that?

21 A. Not that I recall.

22 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 198 was received and
23 marked for identification, as of this date.)

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. Hand you Exhibit 198.

1 Exhibit 198 is an email chain
2 Bates-labeled 836334. Top of the chain is from Bill
3 Cobb to Joe Brunner; is that fair?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. There is an entry at the bottom under
6 "Carteret," bottom of the first page, that says
7 "Dioxin/furan, our most recent testing indicates we
8 still haven't achieved delineation at one of the
9 points along the northern boundary, northern site
10 boundary."

11 Do you see that?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. Do you know what work was done beyond this
14 to achieve that delineation?

15 A. I don't know -- I don't know specifically
16 what this is referring to. I think -- I don't know
17 whether -- when they're referring to the site
18 boundary, I think they're actually referring to
19 samples we took with inside -- inside the site
20 property boundary. But I -- it's hard to tell from
21 this context. And I don't remember when we sampled
22 what, you know, like -- and the first set of samples
23 were taken inside the property boundary and then
24 there was a set taken outside.

25 Q. The samples that were taken inside the

1 site boundary, were they taken on land that was
2 redeveloped or were they taken on soil that was
3 there historically?

4 A. There was -- there was some redevelopment
5 in the area.

6 Q. Okay. Would that be reflective of what
7 was contaminated starting in 1908?

8 A. We tried to release -- my review of the
9 data and I -- my input into the team was that we try
10 to find some materials that would be representative
11 of the surface that -- so essentially what happens
12 is I -- in that area, I think they were -- they had
13 some capping that was done, so my -- they were
14 trying to sample and inter- -- and collect samples
15 that were representative of the surface.

16 Q. So there is some question about whether or
17 not that sampling was, in fact, representative,
18 correct?

19 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

20 A. I would say it's representative of the
21 conditions that were there. It's -- there was
22 the -- we did have to consider the influence of
23 development or capping that was done.

24 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 199 was received and
25 marked for identification, as of this date.)

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Hand you Exhibit 199.

3 Exhibit 199 came from your files.

4 Can you identify Exhibit 199?

5 A. It's "Dioxin/Furan Work Plan: USMR

6 Off-site Delineation Sampling."

7 Q. Is that a document that you reviewed that

8 was given to you by Freeport?

9 A. I think so.

10 Q. On -- the pages are not numbered,

11 unfortunately, but on -- there is a figure,

12 indication of a figure before the figure, on the

13 left page, so -- yeah, there you go. There is a PDF

14 annotation there. Do you see that? There's a box

15 for an annotation, a little comment box?

16 A. So not on the figure itself.

17 Q. Sorry. Yeah, yeah, the page right before

18 it says "figure."

19 MR. STOIA: Here.

20 THE WITNESS: Oh, here?

21 MR. STOIA: Yeah.

22 A. Okay.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. Do you typically provide comments to

25 Freeport using PDF stickies, PDF electronic tags?

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1 A. Depends on how they provided me the
2 document. So if they provide it as a PDF, I might
3 have provided them -- in -- within the document.
4 Sometimes I provide them in an email. Sometimes
5 both. Sometimes verbally, depending on what the
6 nature of the comment was, although --

7 Q. Do you recall if these are your comments?

8 A. I don't know because I can't tell what
9 they say.

10 Q. Okay. Yeah, I believe they are, but -- it
11 was produced from your files. It's PDF with
12 comments.

13 A. Are the comments -- do they show up in
14 here anywhere? Other than just as boxes, like, do
15 they show up as a --

16 Q. No.

17 A. And I don't -- I don't know. They could
18 be. I do comment this way sometimes.

19 Q. Right. On the figure, can you identify
20 where the sampling was done off site?

21 A. I think it's in the gray -- I don't know
22 if this was a final. I don't know what -- because
23 if there's comments on it, so -- and I can't recall
24 the specifics of that sampling out there. But -- so
25 there's a -- there's a -- I guess it's a

1 community-owned property that runs sort of east and
2 west. These samples are in that, although I'm not
3 sure -- I have to check. I can't recall whether
4 these are the actual final sample locations.

5 Q. That was not where the sampling was
6 ultimately done?

7 A. Yeah, I didn't -- I don't think so.

8 Q. Okay. Where was the sampling actually
9 done?

10 A. I think it was further -- they were closer
11 to the site. This is, I think -- this looks like
12 their initial sampling plan for the -- for the first
13 step of sampling, but I -- first step of general
14 sampling, not necessarily for this. I don't -- I
15 don't -- so this doesn't look like where I recall
16 the samples all being. I think that most of them
17 were clustered around the area closer to the main
18 property, so across -- like, so sort of between the
19 Chrome --

20 Q. Where it says "Middlesex."

21 A. Yeah, over closer to Middlesex Avenue, in
22 that vicinity, because they were closer to the site.

23 Q. Do you know why this sampling was never
24 done?

25 A. I don't recall --

1 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

2 A. -- so -- I don't know what version of --
3 like, there was sometimes iterations of these things
4 and I can't -- I don't remember why things might
5 have changed.

6 BY MR. NIDEL:

7 Q. Did you suggest that they not sample here?

8 A. I don't think so. I don't remember -- I
9 don't know what version of this, this is, and what
10 the year, like where this sits in the process of
11 review.

12 Q. And, again, can you tell us why the
13 sampling was chosen to be in that upper northwest
14 corner?

15 A. Well -- so we had done -- so we had the
16 historic data that we saw in that one exhibit
17 earlier. And then we took some samples on site that
18 showed that there was -- that -- I'm going to use
19 the word "confirmed" that there was potential up in
20 that northeast corner for something to exceed.
21 Because I think, if I recall correctly -- and I
22 don't know the units on that figure anymore, the
23 one --

24 THE WITNESS: Can you -- what exhibit is
25 that?

1 MR. STOIA: This one.

2 THE WITNESS: Yeah, this one.

3 A. I'm referring to Exhibit 196. I don't
4 recall -- these are ppb, so I don't think -- just
5 bear with me a second. I'm trying to sort out
6 something in my head.

7 So if I -- I think the northwest corner of
8 the property, based on this data in this 196 -- I
9 can't recall the units conversion. But I think this
10 is -- it was 30 ppb in that corner. But we wanted
11 to take samples unless that area because we were
12 component samples up in that area on site to see if
13 there -- because these were composite samples, if
14 this is what I think it is. And so we found some
15 stuff over there that was greater than the standard
16 on site. So then we went off site and essentially
17 were doing step-out sampling, I guess is the way I'd
18 characterize it.

19 I don't -- this other one, 199, I don't
20 know what -- without reading the whole thing and
21 sort of digesting it, I don't know what version this
22 was or in what context this was being presented.
23 But the sampling, is my recollection, was more --
24 was done closer to the site, closer to where we took
25 samples on site that we has some exceedances.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Is it true that point-by-point delineation
3 is what's typically required?

4 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

5 A. No. Historically, before the -- the
6 changes in site remediation reformat, that was what
7 New Jersey did, point-by-point, typically. I think
8 there was some variations allowed then. But since
9 then, New Jersey has -- I think it's five compliance
10 approaches that they allow. One of them is
11 point-by-point. There's other compliance averaging
12 types.

13 There's Thiessen polygons, which is like
14 area-weighted averaging. There's the 95 percent
15 upper confidence level.

16 There is 75 percent ten times, which is
17 where 75 percent of the samples pass and none of the
18 remaining samples exceed ten times the standard.
19 That's one way of doing it.

20 And then there is a simple -- I think it's
21 arithmetic mean. If you -- and that's limited to,
22 like, if you have a small number of samples,
23 something like that.

24 But I don't think the DEP has a specific
25 preferred approach.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. When was that change made that they --

3 A. So when we went to the LSRP program, which
4 I think is two thousand -- so my years here might be
5 a little -- getting old -- might be -- it was either
6 2008 or two thousand -- I think it's 2010 when the
7 LSRP program rolled out. So whenever -- it's that
8 time frame.

9 Q. Okay. And -- so is it -- it's your
10 testimony that point-by-point is not what's
11 typically used?

12 A. I don't think it's preferred, meaning I
13 don't think there's a NJDEP preference for one
14 attainment.

15 Q. Is that what's typically used?

16 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

17 A. Define "typically." I'm not --

18 BY MR. NIDEL:

19 Q. You don't know what typically means?

20 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

21 A. In what context typically?

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. Is that what's typically used to delineate
24 contamination at sites?

25 A. Historically it was. Now people use all

1 kinds.

2 Q. Okay. I understand they use all kinds.

3 I'm asking if that's what's typically used.

4 A. I'd say most of our sites have gone point

5 by point. We've used compliance averaging.

6 We've -- in a number of different forums.

7 Q. So that's what's typically used. Because

8 that's what you said in your -- in your comment.

9 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Is that what's typically used?

12 A. It's commonly used, yes.

13 Q. Okay. Is it what's typically used?

14 A. Yes. Yes --

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. -- again, in that context.

17 Q. And just to be clear, on Exhibit 196, the
18 map, where were -- where was the smelter?

19 A. It was, like, over here.

20 Q. Okay. With your pen, can you put an S for
21 smelter?

22 A. (Witness complies.)

23 Q. Okay. Where was most of the dioxin
24 released?

25 A. As I understand, it was -- would have been

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1 from there or the burn pit, which I think is over in
2 the same general area.

3 Q. Okay. Where were the stacks?

4 A. I think they're in this vicinity.

5 Q. Okay. Can you put a circle around the
6 vicinity the stacks?

7 A. (Witness complies.)

8 Q. Okay. Where were the warehouses?

9 A. (Witness complies.)

10 Q. Up in the northwest corner, the warehouses
11 were, correct?

12 A. I think so, yeah.

13 Q. Okay. There was no industrial activity up
14 in the northwest corner, correct?

15 A. I don't remember the details of the
16 specifics of the site in terms of where -- what was
17 done up -- it's a complicated site and I don't
18 remember all the different parcels.

19 Q. Okay. You cannot recall any industrial
20 activities that occurred in the northwest corner of
21 the site, can you?

22 A. I don't recall what was done specifically
23 where, no.

24 Q. Okay. What sources of dioxin were there
25 in the northwest corner of the site?

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1 A. I don't know.

2 Q. Where were the sources of dioxin on the
3 site?

4 A. Mostly the stacks, I presume.

5 Q. Okay. So in the area that you circled as
6 the stacks with an S, correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. That is not in the northwest
9 corner, correct?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Okay. Is that in the area that has higher
12 levels of dioxin?

13 A. Yes.

14 (Plaintiffs' Exhibits 200 through 202 were
15 received and marked for identification, as of
16 this date.)

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Okay. I'm going to hand you Exhibits 200,
19 201, and 202. These are in order on that page that
20 we were in on your notes. I believe these are the
21 contents of your comments.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. The first comment would be the first
24 comment on that page.

25 Can you read that comment for the record?

1 THE COURT REPORTER: Slowly.

2 A. It's -- 200 is what you want me to read?

3 BY MR. NIDEL:

4 Q. Yeah.

5 A. "Need to consider whether this is an
6 acceptable delineation prospective since
7 point-by-point is typically required."

8 Q. Okay. So -- and that refers to this
9 sentence, "If this UCL does not exceed the NJDEP
10 screening level, then it will be concluded that
11 additional delineation of dioxins and furans north
12 of the southern boundary of the AOC is not
13 warranted," right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. So you were hesitant to use upper
16 confidence limit or compliance averaging because
17 typically DEP requires point-by-point --

18 A. No --

19 Q. -- delineation?

20 A. -- that's not what that means. In this
21 case -- so typically you have to -- you're supposed
22 to do point-by-point, as you mention earlier. They
23 require point-by-point delineation to define your
24 AOC. So you don't define the AOC -- although there
25 is a -- there is language in the guidance that does

1 allow it as well, but they prefer point-by-point.
2 And you don't do the averaging until you're doing
3 the remediation. You can do compliance based on the
4 RI data. But you don't determine whether you've
5 achieved your standard in advance by compliance
6 averaging.

7 Q. Can you read us your note for Exhibit 201?

8 A. "What will we do with this conclusion?"

9 Q. So, here, the proposal is talking about
10 doing samples along with metals testing and then
11 correlating the two, correct?

12 MR. STOIA: This paragraph.

13 A. Yeah, just -- let me read the paragraph
14 briefly.

15 Okay. So, yes, it says -- so the sentence
16 leading up to that comment, assuming this is what
17 it's applying to, is "If that probability
18 exceeds" -- they're referring to correlation of
19 metals, I think. Yeah, I think they're trying to
20 propose that there is a potentially different
21 source -- or evaluate whether there is a potentially
22 different source of metals than dioxins. And so --
23 and so I asked what they're going to do with that
24 conclusion.

25

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Okay. Was that sampling done for metals?

3 A. I don't know.

4 Q. Okay. Did you ever follow up and say has
5 this been done; this might be a line of evidence I
6 could consider in determining whether dioxins have
7 been delineated?

8 A. I wasn't viewing it that way. That's why
9 I asked the question. I viewed it as -- at least I
10 think, because it -- and without reading the whole
11 document, I can't recall. But what I think I was
12 viewing this as was -- again, is are we achieving
13 delineation. That's what our objective is. This
14 was sort of an argument about whether or not what
15 the source was, and I was going to look at that,
16 sort of a -- once we've looked at the -- once I have
17 the whole data set. So I wasn't going to
18 necessarily -- so we concluded that it's a different
19 source. That don't -- didn't necessarily mean
20 anything directly to me at the time other than --
21 again, I was trying to find out whether we could
22 achieve delineation.

23 Q. But you were never provided that data,
24 correct?

25 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

1 A. I was provided the data that we have in
2 the RI. So if there was stuff done beyond that,
3 then I'm not aware of any other data, so -- and
4 maybe they did this correlation and I saw it at some
5 point. But I didn't -- I wasn't terribly concerned
6 with the correlation, because I was looking at the
7 data primarily.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Okay. And if you can read Exhibit 202.

10 A. So then, "So what is the intent of this
11 correlation -- of the correlation analysis?"

12 Q. Did you ever get an answer to these
13 questions?

14 A. I may have. I don't remember. They may
15 have told me about it or they may have responded in
16 revisions. I'm not sure.

17 Q. Why were the homes never tested inside the
18 homes?

19 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

20 A. What media?

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. Dust.

23 A. We didn't sample the dust media. We were
24 sampling soils and things around them.

25 Q. Why not?

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1 A. I don't -- I've never heard of it being
2 required, so...

3 Q. You've never heard of indoor dust being
4 required to sample when you have --

5 A. It's --

6 Q. -- soil contamination outside the house?

7 A. It's not immediate that's been identified
8 under NJDEP requirements, so I haven't seen it done.
9 I'm not -- I'm not saying it's not done in places.
10 I'm just not saying it's -- I haven't -- I'm not
11 aware of it being done in New Jersey. Maybe it has,
12 but I'm not aware of it.

13 Q. Did you provide comments to Joe on dioxins
14 and furans?

15 A. Yes. I specifically asked him to make
16 sure they looked at that.

17 Q. Was the northwest -- what direction was
18 the wind?

19 A. As I understand the wind rose for this
20 area is that it's primarily to the east. But it
21 varies. As everybody knows, wind changes direction
22 every day. So statistically more -- the wind
23 typically flows more towards the east than it does
24 to the west.

25 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 203 was received and

1 marked for identification, as of this date.)

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. Hand you an exhibit, 203.

4 A. Thank you.

5 Q. Can you identify Exhibit 203? It was
6 produced from your files.

7 A. So it says, "USMR LSRP notes, draft LSRP
8 notes response to comments on dioxins and furans."

9 Q. Okay. Did you provide to Joe Brunner your
10 comments on dioxins and furans?

11 A. I'm sorry. I was reading when -- can you
12 say that again?

13 Q. Did you provide your comments -- are these
14 your comments that you provided to Joe Brunner?

15 A. Trying to make sure these are mine or not
16 his back to me, so I'm just trying to read -- I have
17 to read the document to see what it is.

18 Q. It's an LSRP note.

19 A. That's what I think it is, but then it
20 says "regarding response to comments."

21 Okay. Yes, this appears to be something I
22 wrote.

23 Q. Okay. And you provided comments to Joe
24 Brunner about dioxins, right?

25 A. I did.

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1 Q. And the bottom of the page, D2, you say,
2 "Under the CSM, concentrations would generally be
3 predicted to decrease with distance from the stack,"
4 right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. Again, where was the stack that
7 omitted dioxins?

8 A. As I -- as I said, I think it's in this
9 area of the site, which is the central eastern
10 portion of the site.

11 Q. Okay. Were there fugitive emissions of
12 dioxins?

13 A. There may have been. I can't say
14 specifically.

15 Q. And would those -- how far would those be
16 expected to increase or decrease?

17 A. I would generally think fugitive
18 emissions, depending on the source, would be -- tend
19 to be closer because they're not as high up. So you
20 don't -- I forget the -- so you wouldn't have the
21 lift that you have in other sorts of source.

22 Q. Okay. Are the contaminants that you found
23 in the AOC off site, are they have fugitive
24 emissions or from stack emissions?

25 A. I think they're from stack emissions,

1 primarily. And they would be from fugitive
2 emissions, but I think the primary contribution is
3 stack emissions.

4 Q. Okay. And that's based on what stack
5 height?

6 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

7 A. The stack heights that were documented at
8 the site.

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. I don't recall the stack heights.

12 Q. Okay. And that's based on what wind
13 speed?

14 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

15 A. It doesn't -- I'm not sure the wind
16 speeds -- the fact whether or not something ended up
17 out there that we concluded was potentially
18 site-related, the wind speed is a variable on how
19 much would have deposited, but the data is
20 ultimately what we reviewed. So I'm not sure,
21 like -- I don't know what wind speed was
22 specifically used in the analysis.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. What -- where was the open pit of plastic
25 burning?

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1 A. I don't recall. I think it's in the
2 central portion of the site. I'd have to look at a
3 map.

4 Q. Okay. And was that a -- what that vented
5 through a stack or was that just a open --

6 A. I think it was an open pit.

7 Q. Okay. And how far would you say those
8 dioxins went?

9 MR. SCHICK: Objection.

10 A. I don't know, but I wouldn't think they'd
11 go as far as a stack.

12 BY MR. NIDEL:

13 Q. Okay. And -- so the stack goes further
14 than the fugitives, right? We --

15 A. That's what I would think, yeah.

16 Q. And the stack actually -- there's a
17 distance at which the stack would be -- the
18 emissions would be low and they would increase as
19 you get further away and then they would decrease
20 and we called that the peak earlier, right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. And you don't know where that peak
23 is, right?

24 A. Not off the top of my head, no.

25 Q. Okay. So you don't know if a half mile

1 from the site it's increasing. You would expect the
2 concentration from the stack emissions to be
3 increasing or decreasing, do you?

4 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

5 A. Sitting here, I don't think they'd be
6 continuing to increase that distance. But I don't
7 have any data in front of me to say that for
8 certain.

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. Okay. What data do you have, period, to
11 say that with any certainty?

12 A. So we have the on-site data, which was
13 closest to all the sources. So we didn't have -- I
14 wouldn't characterize the material to be detected on
15 site as being highly elevated with respect to
16 dioxins and furans to begin with. They were
17 generally close to the screening levels. So with
18 the -- with a couple of exceptions. So I haven't
19 seen any data that suggests it should go further, at
20 least not that I recall.

21 Q. Did you ever delineate where that peak
22 impact would have been?

23 A. I think we did. I think the samples
24 showed that the concentrations were essentially at
25 the standard just shortly past the property

1 boundary.

2 Q. And where was that peak impact?

3 A. The peak --

4 Q. Yes.

5 A. -- is closer to the site, just on site. I
6 mean, some of the concentrations on site were three
7 hundred and -- three point -- .39 and .73 ppb, which
8 is, what, 730 ppt.

9 Q. Okay. With respect to dioxins, okay,
10 they're a form -- they're a by-product of
11 combustion, right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. There was open pit burning that
14 would have produced dioxins, correct?

15 A. I think so, yeah.

16 Q. There were stack emissions that would have
17 included, and we know, from some testing, included
18 dioxins, correct?

19 A. That's right.

20 Q. We know that the stack testing in 1986 or
21 1987 may not be representative of what happened in
22 either the open pit or in the stacks 20 years
23 earlier, right?

24 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

25 A. Just a second. I'm -- so the stack

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1 testing data?

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. Right. Based on the feed, based on the
4 temperatures, based on all those variables, what
5 came out of the stack on one day in 1987 might have
6 been different than what came out of the stack in
7 1956, right?

8 A. I think that's correct.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. I'm not a dioxin --

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. I'm not a dioxin chemist.

13 Q. Okay. But you actually raised that issue,
14 right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. Did you ever get an answer as to
17 how reflective of historical emissions those 1986
18 and 1987 dioxin stack tests were?

19 A. Not that I recall, because I think the
20 whole point of me raising that was I didn't -- I
21 didn't think the fingerprint analysis was
22 particularly important for what we were doing.

23 Q. Okay. So your -- the entire assessment of
24 dioxins was from the perspective of if it's below
25 the screening limit that New Jersey has roughly

1 established, that it's -- that you're [sic] done
2 your job, correct?

3 A. Yes, if the -- I mean -- yes.

4 Q. Okay. So it wasn't health-based, correct?

5 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

6 A. Not directly in that way. I don't know
7 what -- I don't know what it means in that context.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Okay. You used a screening limit, there
10 may be some influence of health, but you don't have
11 an opinion and you -- you're not giving guidance as
12 to what's acceptable from a health --

13 A. That's right. I'm not a toxicologist or
14 anything like that.

15 Q. Okay. So -- and you're also not saying
16 that the dioxin that was found off site was or was
17 not related to the smelter. You were simply saying
18 it's decreasing in such a fashion that it's not a
19 concern because it goes below the screening levels,
20 right?

21 A. Yes, that's generally right.

22 Q. You're not attributing a source of that
23 dioxin, correct?

24 A. I didn't make a determination of what the
25 source was.

1 Q. And you're not discounting the source --
2 any source of --

3 A. That's right. I didn't --

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. I didn't do either. That's why I wasn't
6 so much worried about the correlations.

7 Q. Okay. And has anyone done either, to your
8 knowledge?

9 A. They may have and I may have seen
10 something. Again, because I wasn't focused on that
11 so much, I wasn't -- I didn't comment on those
12 things that much, other than getting -- asking them
13 to collect the data. "Collect the data" meaning
14 take docs and samples.

15 MR. NIDEL: Okay. Let's take a short
16 break.

17 MR. STOIA: Why don't we take a --

18 MR. SCHICK: Lunch break.

19 MR. STOIA: -- lunch break for --

20 MR. NIDEL: Oh, it's 12:45.

21 MR. STOIA: -- 20 minutes?

22 MR. NIDEL: I didn't realize that. Yeah.

23 MR. STOIA: And we'll back at 1:05, if
24 that works?

25 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of

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1 Media No. 2. We're going off the record at
2 12:46 p.m.

3 (At 12:36 p.m. a luncheon recess was
4 taken.)

5 (At 1:18 p.m. the deposition resumes.)

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7 A F T E R N O O N S E S S I O N

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9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the start of
10 Media No. 3. We are back on the record at
11 1:18 p.m.

12 CONTINUED EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. NIDEL:

14 Q. Before we broke for lunch, we were talking
15 about the dioxin/furan issue.

16 And I guess my question for you is: Your
17 original assessment was based, at least in part, on
18 the fingerprint assessment, right?

19 A. I don't think I relied on the finger [sic]
20 assessment for really anything that I recall.

21 (Phone interruption.)

22 A. It was mainly the data.

23 MR. NIDEL: Yeah. Be quiet.

24 MR. GERMAN: Okay.

25 A. So I think it was information that was

1 provided to me, but I don't think I used it for
2 anything.

3 BY MR. NIDEL:

4 Q. Okay. Arcadis relied on the fingerprint
5 assessment, right?

6 MR. STOIA: Objection, form.

7 A. I don't know what for. I mean, they may
8 have used -- I don't know.

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. You don't know?

11 A. I don't know what Arcadis did.

12 Q. They didn't submit anything to you?

13 A. They did provide me information regarding
14 the fingerprint analysis. But it wasn't relevant to
15 the delineation, so -- other than -- it's more
16 relevant and related to whether or not -- so I
17 wasn't -- no one made the claim specifically that
18 the material that was detected was not theirs. And
19 we haven't concluded to that. So the fingerprint
20 analysis is a line of evidence related to that but
21 we haven't made that conclusion.

22 Q. Does the fingerprint analysis support that
23 it was not their dioxin?

24 A. I think that's what it was suggesting.

25 Q. Based on the fingerprints of what dioxins?

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1 A. I don't remember. They compared, I think,
2 source dioxin and then the materials they found in
3 the soil. Maybe on site too. I can't remember.

4 Q. The source being the stack or the source
5 being the fugitives or the source being on site?

6 A. I don't remember all the pieces of data
7 that were considered. I think there was data from
8 the stack, which I don't -- you had referenced it
9 before. But I think there was some data from the
10 stack that was considered. I don't recall
11 specifics. They may have used soil data that was on
12 site. They may have used soil data that was off
13 site.

14 Q. Okay. And you don't know if the stack
15 data that was in nineteen -- the 1980s was
16 reflective of anything else prior to that, do you?

17 A. That's right.

18 Q. Okay. And you also don't know if it's
19 reflective of what would be -- what would be in the
20 soil 50 years later because you would agree that
21 those dioxins weather at different rates, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. So you cannot determine, based on
24 the stack data and the off-site data, as to whether
25 or not those are from the same source of dioxin,

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1 correct?

2 A. I won't say I can't, because I -- without
3 looking at it all. I haven't tried to do that. So
4 I haven't tried to say that it wasn't theirs.

5 Q. And the Arcadis analysis is part of the
6 reports that you are signing off on, correct?

7 A. That's right.

8 Q. Okay. So you did submit Arcadis's
9 analysis based on fingerprinting to the state,
10 correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. To certify completion of delineation,
13 correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. So you've adopted Arcadis's
16 assessment, correct?

17 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

18 A. As a statement, yes. I don't think it was
19 relevant to the determination of the report.

20 BY MR. NIDEL:

21 Q. That was what was provided to the state as
22 the basis for the conclusion that the dioxins had
23 been delineated, correct?

24 A. No. The data was.

25 Q. Okay. That's not the way it's presented

1 by Arcadis, is it?

2 A. It's presented both ways. If I recall
3 correctly. I don't know exactly which text you're
4 referring to, but I think it's presented both ways.
5 I think there's a presentation of that analysis, the
6 finger print analysis --

7 Q. Slow down.

8 A. Sorry.

9 There's a presentation -- if -- what I
10 recall, it was that there was a presentation of the
11 fingerprint analysis and there was a presentation of
12 the data, meaning the data in relation to the
13 screening levels. The fingerprint analysis was what
14 it was. I don't think anybody has made a
15 determination -- I don't -- I don't think I have
16 personally made a determination that the stuff was
17 off -- that anything that was detected in those
18 samples was not specifically related to that site.

19 That is what some of the -- they said
20 those lines of evidence support that. I didn't say
21 necessarily -- it may support it in some ways. In
22 fact, it probably does support it in some ways. It
23 doesn't necessarily mean it's a conclusion. And we
24 haven't completed remediation yet, so I haven't
25 concluded about that. At this point, we've

1 delineated.

2 Q. Okay. Did you sign the report?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. And the report doesn't look at a
5 bunch of other congener analysis that you had,
6 right?

7 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

8 A. I don't recall the details of what was or
9 wasn't included in there, so I can't speak to the
10 details.

11 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 204 was received and
12 marked for identification, as of this date.)

13 BY MR. NIDEL:

14 Q. Okay. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 204.

15 Exhibit 204 is an email from you to Joe
16 Brunner, dated January 18, 2016. And it says, "I'm
17 okay with the DF presentation and agree that the
18 off-property RI is complete for these constituents."

19 Do you see that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. So you're saying it's been
22 delineated, correct?

23 A. That's how I interpreted it, yeah.

24 Q. As of January 18, 2016, correct?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay. What was that based on?

2 A. I presume, because I -- it looks like it's
3 the RI data that was presented also in the RI report
4 from May. And it's based on whether or not they see
5 the same screening levels.

6 Q. Okay.

7 MR. SCHICK: Excuse me one second. Since
8 I haven't gotten the last several --

9 (Plaintiffs' Exhibits 205 and 206 were
10 received and marked for identification, as of
11 this date.)

12 BY MR. NIDEL:

13 Q. Hand you Exhibits 205 and 206 to your
14 deposition.

15 Can you identify Exhibits 205 and 206?

16 A. They -- so 205 is a table. It's actually
17 two tables. One says "Figure 2" and other one says
18 "Figure 3." Figure 2 is labeled "On-site soil
19 dioxin/furan fingerprints." Table 3 is UP -- "U.S.
20 EPA Tier 4 emissions study, 1987, dioxin/furan
21 homologue fingerprint."

22 And Exhibit 206 says, "On-site
23 dioxin/furan fingerprints, Figure 22."

24 Q. Okay. These are -- these are produced
25 from your files. Okay?

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1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. Some of these I had never seen.

3 But are these documents that you reviewed
4 as far as fingerprints of various sampling that was
5 done of dioxins?

6 A. Yeah, I looked at them.

7 Q. Okay. And you see both 205 and 206
8 represent the congener fingerprints of the various
9 dioxins -- various dioxin samples taken across the
10 site, right?

11 A. That's what it looks like, yeah.

12 Q. Okay. Do you recall what the basis for
13 Arcadis's conclusion was that the fingerprints did
14 not match?

15 A. I don't recall the details of it. It had
16 to do with -- so there's different congeners and
17 dioxins. And so it has to do with the different
18 ratios of dioxin -- the different components of the
19 dioxin analysis. For example, on Figure 2, which is
20 part of Exhibit 205 -- and I'm not speaking to the
21 specific conclusion. This is an example.
22 There's -- if you -- listed down the side, there's
23 octa-, hepta-, hexa-. Those are the different
24 congeners of dioxins, different types of dioxins, if
25 you will. So they looked at the ratios of the

1 different components of the dioxin around the site.
2 In this particular one, it looks like these are
3 based on soil data and data from on site.

4 So then it looks likes, on Figure 3, they
5 had two sets of dioxin data that were collected from
6 the stack. That's what I think this is. It's been
7 a long time since I looked at these, but -- so they
8 were -- they were suggesting -- just bear with me a
9 second. Okay.

10 So I think they were stating that based on
11 the ratio -- so, like, for example -- they might
12 have one -- so one particular source or one --
13 that's not -- that's not a use source -- one
14 particular data set, whether it's a soil sample or a
15 source or potential source or a historic source or
16 something else or a -- maybe a reference set. I
17 don't even know -- the ratios of one -- it may be
18 some of the given congeners are there at lower
19 concentrations than others. Some of them are at
20 higher concentrations than others. And I think
21 their analysis was suggesting that this -- these --
22 the dioxins that they saw on soil didn't necessarily
23 match what they saw in other samples.

24 Q. Okay. Well, the dioxins from the two
25 stack tests also don't match each other, right?

1 A. That's what it looks like from this
2 record.

3 Q. Okay. And is it your conclusion that
4 those two stack samples are not from the same
5 source?

6 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
7 question.

8 You can answer.

9 A. I don't know exactly what these samples
10 were anymore. So I'm presuming -- assuming if
11 they're from the same stack, then they're from the
12 same source, site, whatever, I assume.

13 BY MR. NIDEL:

14 Q. Okay. But this shows -- this demonstrates
15 very clearly that the fingerprint that's emitted
16 from that source, despite it being the same stack,
17 varies.

18 MR. STOIA: Objection.

19 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

20 BY MR. NIDEL:

21 Q. Correct?

22 A. So the fingerprints are different in
23 these, yeah. I agree that they -- the distribution
24 is. I don't know -- again, I don't recall exactly
25 what was sampled and how, and so there could be some

1 factors there. But, yes, they're different.

2 Q. And you agree the fingerprints across the
3 site are different, correct?

4 A. Yes, they vary somewhat, although I think
5 they're -- I -- they seem much more consistent.
6 They're presented in a different order, so it's hard
7 to tell, but -- so I -- but they seem to have
8 general trends from one -- you know, from one set of
9 congeners to another, but...

10 Q. You're saying that -- if you look at, for
11 example, the main plant east, it's got almost no
12 octa-dioxin, whereas scrap metals west has dominant
13 octa-dioxin.

14 You're saying those are a match?

15 A. No, I didn't say that. I said that I
16 think there's some general trends that make these
17 somewhat similar. There's some variations. My
18 sense is that -- with this sort of data, is that you
19 would expect some variations. But, no, I'm not
20 saying that every one of these looks the same.

21 Q. Okay. And you actually -- your belief, at
22 the time, was if those fingerprints, the congeners
23 from the off-site samples are not a match for what
24 came out of the stack, which we have here, and for
25 what's on the site, which we have here, then that's

1 a good argument, a good basis to argue that that's
2 not our dioxins, right? That was what you said.

3 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

4 A. No, I don't think I said that. I think
5 what I said is that we've delineated.

6 BY MR. NIDEL:

7 Q. Okay. So you didn't say that we could
8 make the argument that this is not your dioxin if
9 there is not a match of both of those sources?

10 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

11 A. I don't think I said that.

12 BY MR. NIDEL:

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. I may have, if they had a -- I might have
15 said that they could do fingerprinting. I don't
16 recall saying that, though. That is a way that it's
17 done.

18 Q. Who's Hank Martin?

19 A. He's a principal at the ELM. And he's on
20 the technical team.

21 So I -- you know, I don't interact -- just
22 for clarify, I don't interact on a day-to-day basis
23 with the technical team in terms of how they do
24 stuff on the site.

25 Q. Was he involved in this site?

1 A. He's involved in the site, yeah.

2 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 207 was received and
3 marked for identification, as of this date.)

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. Okay. I'm going to hand you 207.

6 MR. NIDEL: Sorry. It's got your copy
7 too.

8 MR. STOIA: Yeah.

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. Could you identify Exhibit 207?

11 A. So --

12 Q. Well, I'll identify it for you.

13 A. Yeah, I can do it. It's an email from
14 Hank to me, but it's -- with a chain. It includes
15 an email from me to Hank. And I'm asking -- so I
16 was suggesting that perhaps they can make a
17 statement regarding the fingerprinting.

18 Q. Okay. And that statement was, "If the
19 on-site soil data is substantially different than
20 the off-site samples and it is substantially
21 different from the stack air samples, then I think
22 we'd make a very strong argument [sic] that the
23 off-site detections are not consistent with on-site
24 air or particulate data." Right?

25 A. Yes.

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1 MR. STOIA: You read it incorrectly,
2 though. That was "statement," not "argument."

3 But okay.

4 A. Yes.

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. Okay. We can make the statement. Sorry.
7 Fair enough.

8 So in January of that year, you had said
9 you were fine, they had delineated, right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. In April of that same year, later you were
12 still on this fingerprint issue, right?

13 A. Apparently. I think at this point we were
14 reviewing -- I was reviewing a draft document at
15 this point.

16 Q. Okay. What was that document?

17 A. Probably the RI report. Because if I
18 recall correctly, we submitted the RI report in May.
19 So this would have been in relation to that,
20 probably. And so -- and I still think this is
21 correct in that -- so it's looking at various lines
22 of evidence and trying to determine whether or not
23 it's -- the source is our site or not. So I don't
24 think the statements in here are incorrect.

25 Q. Okay. But you actually could not make

1 that determination that they were substantially
2 different from the on-site --

3 A. I asked --

4 Q. -- samples?

5 A. I asked Arcadis to look at the site. And
6 so Arcadis was doing the detail analysis now
7 preparing the presentation. So I asked them to do
8 it.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. So -- in this case. I asked them to look
11 at this, the soil data, to see if there was a
12 connection. So I think what I was trying to do
13 here -- so, like, you just pointed out -- and I
14 don't know what I -- whether I had these tables. I
15 don't know what I had in my hand at this
16 particular -- that resulted in this email.

17 So what I was asking was if the soil data
18 that's -- was these, the on-site soil -- I think
19 this is all on-site soil data. Let's assume. I
20 think what I was asking was is the on-site soil data
21 similar to this and is the off-site similar to this
22 or is it different. Because if these -- so if soil
23 data, which would weather -- you know, if it was --
24 the soil is one spot here and it's 50 feet away, it
25 would be subject to the same -- generally the same

1 weathering things. So -- weathering forces.

2 So is data consistent with what we saw.

3 That's all I was asking.

4 So -- and then is it consistent -- also,
5 is it consistent with air sampling. So that's what
6 I was asking. And if it wasn't, then we could see
7 whether or not it's ours or not.

8 Q. You can make --

9 A. Or theirs or not.

10 Q. -- a very strong statement that it wasn't,
11 right?

12 A. Uh-huh. I think you can.

13 Q. Okay. Okay. But Arcadis didn't do that,
14 did they?

15 A. I don't recall what -- how strong it was,
16 because, again, I wasn't so much worried about
17 that --

18 Q. Did Arcadis mention the soil congener or
19 fingerprint at all?

20 A. I thought it was in the RI report, but I'd
21 have to go back and look at specifics of the text.
22 I know there is a discussion of the fingerprinting.
23 At least I'm pretty sure there is a discussion of
24 the fingerprinting in the RI report.

25 Q. Okay. And if, in fact, the soil congeners

1 were a better match for the off-site -- well, let's
2 just -- let's just be clear.

3 The reason you said it had to not match
4 either was because both could be a source for the
5 off-site contamination, correct?

6 A. No, that's not how I was thinking about
7 it. What I was thinking was that -- and -- what I
8 think I was thinking is -- because looking at it now
9 and what I'm thinking now is that I'm thinking that
10 what we're seeing in the soil across the site comes
11 from the aggregate of sources that are on the site
12 and that that soil data would likely be if that same
13 source continued to impact an area further afield.
14 You'd likely see the same sort of makeup of those
15 dioxins that you saw on site and samples off site.

16 It was less about the correlation
17 necessarily with the air, at least in my -- that's
18 what I'm thinking now. Like, I mean, that's what I
19 think I would have been thinking then is that a soil
20 that looks like -- a soil looks like a duck, it
21 continues to look like a duck, and then I have
22 something that looks like an orange when I get off
23 site. Perhaps the orange is not the source as the
24 ducks. That's a silly analogy, but that's kind of
25 how it is.

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1 Q. Okay. So it seems to me like what you're
2 saying is that what came out the stack was not all
3 that informative to you, because what came out the
4 stack today wasn't necessarily what came out the
5 stack yesterday; is that fair?

6 A. I think that's correct.

7 Q. Okay. What was on site would be more
8 informative, because what was on site looks more
9 like the accumulation of what's been out the stack
10 and any other source that was anywhere nearby,
11 right, including all the on-site aggregate of
12 sources, correct?

13 A. I would say generally that's correct,
14 although I'd want to look at the whole picture. So
15 I would say generally that's correct and that's what
16 I was looking at, I think. That's why I said can
17 you look at the -- look at the data and -- which is
18 it more like, but...

19 THE WITNESS: Too fast again.

20 MR. NIDEL: Always --

21 THE COURT REPORTER: No, no, no. No.

22 Thank you. But -- I'm okay. I'll let you
23 know.

24 THE WITNESS: All right.

25 A. So I -- so my view is I'd like to see the

1 whole picture, because there could be sometimes --
2 sometimes correlation isn't related to cause. So I
3 like to try to see the whole picture and see what's
4 going on to see if we can parse it out.

5 I think generally you're correct in your
6 statement, that I would tend to lean towards if I
7 had a trend of soil of a certain type, that duck
8 analogy I just gave, that if the ducks continued off
9 site and I suddenly saw an orange, I might question
10 whether or not that's mine.

11 I also might look, though -- if my sources
12 on site looked more like an orange, maybe I'd want
13 to look at that too. And that's carrying that
14 analogy as sort of a concept.

15 So I like to see all the data.

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. Okay. But where was all that data
18 summarized? Because --

19 A. In the RI --

20 Q. -- I haven't seen it.

21 A. In the RI report.

22 Q. Okay. Did they include the soil
23 fingerprints that we're looking at here?

24 A. I thought they did. And that's why -- I
25 don't recall, but I thought this was in the RI

1 report, like the off-site RI report, which was an
2 appendix to the on-site RI report, or an attachment
3 to the RI -- on-site RI report. So I think -- the
4 2016 RI report, I think it's in there. I could be
5 mistaken. I know there is a discussion of -- at
6 least I'm pretty sure of the discussion of the
7 fingerprint is there. Again, I -- I guess where I'm
8 sitting now -- and I can't say maybe I was thinking
9 something different three years ago or two years
10 ago. But I don't think in my head I necessarily
11 discounted whether or not, at this point, concluded
12 that any dioxin being off site, that that was off
13 site, in that -- those soil samples, were not
14 necessarily site-related.

15 Q. Okay. So what we've established as far as
16 these fingerprints is that in your technical view,
17 what was on site in the soils would be the best
18 indication of a definition of a duck or an orange as
19 compared to what was off site, which you would want
20 to see is that an orange or is that a duck or is
21 that like an orange-like duck, right?

22 A. If I had a trend of -- this is getting
23 silly. But if I had a trend of ducks on site and I
24 was continuing along that path, I would expect to
25 see another duck. If I saw something different, I'd

1 want to look at why generally.

2 Q. Okay. And if -- and, in fact, if we go --
3 if we look at it the other direction, if there was a
4 source, say an incinerator, five blocks away, you'd
5 expect to see a bunch of baboons --

6 A. That's right.

7 Q. -- across the entire area.

8 A. Or I might have -- got to stop this --

9 Q. Well, apples, oranges, and --

10 A. No, no. I know. It's the same thing.

11 It's just -- you know. So, yeah, you might see --

12 you might see baboons with duck feathers, in that
13 analogy. Like, if you have other sources, they're
14 going to have a different finger- -- like, you're
15 going to have mixed fingerprint, potentially.

16 Again -- maybe in different intervals you might have
17 different -- you might have baboons at the surface
18 and ducks at the subsurface.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. It's -- you start getting kind of
21 speculative in terms of what you'd see, but --
22 depends on what the source was, that sort of thing.

23 Q. Okay. And you might have different
24 fingerprints based on weathering, you might have
25 different fingers -- fingerprints based on open

1 burning versus stack burning. You might have
2 different fingerprints based on temperatures.

3 A. I think all those are correct.

4 Q. Okay. Feeds, correct?

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. Okay. Did Arcadis ever answer your
7 questions as to whether the ducks were oranges or
8 just plain ducks?

9 A. I don't recall. Like I said, I think to
10 the extent that I -- I think, in the RI report, it
11 speaks to this. It may not have taken it much
12 further, because I -- and maybe they -- you know, so
13 I don't -- I don't know.

14 Q. Who is Peter Brussock?

15 A. Peter Brussock is another partner in my
16 firm.

17 Q. Okay. Did he work on the site at all?

18 A. Not that I am aware of, at least not on a
19 significant level. On a significant role, he may
20 have consulted here and there.

21 Q. Okay. Did he consult on the dioxin issue?

22 A. He may have. I don't know.

23 Q. Okay. Who is Steve Finn?

24 A. Steve Finn?

25 Q. Yeah.

Michael McNally

1 A. That might be an email from a different
2 site. Steve Finn is a -- he works for Golder on
3 a -- I worked with him on another project.

4 Q. Related to PCBs?

5 A. PCBs are an issue on that site. And so
6 are congeners and the PCBs. That might be from
7 another -- it might have gotten copied mistakenly.
8 My guess is that's what that is. I don't know
9 what -- I can look at it and tell you real quick,
10 but...

11 Q. Okay. And on that site, just a simple
12 apple and duck correlation was not something you
13 were confident in, right? Couldn't just do apples
14 and say ducks, looks like a duck, doesn't look like
15 an apple, end of story, right?

16 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

17 A. So on that site, there was different
18 analyses that were done. First, we weren't -- there
19 was some dioxin sampling done, but it wasn't a whole
20 lot. They were looking at PCBs and they had
21 different types of analyses done. I don't know what
22 document you're looking at there. But there is
23 different types of analyses done. So some of them
24 are aroclors versus congeners. Aroclors is one
25 form, so it's -- but they're -- so I don't know what

1 we were doing there, I mean in terms of that
2 specific...

3 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 208 was received and
4 marked for identification, as of this date.)

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. Hand you Exhibit 208.

7 Can you identify Exhibit 208? It's from
8 your files.

9 A. It's "Off-site Residential Area Concern
10 Remedial Investigation Report, April 2016."

11 Q. All right. Is this the RI that you were
12 talking about, a draft?

13 A. Yeah, this would have been a draft. It
14 looks like it would be a draft of the RI report.
15 And here's those figures, I think, that you were
16 just showing to me, or related to them. I think.
17 And just, at the back, there's some -- looks like
18 fingerprint things.

19 Q. Okay. If you turn to page -- what's
20 numbered 17.

21 A. (Witness complies.)

22 Q. Did you provide comments on this RI?

23 A. I did. I don't know if -- I can't tell
24 whether these -- I did. I provide comments. I
25 don't know if these are my comments or these are

1 their revisions. It looks like these are their
2 revisions, in track changes, I think.

3 Q. Okay. If you look on page 17, under
4 "Dioxins and Furans," it says, "Dioxin/furan
5 sampling was conducted for the following reasons."
6 And it references "stack sample" --

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. -- and the "detected within the on-site
9 area" --

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. -- above the cleanup recommendation,
12 right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. There's no mention of open burning of
15 wire, is there?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Would that be a basis to test for dioxins?

18 A. It would have been, potentially, but
19 the -- we already had some data from the site. So
20 that's what really was the driver here.

21 Q. Okay. And if you turn to the next page --
22 well, let's see. Let's actually go a couple of
23 pages. We go to page 40. Under "Dioxins and
24 Furans," it says, "Based on the findings of the
25 dioxin/furan off-site residential AOC soil study,

1 the following conclusions can be made."

2 Do you see that?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Eight of the ten samples were less than
5 the TDQ, right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Is that right?

8 A. That's what it says, yeah.

9 Q. Okay. And then the chemical signatures of
10 the air stack samples and the off-site samples were
11 significantly different.

12 See that?

13 A. I do.

14 Q. Okay. So they're comparing not apples and
15 ducks, they're comparing apples to stack samples
16 that you said you didn't find relevant, right?

17 A. I didn't say it was irrelevant, because
18 it's a line of evidence.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. So I --

21 Q. You didn't feel they were the most
22 informative line of evidence, correct?

23 A. I think that's generally correct.

24 Q. Okay. You reviewed this report, right?

25 A. I did.

Michael McNally

1 Q. Okay. You didn't tell them where is the
2 discussion of the ducks or the on-site congeners, do
3 you?

4 A. I didn't, no.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. Well, I don't know what else is in here,
7 but --

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. -- I'm assuming no, if you -- if you say
10 so.

11 Q. Okay. And they didn't include -- those
12 congeners aren't discussed in here, right?

13 A. You mean the soil samples?

14 Q. Yes. Yeah.

15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Mr. McNally?

16 MR. NIDEL: Your mike.

17 THE WITNESS: Oh. Sorry.

18 A. Actually -- so let me just read this
19 sentence real quick, because it...

20 Okay. So -- I'm sorry. You had asked a
21 question. I didn't --

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. There's no mention of those other
24 congeners?

25 A. It doesn't appear to be, no.

Michael McNally

1 Q. Okay. Did you question that?

2 A. Doesn't look like -- well, I don't know,
3 because -- so the date on this is April 2016. I
4 don't know what the specific date is of this
5 document. So I can't -- I can't tell. So I don't
6 know if this came before or after my April twenty --
7 April 28 note.

8 Q. Okay. And then there is -- all there is,
9 is just this mention of TCBF and penta- and hepta-
10 and octa- and comparing the dominance of octa-CDD,
11 right? So --

12 A. That's still on page 4 that you're
13 referring to?

14 Q. Right. Yeah. Yeah.

15 And you don't know what the -- what the
16 partial pressure of octa- is versus hepta-, do you?

17 A. Not off the top of my head, no.

18 Q. Okay. You don't know what the vapor
19 pressure is of either of those?

20 A. No.

21 Q. You don't know which one degrades faster
22 in the environment?

23 A. Not just sitting here, no. I'd have to
24 look it up.

25 Q. You don't know which ones are more

1 volatile than the others?

2 A. Not just sitting here, no.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. The information is available, meaning I
5 can look it up. I just don't --

6 Q. Did you look it up for this?

7 A. Probably not, no.

8 Q. Okay. The next page, it says, "Based on
9 the findings of the off-site residential AOC samples
10 collected in 2015, the dioxin/furan concentrations
11 from the USMR smelter have been adequately
12 delineated and no further investigation is
13 warranted."

14 Do you see that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. There's a curious deletion there.
17 I think it was by you. It had said, "Based on the
18 findings of the LSRP determined on January 18, 2016,
19 that."

20 And that was deleted, right?

21 A. That's right.

22 Q. Okay. Why did someone, maybe you, delete
23 the reference to your determination that the
24 delineation was complete?

25 A. I tried to do that throughout these sorts

1 of documents, wherever -- if that sort of statement
2 ended up in any given paragraph. Because I'm
3 certifying the overall docket and I prefer not to
4 have attributing statements to me in individual
5 sentences.

6 Q. Okay. You're certifying the whole
7 document?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. You don't believe the stack samples are
10 the most informative fingerprints to compare to.
11 There's no other mention of the other congeners,
12 which may or may not be a better match for ducks and
13 apples, but they're not included in here. And yet
14 you reviewed this, you cleaned it up, but you didn't
15 say where's the other discussion, did you?

16 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

17 A. I may have. I don't know what's -- ended
18 up in the final.

19 BY MR. NIDEL:

20 Q. Well --

21 A. So --

22 Q. -- you actually did.

23 A. I did what?

24 Q. You did ask that question. You did it in
25 an email, though. Didn't make it into the final

1 report.

2 A. Well, is -- this isn't the final report.

3 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 209 was received and
4 marked for identification, as of this date.)

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. Okay. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 209.

7 Exhibit 209 is an email from you to Hank
8 Martin, right?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. Okay. And the second paragraph says --
11 And it's dated May 2. Okay?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. So presumably after this, after you read
14 this.

15 "The only other question I had related to
16 whether the on-site DF soil data congeners was more
17 similar to the stack or the outside soils."

18 Do you see that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. But you never -- you never went back and
21 included the on-site soil data, did you?

22 A. It doesn't appear that it was -- I assume
23 not, because I don't have the final. But if -- so
24 if it didn't end up in the final report, then we
25 assume it didn't end up in the final report.

1 Q. Okay. Did you think it should be included
2 in the final report?

3 A. I thought it should be if they wanted to
4 make a strong statement about causation.

5 Q. But you signed off as --

6 A. I don't think they made a statement about
7 causation. That's my point, is that they didn't
8 conclude that -- I didn't see a conclusion in this
9 document. It says the material is not related to
10 the site.

11 Q. Okay. You don't see a suggestion in that
12 document that because these aren't a match, that
13 it's not from the same source?

14 A. What I see is an analysis that says -- so
15 this is how I viewed it. I see an analysis that
16 says here's a line of evidence that says maybe it's
17 not. All right? But I didn't conclude whether or
18 not it is or not one way or the other. We haven't
19 completed a remediation. Delineation was complete
20 for the purpose of the RI. So -- and it may be that
21 the soil that where this is located is going to get
22 remediated anyway for metals.

23 So it wasn't really a -- I guess, from my
24 view, it was -- I guess maybe there's a way to
25 phrase it. It's more USMR's problem about whether

1 or not it's attributable or not and less mine as the
2 LSRP, because the whole objective was to get the
3 delineation and finish, or to -- you know, to try to
4 get delineation, or not. If we didn't, we didn't.
5 But if we did, then -- the remedial actions were yet
6 to be determined at the time of the RI.

7 Q. Okay. And just to be clear, your efforts
8 as far as delineation have nothing to do with
9 determining whether or not any amount of
10 contaminants from USMR are on a given property,
11 correct?

12 MR. STOIA: Objection, form of the
13 question.

14 A. And can you phrase it a little
15 differently?

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. Right. Your delineation is only to a
18 safety cleanup standard, right, residential?

19 A. To the cleanup -- to the cleanup standard,
20 yes.

21 Q. Okay. It is not to the existence of any
22 USMR pollution or not --

23 A. That's right.

24 Q. -- correct? Okay.

25 (Plaintiffs' Exhibits 210 and 211 were

1 received and marked for identification, as of
2 this date.)

3 BY MR. NIDEL:

4 Q. Okay. I've handed you Exhibits 210 and
5 211.

6 MR. STOIA: Here they are. Why don't you
7 read those.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. 210 and 211 are actually the same
10 document. Okay?

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. It's -- document is -- it's a document
13 from your file. It's printed out as the PDF and
14 then it's printed out with the summary of the
15 comments. Okay?

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. Okay. Do you -- did you review the --
18 this comment to response on dioxins and furans?

19 A. Yes, it looks like I did.

20 Q. Okay. And you provided comments back,
21 right?

22 A. That's what -- yeah, that's what I think
23 2011 [sic] is.

24 Q. Yeah.

25 A. 211.

1 Q. Yeah.

2 A. And --

3 Q. And it --

4 A. I'm just getting sorted on what am I
5 looking at here. Okay.

6 Q. Yeah. Fair. I only provided you with two
7 copies because one may be easier to read. However,
8 the one provides the actual --

9 A. Right. So one's got my comments --

10 THE COURT REPORTER: The actual what?

11 MR. NIDEL: Comments.

12 A. Yeah, one's a version that either doesn't
13 have comments. I don't -- they're not turned on.

14 The other one is showing the comments. Okay? I
15 don't know -- without spending more time with the
16 document, I just -- so for context, I don't know
17 what the context -- off the top of my head, what
18 this context of this document is, so -- but okay.

19 So fine. Start there, meaning I don't know where --

20 what -- where it was -- in the process of this

21 thing, where it fits into the overall RI, so...

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. Well, your comments are dated 4/16/15?

24 A. Yeah. So I -- what I think this is, is I
25 provided some comments to USMR, I think, regarding

1 dioxins and furans, and they responded to me.

2 That's what I think this is. Because, like, it's
3 not comments -- the response to comments is from
4 anybody else. I think.

5 Q. Okay. And on page 2, the comment. Okay.
6 So on 211, it says, "Considering off-site area of
7 concerns, if any, would be related to airborne
8 deposition over a long period of time, how
9 representative would the 1987 be to historic
10 operations such as" 1986 -- or "1956. Were there
11 any changes in operations over time that affect
12 equation."

13 Do you see that?

14 A. I do see it.

15 Q. Did you get answers to that?

16 A. I don't recall whether it had answers to
17 it, but -- I'm not sure what the context of this was
18 in terms of what we -- I don't know that we did
19 anything with this later, so...

20 Q. Okay. Well --

21 A. And essentially it's a statement on my --
22 basically, if you want to make a strong statement
23 about it, you need to analysis this. If you don't,
24 then you have this challenge.

25 Q. Okay. To be clear, we talked about

1 operational information.

2 You received that operational information
3 in the very first reporting that you did, correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. And you weren't sure what
6 operational information you reviewed, but you said
7 it might have been what was cited in the report, it
8 didn't extend beyond what was cited in the report
9 and you couldn't give me any specific answers,
10 right?

11 A. That sounds right.

12 Q. Okay. And was sometime well before 2015,
13 because you started work on the site in 2012, right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. But you didn't know, as of April of
16 2015, what changes there were on the site, which
17 changes were in operations, or have a basis
18 operational for whether the data in '87 would be
19 reflective of '56, did you?

20 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

21 A. I guess I'd characterize it a little
22 differently.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. So the way I viewed my role was that in

1 some cases if I -- was that Arcadis's role was to
2 essentially answer -- I would review the documents
3 and things like that. And I could have gone back to
4 all the historical documents myself. But as the
5 LSRP, I'm not the consultant. The consultant does
6 those sorts of things, generally. So I'm asking
7 them these questions so they can answer them for me
8 rather than -- because they can -- and to include
9 that sort of analysis in here --

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. -- or provide the analysis to me or to
13 stop going down this line.

14 Q. Okay. Did they get an answer to that
15 question?

16 A. I don't recall.

17 Q. Okay. Where is the answer to that
18 question?

19 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

20 A. I don't recall if they answered it, so --
21 I don't remember how or what they answered with
22 respect to these specific comments. I know that
23 we've eventually developed a remedial investigation
24 report that would have reflected evaluation of these
25 sorts of issues.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Okay. And a draft of which we just looked
3 at, right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. And that doesn't mention any of
6 this?

7 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

8 A. I don't remember what it said, but I don't
9 think it speaks to specific iterations in
10 operations, no.

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. Okay. And if you go to the page 4
13 comment, your comment was, "Since these are airborne
14 concentrations, do we need to estimate the total
15 mass or some other method to evaluate how the
16 airborne mass may relate to deposition".

17 Do you see this?

18 A. Yes, I do.

19 Q. Okay. That question was never answered,
20 right?

21 A. I don't think so.

22 Q. Okay. And then on page 9 --

23 A. I'm just looking at the context for that
24 comment.

25 So I think -- without reviewing this

1 entire document, I think there may have been a -- so
2 there may have been a discussion about whether or
3 not dioxin sample was necessary at all or whether
4 the existing data set was sufficient to conclude
5 that dioxin was done. I recall here. Because this
6 probably is reporting, but I -- was it based on the
7 data -- so 2015. I think the other reports we were
8 looking at were 2016.

9 Q. Correct.

10 MR. STOIA: They were.

11 A. So these -- this is before that. So I
12 think -- and my time --

13 MR. NIDEL: And I'll -- I would object to
14 coaching the witness, but --

15 A. My time -- my time frame might be off
16 here. But what I think is that there was some
17 discussion about -- and I raise this -- whether or
18 not additional dioxin/furan sampling -- that's what
19 these comments, I think, are responding to, is
20 whether additional dioxin/furan sampling was
21 necessary. And I think some of the initial response
22 was me -- this is me paraphrasing -- maybe not,
23 because here's some considerations regarding the
24 airborne data and -- or the data set we have.

25 My feeling was that if you were going to

1 make a firm conclusion not to collect any more
2 dioxin samples, you needed to answer these
3 questions. We collected dioxin samples. And so the
4 question was sort of made moot. If I -- I think
5 that's that context of what this document is. I
6 could be mistaken.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. So you never got answers to those
9 questions, right?

10 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

11 A. I don't know whether there was any
12 responses back and forth.

13 BY MR. NIDEL:

14 Q. Well, you can't recall any answers to
15 those questions, right?

16 A. That's right, although I didn't remember
17 these comments to begin with, so.

18 Q. What was the mass of dioxin that was
19 emitted from the site?

20 A. I don't know.

21 Q. Okay. You've never seen that calculated,
22 right?

23 A. I don't think so. Because I think we went
24 to sampling, so it became sort of moot.

25 THE COURT REPORTER: We went to it?

1 THE WITNESS: We went to sampling.

2 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay.

3 THE WITNESS: Soil sampling, so it became
4 somewhat moot.

5 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 212 was received and
6 marked for identification, as of this date.)

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. Hand you Exhibit 212.

9 Have you seen Exhibit 212 before?

10 A. I might have. I mean, I'm aware of this
11 event, so...

12 Q. Okay. You were aware they had an open
13 house?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did you attend it?

16 A. I attended one. I think it was probably
17 this one.

18 Q. Okay. And on the third page -- it's
19 834246 -- it says, "If soil testing indicates one or
20 more of the sampled yard areas have concentrations
21 of metals that exceed state cleanup levels, impacted
22 soil would be removed and replaced at no cost to the
23 property owner."

24 Do you see that?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay. That's not true, correct?

2 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

3 A. Maybe not literally. I think it is in
4 concept.

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. Okay. It's not literally true because, as
7 the example you discussed earlier, you could have a
8 500-part-per-billion section of soil with lead at
9 500 parts per billion that exceeds the state cleanup
10 standard that gets left behind because the average
11 is below --

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. -- correct?

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. Okay. And then, if you go to the next
16 page --

17 A. (Witness complies.)

18 Q. -- it says, "Property owner will receive a
19 letter with results and analysis of the soil
20 testing."

21 Do you see that?

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. That's also not true, correct?

24 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

25 A. You know, actually, it may be true. So --

1 and I have to go back and look at the files. I
2 can't recall, but -- because this would have come
3 from USMR directly to them, not through me. But I
4 recall that they were -- when they completed
5 sampling of a yard -- and I -- so I don't know how
6 to testify here, because I'm so -- I'm just going to
7 testify to the best of my memory and it will be what
8 it is.

9 I think when they first -- so there's two
10 phases of the remediation. There's -- they collect
11 some samples and they determine what remediation is
12 necessary. Then they do the remediation. And after
13 the remediation is done, they provide a summary.
14 They may actually provide -- thinking they do,
15 actually, now that I think about it. After the
16 initial sampling phase, I think they may provide
17 that sampling data to the property owner. I'd have
18 to check. It doesn't come through me, so I don't --
19 I don't know for certain. But now, in this
20 context -- because some of the sampling -- because
21 they have to sample and then develop a remediation
22 plan. Some of that sampling happens a fair bit of
23 time before the actual remediation takes place. And
24 I think they may provide that. I just can't -- I
25 can't recall for hundred percent certain. So I may

1 have been incorrect before when I -- when I spoke
2 differently.

3 BY MR. NIDEL:

4 Q. Okay. But you would agree that the word
5 "sample results" is the actual parts per billion or
6 parts per million of lead or arsenic at a given
7 sample location, correct?

8 A. I mean, we are providing -- they are in
9 the summary report providing results. I mean, you
10 could say someone could expect specific sample
11 points from that or they could expect -- I mean,
12 they are given results.

13 Q. Are they given the results or are they
14 given mathematical averages?

15 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

16 A. In a way, the results are --

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. A laboratory analysis is a -- is a --

20 Q. Is a result, right?

21 MR. STOIA: Well, he hasn't finished his
22 answer yet.

23 A. No, no. The laboratory analysis itself is
24 an interpretation of graphs and things like that
25 that are spectroscopy and things like that, so --

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Okay. Are you given the laboratory
3 analysis itself? And I'm not asking for the report.
4 I'm asking: Are they given the number, the
5 laboratory analysis? If you want to quibble with
6 what that means, that's fine. But I just want to
7 know --

8 A. Well, no --

9 Q. -- if they're given that.

10 A. -- you were saying that -- so I don't
11 think they're given -- so I didn't think they were,
12 but now I'm rethinking that. They may be right
13 after the sampling is complete. I can't -- I'm not
14 certain about that because that doesn't come through
15 me.

16 Q. Okay. But --

17 MR. SCHICK: And I object to the form of
18 that last question.

19 BY MR. NIDEL:

20 Q. Okay. But given the fact that you now --
21 you have said you're not sure what they do. Your
22 initial --

23 A. I -- I --

24 Q. Let me finish.

25 A. I think --

1 Q. Let me finish.

2 A. Sorry.

3 Q. Your initial response is that you don't
4 think that they did?

5 A. That's right. I didn't think that --

6 Q. And I want to make sure we're on the same
7 understanding. We're talking about an apple and
8 that apple is the number parts per million for a
9 given location on this person's property.

10 Were they provided those numbers?

11 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
12 question.

13 A. So I didn't think so. Now I'm questioning
14 that they may.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. Okay. But you do know --

17 A. And I do specifically, in this case, mean
18 like a table of results, individual results, not an
19 average.

20 Q. Okay. And you do know the difference
21 between those two, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And you do know, because you
24 attended this open house, that they were telling
25 people that they would, A, have their properties

1 cleaned and, B, be given the results, right?

2 A. Well, as I said, results can mean
3 different things. So I don't know how people
4 interpreted this. I agree that maybe people could
5 have interpreted it that way, but results could mean
6 a number of different things.

7 Q. Okay. But you would agree that you were
8 aware that the language that --

9 A. It says --

10 Q. -- Freeport used was --

11 A. It says --

12 Q. -- that -- let me finish.

13 -- that Freeport used was sample results,
14 right?

15 A. With results.

16 Q. Okay. After the sampling was done, right?

17 A. That's right.

18 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 216 was received and
19 marked for identification, as of this date.)

20 BY MR. NIDEL:

21 Q. Okay. Hand you Exhibit 216. Switch.

22 Can you identify Exhibit 216?

23 A. This is an email from me to Mike Leach
24 from 2012.

25 Q. Okay. And you provide comments and

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1 questions on the SAP, right?

2 A. Just bear with me.

3 Q. Is that right?

4 A. Yes, that's what it looks like.

5 Q. Okay. And if you go down to Bullet Point
6 No. 5 on the back of that page, it talks about
7 copper and zinc.

8 You agreed that copper and zinc could be
9 used to help define the limits of AOC, right?

10 A. Actually, section 2 suggests that
11 copper -- so I haven't had read -- let me -- I
12 haven't had a chance to read what Item 5 said. But
13 it starts out Section 2 suggests that.

14 Q. Right. And --

15 A. I didn't write Section 2.

16 Q. I understand that. You wrote this email.
17 And I'm just asking you. I gave you the document to
18 maybe help refresh your recollection.

19 But my question is really: Did you agree
20 that copper and zinc may potentially be used as part
21 of the analysis, which is what you said in that
22 email? That's how I do this. I read your emails
23 and then I bring them back to you.

24 So I'm asking you if you agreed. You can
25 review the document if you want, but the purpose --

1 my question is not really related to this at all.

2 It's: Did you agree?

3 MR. STOIA: I'm sorry. I don't even know
4 what your question --

5 MR. NIDEL: That's fine. My question is
6 whether he agreed that zinc could be useful in
7 determining the boundaries of the AOC.

8 A. So potentially.

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. And then -- and I think in this context --
12 so this was written in 2012 before we had really any
13 data.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. I asked them what was their basis for --
16 because Section 2, it looks like they were saying --
17 they were -- that USMR was suggesting that copper
18 and zinc would be helpful. I asked what the basis
19 of it was, you know, why they're saying -- like,
20 what's their support, what references they have to
21 support that. And then I do agree that, in concept,
22 having more data can be helpful. But not always.
23 But I also want to know how they're going to use it.
24 That's what this comment is asking.

25 So do I agree that copper and zinc could

1 be helpful? Potentially. And that's what this says
2 too, I think.

3 Q. Okay. Was -- why was zinc -- why was
4 there no more zinc testing done?

5 A. Because there's no -- I don't think any
6 sample -- I don't think -- I think it was zero, but
7 it's -- approaching zero. The samples collected in
8 the off-site AOC exceeded the standard.

9 Q. Okay. But that's not the only purpose of
10 doing the sampling, right? The purpose is also to
11 determine the boundary. And the beauty of zinc was
12 that there weren't other background sources of zinc,
13 correct?

14 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

15 A. I can't say whether or not there's other
16 background sources of zinc. I mean, there's -- zinc
17 is a naturally occurring element. I mean, at the
18 end of the day, if you don't have zinc and you
19 wanted to make a conclusion based on zinc and you
20 don't have the data, you can't make a conclusion
21 based on zinc, one way or the other, meaning you
22 can't make a fingerprint analysis that says that
23 it's there or you can't make a fingerprint analysis
24 that says that it isn't. So it both strengthens and
25 weakens your argument.

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1 I don't know that -- typically, in
2 environment of consulting, I haven't taken samples
3 for long distances for constituents that were no
4 longer of concern, because you end up with
5 potentially a complicated data set that's --
6 requires all kinds of management.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. Okay. Copper was -- copper -- how many
9 times did copper exceed?

10 A. It exceeded a few times.

11 Q. It did?

12 A. Yeah. I think -- or maybe once.

13 Q. Maybe once. Out of how many samples?

14 A. I don't know. 180.

15 Q. 180 samples?

16 A. Could be. I'm saying 60 locations times
17 3. I don't know. Something like that.

18 Q. How many times did it exceed all
19 throughout the AOC?

20 A. I don't know.

21 Q. Okay. But your testimony is zinc is not
22 helpful because it just clouds the picture because
23 it didn't exceed?

24 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

25 A. Yeah, that's what I said.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Okay. What are other sources of copper in
3 the area?

4 A. Copper pipe. Any number of things.

5 Q. Copper pipe is a source of copper in the
6 soil of --

7 A. If some.

8 Q. -- some people's yards?

9 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry.

10 A. All right. So I guess I'm not -- where --
11 I'm not sure what you want. Am I supposed to come
12 up with all kinds of background sources of copper?

13 BY MR. NIDEL:

14 Q. Yes. Please.

15 A. Okay. So you could have copper roofing.
16 You could have copper gutters. You have copper
17 solder. You have airborne deposition of copper from
18 other sources.

19 Q. Okay. What other sources --

20 MR. STOIA: You --

21 A. I'm -- you're asking --

22 MR. STOIA: You let him finish.

23 MR. NIDEL: Okay.

24 A. You're asking me --

25 MR. NIDEL: Okay. Stop now. I'm going to

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1 let him finished.

2 A. So you're asking me for generalities. I
3 gave you some generalities. I'm not sure, but -- at
4 the end of the day, you're right. Copper doesn't
5 exceed anywhere -- anyway -- any -- either. But I
6 didn't require them to use copper. They decided to
7 continue to take in copper samples.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Despite it may be clouding the data set,
10 right?

11 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

12 A. I didn't require them -- I didn't require
13 them to sample zinc. I didn't require them to
14 sample copper, as far as I can recall.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. Okay. And I'm not asking --

17 A. There are a lot of --

18 Q. -- generalities.

19 A. Sorry.

20 Q. Okay? I'm asking what specific sources in
21 Carteret are there of copper.

22 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

23 A. I just named some.

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. No. In Carteret.

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1 A. I just --

2 Q. Where do you see the copper roofs and
3 copper gutters?

4 A. Okay. So -- I don't know, but okay. I
5 don't know.

6 Q. Okay. So what are the other sources that
7 you would attribute the copper to in Carteret?

8 A. There isn't very much copper in Carteret,
9 looks like.

10 Q. Okay. There's not exceedances. But is
11 there a lot of copper in Carteret?

12 A. There's copper -- there is not -- there is
13 copper, actually.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. But it's not above the standard.

16 Q. Okay. What sources other than the
17 smelter?

18 A. Naturally occurring in soil.

19 Q. Okay. Other than naturally occurring in
20 soil.

21 A. Historic fill. Those are two that I can
22 come up with. Possibly runoff from streets. I
23 don't know how much copper is run off from streets,
24 but...

25 Q. Okay. So runoff from streets is a

1 throwaway. You don't -- that's --

2 A. Any one of these is a throwaway. I
3 don't -- I didn't do an analysis of copper sources
4 and background copper sources.

5 Q. Okay. And how much are these metals, the
6 sample for? Each sample costs an additional eight
7 bucks?

8 A. It's not very much.

9 Q. Okay. But you didn't think zinc was
10 useful? Even though you thought it could be useful,
11 but you didn't require that they --

12 A. I didn't say I thought it could -- I
13 said -- I said so they were suggesting including it.
14 That's what my response here. And that if they
15 decided to do it, it could be potentially useful in
16 the overall analysis. So I'm not disagreeing. It
17 could potentially be useful, but it's not a
18 requirement.

19 Q. Okay. Why --

20 MR. STOIA: Can we -- when you -- I'd just
21 like to take a bathroom break, whenever you
22 get --

23 MR. NIDEL: Sure.

24 MR. STOIA: Finish up your line. I don't
25 want to --

1 MR. NIDEL: Yeah, I'm going to --

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. So -- so I don't understand -- copper --
4 copper was useful --

5 A. I didn't -- I don't know that I
6 necessarily concluded that copper was useful or not
7 useful.

8 Q. All right. Let's just ask this: What was
9 the amount of copper released from the facility?

10 A. I don't know off the top of my head.

11 Q. Do you -- have you reviewed that anywhere?

12 A. I don't know.

13 Q. No. No, no. Can you tell me that you
14 have reviewed it or not, that you recall, the amount
15 of copper from the facility?

16 A. I've reviewed data related to copper at
17 the facility.

18 Q. Have you reviewed data that indicates how
19 much copper was released from the site?

20 A. Yes, in some forms.

21 Q. Not that there was a stack and that stack
22 had copper emissions. Any quantification of how
23 much copper was released?

24 A. I don't recall.

25 Q. Any quantification of how much zinc was

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1 released?

2 A. I don't recall.

3 Q. Any quantification of how much lead was
4 released?

5 A. I don't think so.

6 Q. Would the relevant amounts of any one of
7 those metals or any other metal was to any other
8 metal. So, for example, the amount of lead to the
9 amount of copper.

10 A. I think there was some analysis of the
11 relative ratios. In fact, I know, for the off-site
12 AOC, they were looking at the relative ratios.

13 Q. And, again -- we talked about this
14 earlier -- they looked at the relative ratios in the
15 samples. But where did you review data that they
16 looked at the relative ratios in what was emitted?

17 A. I don't recall.

18 Q. Okay. They sold copper, correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. Did they sell lead?

21 A. No. Not that I know of. I think there
22 was one or two operations that may have had some
23 lead-related issues, but I can't recall.

24 Q. Okay. But to your knowledge, lead was not
25 their primary product, right?

1 A. No, I don't think so.

2 Q. Okay. So why is it your idea that copper
3 is what you've got to be looking for, if it's not
4 copper, it's not theirs, because they're a copper
5 smelter --

6 MR. SCHICK: Objection --

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. -- when you don't know how much arsenic
9 they put out versus copper, how much lead they put
10 out versus copper, how much zinc they put out versus
11 copper, right?

12 MR. SCHICK: Objection to the form of the
13 question.

14 A. So I guess -- those were a lot of
15 conclusions that you've attributed to me. I don't
16 know that I've ever made those conclusions. Those
17 are your statements.

18 The fact that USMR collected copper data,
19 for example, isn't necessarily a requirement under
20 NJDEP. They could collect data at -- if they'd like
21 to, and to try to use it as a basis of argument
22 later about whether or not the attribution goes one
23 way or the other. There is no requirement to
24 collect -- there wouldn't necessarily be a
25 requirement to collect copper. But if they chose

1 to, they did.

2 Q. Is there a --

3 A. They didn't have to collect zinc because
4 zinc didn't exceed.

5 Q. Is there a requirement to fully delineate
6 the extent of their contamination off site?

7 A. To the -- to the cleanup standards, yes.

8 Q. And when were they -- where in the
9 regulation does it say to the cleanup standard?

10 A. In -- where it discussions delineation.
11 In attainment.

12 Q. Okay. And when was -- when did the DEP
13 tell USMR, or Freeport, that they were required to
14 delineate the extent of their contamination off
15 site?

16 A. I think 2011.

17 Q. Was that the first time?

18 A. I thought so.

19 MR. NIDEL: Okay. We can take a break, if
20 you want.

21 MR. STOIA: Thanks.

22 MR. NIDEL: A short one.

23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of
24 Media No. 3. We're going off the record at
25 2:16 p.m.

1 (Recess was taken.)

2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the start of
3 Media No. 4. We are back on the record at
4 2:24 p.m.

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. Can you tell me whether more copper was
7 released than arsenic?

8 A. Not off the top of my head.

9 Q. Can you tell me whether zinc -- more zinc
10 was released than copper?

11 A. Not off the top of my head.

12 Q. Off of anything that you've reviewed,
13 could you tell me that?

14 A. I don't remember all the documents that I
15 reviewed, so there may be things in there that talk
16 about the relative amounts that were discharged.

17 Q. Okay. Can you recall any reference that
18 gives you that information with any kind of
19 specificity other than it's possible it's in
20 something?

21 A. I don't recall, no. I don't think there
22 is anything, but there could be.

23 Q. Okay. What is the sampling and analysis
24 plan data report?

25 A. That was, I think, the summary of the

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1 initial round of some sampling that was done off
2 site. I guess I view it almost like a site
3 investigation report sort of. So there's -- in
4 New Jersey, there's a site investigation report.
5 Then there is a remedial investigation report.
6 They're a little different.

7 Q. And did you sign off on that?

8 A. I think I approved it, but I don't know
9 that it was ever submitted anywhere. Ultimately, I
10 don't think there was a context for submitting it.

11 Q. What reports were submitted?

12 A. So I think -- so there's the remedial --
13 so I think there would have been a -- I think,
14 remedial investigation work plan perhaps, back in
15 the -- back in 2012 or 2013. Maybe twenty -- yeah,
16 2012 or 2013. There then would have been remedial
17 investigation report which ultimately was submitted
18 in 2016.

19 There were remedial action work plans.
20 This is -- these are all in relation to the off-site
21 AOC. There were some other things for on site.
22 There is a remedial action work plan that had a
23 couple of revisions, but there was -- I think the
24 first one was submitted 2016 and was revised a bit
25 for a couple of clarifications.

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1 So I think the most recent submittal was
2 just in the past few weeks, which just added some
3 things related to sampling for soil reuse on the --
4 on the on-site properties.

5 Q. Is there a -- that website that we looked
6 at earlier, can you log in and see what's been
7 submitted for this project?

8 A. Which website?

9 Q. The DEP's website where you logged in as
10 Mike McNally, can you see an index of what's been
11 submitted for the site?

12 A. Yeah, there's like a -- in fact, you
13 can -- you wouldn't -- well, I could see it through
14 there, but I can -- you also see it through
15 DataMiner, which is, like, NJDEP's online database.

16 Q. And is that publicly accessible?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. And I could search for the site by some
19 reference and pull up everything that's been
20 submitted?

21 A. Yeah, I don't know if you can pull up
22 copies of the report. You can pull up what was
23 submitted.

24 Q. Okay. But you could provide copies of the
25 record for everything that's been submitted,

1 correct?

2 A. Yeah, either I could or I'd have to get it
3 from Arcadis, because they maintain a database
4 that's a share file of sites of some of the
5 documents on there.

6 Q. Do you have access to their share file
7 site?

8 A. Yes, for a section related to my stuff,
9 yeah.

10 Q. Okay. Is there a section in there that
11 says "submitted files"?

12 A. Something like that.

13 Q. Okay. Because --

14 A. It's something like that -- yes.

15 Q. Right. Because it's difficult for me,
16 because I get copies of your files. They have dates
17 on them. I don't know what was submitted or not.
18 So what I'm asking for is copies of the file as it
19 relates to submissions to DEP?

20 A. Yeah, Arcadis has a lot of them and I
21 started relying on their -- because we have the
22 share file, I started relying on their stuff,
23 because they had -- in some cases, they prepare the
24 final submittal and I certify it online. So it's a
25 convenient place to keep it.

1 Q. I'm going to hand you exhibit -- I am not
2 going to hand you that exhibit.

3 MR. STOIA: Just -- I went from 212 to
4 216.

5 MR. NIDEL: Yeah, that's right. We're --

6 MR. STOIA: Okay.

7 MR. NIDEL: -- not going to fix it, but
8 that's because I go across and she goes down.

9 MR. STOIA: Okay.

10 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 213 was received and
11 marked for identification, as of this date.)

12 BY MR. NIDEL:

13 Q. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 213.

14 Exhibit 213 is a sampling and analysis
15 plan data report, or at least the body of it.

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. Bates-labeled 802403.

18 A. Oh, I know what this is.

19 Q. Okay. What is that?

20 A. So this ended up being the off-site RI
21 report. It just was -- it was a early draft and
22 they weren't using NJDEP terminology. So I asked
23 them to change it. So ultimately what ended up an
24 appendix attachment to, or whatever it is, from the
25 overall RI that was submitted for the site is a

1 revision of this. But it's -- this is an April
2 version. It was submitted in May. So it's
3 essentially the RI report, which I think -- it's a
4 version of it. It's just -- and early on, they
5 called it this and...

6 Q. Okay. So if we turn to page 7 of this --

7 A. (Witness complies.)

8 Q. -- it talks about -- at the bottom of the
9 page, it talks about the 60 sample locations, the 60
10 series, and that that was approximately 20 sample
11 locations within each zone?

12 A. Yes, I see that one.

13 Q. So we talked earlier. You said you
14 weren't sure if it was 60. This is -- this confirms
15 that it was 60-ish, right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. Locations not samples, right?

18 A. That's what I think it is, yeah.

19 Q. Okay. And that -- those samples were the
20 basis -- are the basis for the delineation of the
21 AOC, correct?

22 A. Currently, yes. And the RI.

23 Q. Okay. And you've said that the
24 delineation was done but is still not complete; is
25 that correct?

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1 A. I guess the way I'd characterize it is
2 that it was done and then we have a lot more data
3 that is coming in that is making us re- -- you know,
4 we constantly would -- where we would reevaluate the
5 boundary based on what the actual data says, as we
6 get more data.

7 Q. Okay. If you'd turn to page 13.

8 A. (Witness complies.)

9 Q. There is a review of sampling for dioxins
10 and furans. And it again mentions the stack samples
11 as well as the on-site sampling, but no mention of
12 those on-site congeners, right?

13 A. Just bear with me a minute. And just --
14 I'm trying to understand what I'm -- what I'm
15 looking at here.

16 Q. Well, it's the same language we've seen.

17 A. It is, but I think this is a sampling
18 discussion of the plan, not the conclusions. So,
19 yes, it's --

20 Q. Is that right?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. Okay. If can you turn to page 23.

23 A. (Witness complies.)

24 Q. I had asked you earlier about the testing
25 for outliers. And you said, well, unless it was a

1 lab error and there was some justification, you
2 wouldn't disregard samples. But here it talks about
3 testing for outliers?

4 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
5 question.

6 MR. SCHICK: Same objection.

7 MR. STOIA: You can answer.

8 A. So I think the question before was related
9 to was data rejected. And that's a specific term of
10 art. So -- this is related to statistics, so the
11 outliers -- if there is a sample population
12 distribution, there's an analysis that's done to see
13 if certain samples may or may not be part of that
14 distribution. Those would be outliers. And they're
15 commonly reviewed -- removed from the analysis of,
16 like, 95 percent upper confidence level.

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Okay. On the basis of what?

19 A. They're not part of the statistical --
20 so -- I'm not a statistician, so I'm going to be a
21 little imprecise here, but -- so the statistics are
22 based on an analysis of the population. They have
23 to normalize the -- based on a normalized data set.
24 Like, a bell curve is a normalized data set. The --
25 sometimes they have to -- it's called transform the

1 data -- like, put it in log form, do other things to
2 make it fit. There is a whole -- ProUCL is a U.S.
3 EPA program for doing these statistics. And it
4 converts the data into normal -- normally --
5 "converts" is not right. It does analysis to see if
6 the data can be made normalized through a number of
7 different transforms.

8 Based on -- then, through that analysis,
9 they also then determine if there is some samples
10 that don't, for one reason or another, appear to be
11 part of that population data. So, like -- to
12 continue a terrible -- so if everything is sort of
13 in the range of ducks or birds and suddenly we see
14 something that's a stone, it's -- it would flag that
15 data as not being part of that population,
16 statistically not being part of the population.

17 And so that's why you wouldn't typically
18 include that.

19 Q. Okay. But if somebody -- it's not
20 saying -- this test for outliers is not saying that
21 the data itself is incorrect, right?

22 A. Not on -- not by itself, no.

23 Q. Okay. And did you review any of the
24 rejection or testing for outliers that was done?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Okay. And did you determine that all of
2 that was --

3 A. It --

4 Q. -- there was basis for it?

5 A. It --

6 Q. -- there was basis for it?

7 A. Sorry. Yeah.

8 It appears like it was done correctly,
9 meaning that the statistics showed that these were
10 outliers and they --

11 Q. If there was an outlier statistically, was
12 that data provided to the homeowner?

13 A. I don't know. Again, so with the final
14 report summary, no. I don't know what was included,
15 if -- so I think there was data set that was
16 provided before that so -- that I'm not clear about.
17 So not in the final report. And then if something
18 else was provided, I don't know what was in that.

19 Q. The analysis of the 60 samples that was
20 the basis for your determination that the
21 delineation was complete based on I think the
22 extrapolation method, right?

23 A. Only in a couple of spots. So what
24 happens is so -- I don't know if we have all the
25 attachments on here, but I'd say generally -- so my

1 recollection, looking at the document -- and this is
2 one document I looked at relatively recently -- is
3 that pretty much everything at the perimeter met the
4 standard the exception of a couple of spots, like,
5 one or -- like, one or two maybe for lead. I don't
6 recall. And I think in the upper northeast corner
7 of the area we looked at. Those -- so only in that
8 spot did we use extrapolation. And it wasn't -- it
9 was relatively based on this, but yes. So other
10 places was based on point-by-point because their
11 samples -- or further south samples met the
12 standard.

13 Q. Okay. So what you're saying is that you
14 didn't need to extrapolate because, based on your
15 testimony, in the 20 samples that were taken in
16 Zone 3, those that were at the boundary were clean,
17 right?

18 A. Yeah. Most of them were and only in those
19 instances -- I think there was one or two that we
20 used in extrapolation.

21 Q. And if you go to page -- well, I mean,
22 let's go to page 27.

23 Why is there an assumption that the data
24 would fit any distribution?

25 A. Well, so I'll do the best I can to answer

1 it, because it's -- so data that occurs in the
2 environment, if it's from a similar source,
3 typically follows certain -- normalized
4 distribution, meaning that there is less frequent
5 results at the lower end and less frequent results
6 at the higher end and more frequent results in the
7 middle. That's that bell curve.

8 Now, it may require some transformation to
9 do it, meaning that -- and I know this is -- now
10 we're starting to get into math. I know how to do,
11 but I don't -- all the reasons why are beyond me.
12 But they can transform it to try to get there, so
13 that's what the ProUCL does.

14 Q. Are you done?

15 A. Well, you asked me why there would be
16 following normal distribution, so --

17 Q. Yeah.

18 A. That's the -- so I'm not going to
19 continue, because I -- as I understand it, that's
20 how data distributions of this sort generally tend
21 to fall into or can be transformed into it. And it
22 allows you to do the statistics.

23 Q. Okay. Was that testing for outliers done
24 on the entire area basis or was it done at the
25 property level basis?

1 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
2 question.

3 A. So -- for here, I don't recall what we did
4 for the RX. I don't think I relied terribly on
5 this. The central trend was only sort of a line of
6 evidence. Again, I was looking primarily at the
7 point by point.

8 For the R -- remedial actions, the
9 remedial actions, we were doing it property by
10 property.

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. Okay. Which has no basis whatsoever,
13 right?

14 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

15 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. You can't -- if you got a 1,200 on this
18 property and you got 5- and 600s on the same
19 property, but next door you got a 1,300, you have no
20 basis to reject that 1,200, right?

21 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

22 A. Can you rephrase that again? I'm sorry.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. Yeah, yeah. You've got two properties
25 next to each other. One's got 5-, 600 and then it's

1 got a 2,000. The next property next to it has got
2 3,000, 2,000, and 2,500. But if you look at only
3 the one property, you're going to say, well, I've
4 got a baboon instead of a duck. But if you looked
5 at the entirety of the area that's impacted, you
6 would say they're all animals in the forest, right?

7 A. I can't speak to the statistical strength
8 of the different analysis. I understand what you're
9 saying. There is -- I think DEP's guidance of the
10 number of samples to collect is to try to provide
11 sufficient strength to be able to do that. So even
12 if there is differences site to site, they're based
13 on the distribution of the data present on that
14 property.

15 Q. Okay. And you reviewed that and you were
16 okay with it?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Okay. The EPA [sic] --

19 A. Well, I think it follows the -- I think it
20 follows the DEP's requirements.

21 Q. EPA requirements say that you can look at
22 residential properties property by property and
23 discount samples that are high?

24 MR. STOIA: Did you just switch to EPA?

25 MR. NIDEL: Yeah, he said EPA's guidance.

1 MR. STOIA: Okay.

2 A. DEP.

3 BY MR. NIDEL:

4 Q. You said EPA, correct?

5 A. It was DEP.

6 Q. Okay. DEP's guidance.

7 What guidance is it that says you can do
8 that?

9 A. DEP's -- so DEP's attainment guidance
10 speaks to how to do the 95 percent upper confidence
11 level. You do it by use areas, which are limited in
12 size. You're not allowed to use gigantic use area.

13 Q. Okay. I'm not asking about upper
14 confidence limits. Now I'm asking you about testing
15 for outliers.

16 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

17 A. I don't know what -- I can't speak to
18 that, so I don't know the answer to that specific
19 question. You're asking -- are you asking me can we
20 use that -- can we use smaller data sets to do
21 outlier analysis?

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. Right.

24 A. If we're doing all the other statistics on
25 a smaller data set, I think it's consistent.

1 Q. Consistent with what?

2 A. We're using -- we're doing all of our
3 statistics on the same data set.

4 Q. Okay. But you're taking a 1,200 on one
5 property because there's 500s on that property or
6 200s on the property ignorant of the fact that its
7 three neighbors look like the 1,200 and not the 500.

8 So how is that outlier test consistent
9 with anything?

10 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

11 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
12 question.

13 A. How is it consistent with any -- it's
14 consistent with the data set that's available for
15 that property. Each property has a different
16 history.

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Each property has a different history?

19 A. We talked about it before. Some of them
20 have different development histories and things like
21 that that can affect their data.

22 Q. Okay. Okay. So what your testimony is,
23 is you can look at 10 or 15 sample locations and you
24 can start to reject outliers statistically
25 independent of the fact of what their neighbors look

1 like, right?

2 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
3 question.

4 You can answer.

5 A. I think the statistics are done on each
6 use area and that's how we're doing it here.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. Okay. If you turn to page 29.

9 A. (Witness complies.)

10 Q. Bottom of the page, it says, "As discuss
11 previously, if dioxins/furans had migrated off site,
12 the transport mechanism would be atmospheric
13 deposition. Therefore the chemical signatures of
14 the air stack samples and the off-site soil samples
15 should be similar."

16 Do you see that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And then it goes on with the same analysis
19 that we looked at before. Okay?

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. And then it goes and gives those
22 fingerprints.

23 A. Yep.

24 Q. Right?

25 A. Okay.

1 Q. Off site compared to stack. No mention of
2 the other fingerprints. No --

3 A. Well, this is an earlier version --

4 Q. Let me finish.

5 No mention of the on-site data, right?

6 A. That's right.

7 Q. Okay. You had mentioned earlier I don't
8 know if that was what we ended up using or they
9 ended up using, but --

10 A. Well, this is before those emails that we
11 looked at earlier. This is a draft before that.

12 Q. I don't believe this is a draft.

13 A. It is a draft. This is not what was
14 submitted to the DEP. What was submitted to the DEP
15 was a remedial investigation report.

16 Q. Okay. So is it your testimony that what
17 was submitted to the DEP was anything different than
18 this?

19 A. I think we looked at what was submitted,
20 or what was close to it. We looked at the one that
21 was dated May 2016.

22 Q. Is it -- is it your testimony that what
23 was submitted is anything different than this?

24 A. I don't know without comparing them word
25 for word.

1 Q. Oh. Okay.

2 A. I think they're similar. So --

3 Q. Okay. Let's assume that this was the same
4 language that was submitted.

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. Okay. So this is inconsistent with your
7 own analysis, because your own analysis would say we
8 need to look at the soil congeners because those are
9 most informative about what would be off site if it
10 was from us, right?

11 MR. STOIA: Objection, form.

12 A. All right. So the answer is the same as
13 before, that we didn't use that as a conclusion for
14 the RI. I see that you're pointing to the same
15 document.

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. Right. This is what was included -- this
18 is what became the RI, right?

19 A. Yeah. And we read the document that was
20 the RI, or what I think was the RI, before, and the
21 conclusion was based on the data, not based on the
22 source.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. And I wasn't concluding based on the
25 fingerprinting.

1 Q. Okay. Well, you would agree that this
2 document concludes, based in part, on the
3 fingerprinting, right?

4 A. Yes, just like the RI does.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. This is the RI. It becomes the RI and the
7 same -- I think the same fingerprinting analysis is
8 presented in there.

9 Q. Okay. So --

10 A. And it's probably the same language.

11 MR. STOIA: Now, Counsel -- can you step
12 out?

13 MR. SCHICK: Take your mike off.

14 MR. NIDEL: We're going to go off the
15 record.

16 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record at
17 2:44 p.m.

18 (Recess was taken.)

19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the
20 record at 2:51 p.m.

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. Is the central tendency analysis in the
23 final?

24 A. I think so.

25 Q. Okay. What's the significance of the

1 central tendency analysis?

2 A. I didn't view it as particularly
3 significant, because, again, I was looking primarily
4 at the data. It did provide a lot of evidence
5 supporting that the data trends were a certain way.
6 But, again, I was trying -- I was looking primarily
7 at the individual data points.

8 Q. Since the central tendency analysis by
9 zone, given the additional data that you have for
10 300 or more properties, did that -- did those
11 central tendency trends continue?

12 A. I don't know, because I don't know -- I
13 don't know -- I don't recall what -- whether that
14 whole analysis has been redone. What I do know is
15 we've relooked at the data -- actually USMR relooked
16 at the data, came back to me and said that the data
17 is supporting doing some additional analysis. And
18 that's why they're doing those transect analysis
19 outside the AOC.

20 Q. Okay. When did the transect analysis,
21 when were those samples taken?

22 A. So I think over the last year. I haven't
23 seen the data yet, because I think -- for a while --
24 so as I understand the process is that they were
25 trying to do them all in one event. And there's a

1 number of properties that they had to sample and
2 they wanted to do them all at once. And they had to
3 get all of the property access in line before they
4 did it. So I haven't seen the data.

5 Q. And you would agree that the current
6 data -- you have not -- the current data that exists
7 for the area that was defined as the AOC in the RI,
8 okay, the 300 or so properties, that the current
9 data now contradicts or is inconsistent with the
10 conclusions from the initial 60 or so samples?

11 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

12 A. So I'd have to look at the specific data.
13 I think it's -- it provides -- depending on how you
14 look at the data and the specifics of it -- I don't
15 recall all the pieces, but depending on how you --
16 what parts of the data you do or don't include, it
17 could support that you have to go further, that the
18 AOC may extend beyond the current line.

19 BY MR. NIDEL:

20 Q. Okay. If you don't include samples that
21 were historically redeveloped and therefore
22 factually distinguishable, okay, would you agree
23 that the trend from Zone 1 to Zone 2 to Zone 3 with
24 a 50 percent reduction and a 30 percent reduction no
25 longer is consistent?

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1 A. I can't speak to specific numbers. I
2 think the trend supports that there could be
3 exceedances beyond the current AOC. And that's what
4 the purpose of the transect samplings.

5 Q. Okay. And as far as -- well, given that,
6 you would also agree that the boundary sampling no
7 longer supports the notion that you've got a clean
8 boundary at that edge, correct?

9 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

10 A. I think I characterize it a little
11 differently than that, because I haven't seen
12 transect data. What it does is -- it says that it
13 may be -- may require rereview. And that's why
14 we're doing those transect samplings.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. Okay. And to be clear, you may not have
17 seen the transect data, but you've seen a bunch of
18 data on that boundary, because a bunch of homes have
19 been tested, and that data does not show clean
20 samples, correct?

21 A. I don't recall the specifics of all those,
22 but -- so there is a chart that's in the off-site
23 transect work plan. That's not the actual name of
24 whatever it's called, but -- that shows the data
25 points. I still think most of the data is still

1 similar because we have the same issue that many of
2 the data sets at the perimeter, for one reason or
3 another, either because they were redeveloped or
4 because the concentrations actually are lower, as
5 you approach the boundary, the concentrations are
6 still within the standard. But I don't know if
7 that's an artifact, whether it's -- at this point,
8 based on the data analysis we have, we don't know
9 whether that's -- I don't know whether that's an
10 artifact of -- so the clean samples, whether that's
11 an artifact of potential redevelopment or the trend
12 does stop there. And that's what the whole purpose
13 of the transects are.

14 Q. Okay. So you would agree with me -- and I
15 think you've said this earlier, but I want to make
16 sure -- that as of now, based on the data that you
17 have available to you and the data -- well, based on
18 the data that you have available to you, that the
19 site currently needs further delineation.

20 A. I think so. And that's going to be -- so
21 the final delineation -- so I guess I'd characterize
22 it this way. The final delineation will be based on
23 analysis of the transect data. And then if
24 additional data is necessary, you know, whatever, it
25 might get filled in beyond that, as well as the

1 overall data sets to the site.

2 So that was a lot of words to say that I
3 don't know that those transect data say, so I don't
4 know whether it's a couple of properties near the
5 property boundary that exceed for one reason or
6 another or if there's a widespread problem off site
7 that -- you know, beyond our line. If it is, then
8 the line would change and so then the delineation.
9 So that would mean the delineation changes. If we
10 don't see anything out there other than like a
11 couple of properties, so then there might be some
12 small change. I don't know the extent to which it
13 may or may not change.

14 Q. What is the RAWP?

15 A. It's a remedial action work plan.

16 Q. Thank you.

17 And how does that fit into the RI?

18 A. It's -- so it's -- it doesn't fit into the
19 RI. It's the work plan for doing the remedial
20 action. So it's the next step.

21 Q. Okay. Did the remediation work plan
22 establish a plan so that it would allow unrestricted
23 use by the residents?

24 A. Yes, that's -- yeah, that's the goal.

25 Q. And is that what's been achieved so far?

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1 A. Yes, so far. These -- you know, for all
2 the sites that I've looked at. I haven't looked at
3 all of them yet. And some of the -- there's a lot
4 of remediation ongoing and I haven't necessarily
5 looked at every one of those.

6 Q. But you would agree that there continues
7 to be contamination on site above cleanup standards,
8 correct?

9 MR. STOIA: Objection, form.

10 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. Even post remediation?

13 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

14 MR. SCHICK: Same objection.

15 A. Do you mean on sites that haven't been
16 cleaned up, on properties that haven't been cleaned
17 up? I'm not sure --

18 BY MR. NIDEL:

19 Q. On properties that have been cleaned up,
20 post remediation, that contamination exists above
21 cleanup standard.

22 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

23 MR. SCHICK: Same.

24 A. So I'm going to -- I'm going to caveat
25 that answer. There are samples that make -- some

1 sites, maybe not, but -- so there may be samples
2 that exceed on an individual basis. But overall,
3 the property attains the cleanup standard in
4 accordance with NJDEP requirements.

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. Based on the average, correct?

7 A. The compliance averaging, the 95 percent
8 upper conference level.

9 Q. Okay. And is that allowed -- what's
10 allowed for residential properties?

11 A. Yes, you can use it for unrestricted use.

12 Q. Okay. And there are some properties that
13 have not been remediated that also contain arsenic
14 levels or lead levels above those cleanup standard,
15 correct?

16 MR. STOIA: Objection to the form of the
17 question.

18 A. Sorry. Just -- give me a second. My
19 brain is a little bit behind that -- can I
20 paraphrase your question back, make sure I'm
21 understanding it?

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. I can rephrase it.

24 A. That's fine.

25 Q. There remain properties -- there are

1 properties, that remediation was not done on, that
2 contains levels of arsenic and/or lead above the
3 cleanup standards?

4 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. Contains soils that have levels that
7 tested above cleanup standards.

8 A. That haven't yet been remediated.

9 Q. That will not be remediated under the
10 current plan.

11 A. Again it's the same sort of answer in that
12 there could be individual or -- individual could be
13 more than one, but there could be sample --
14 individual sample points exceed, but the overall
15 data set achieves -- attains the standard per
16 New Jersey guidance.

17 Q. Okay. And that sample -- that section of
18 soil could be the front yard, the backyard, the sand
19 box, or it could be anywhere as long as the average
20 does not reflect a number above that standard,
21 correct?

22 A. Yeah, I think so. I mean, when you say
23 "anywhere," that's a little broad. But, yes, I
24 think that's the --

25 Q. There's nothing in the plan that says --

1 A. No, it doesn't eliminate, you know, some
2 specific portion of the property. Sorry. I spoke
3 over.

4 Q. What is the Phase 1 sampling? Is that the
5 ISDA sampling?

6 A. I don't know what context it would -- can
7 you give me some context for Phase 1?

8 Q. "The majority of lead concentrations
9 identified during the Phase 1 sampling were less
10 than 400 parts per million."

11 A. It's probably the ISDA sampling. I don't
12 know in that context, but I think that's what it
13 means.

14 Q. Do you know if the majority of samples
15 during the entire AOC sampling were below 400 parts
16 per million, lead?

17 A. I think so. I think majority in that
18 context probably. But it may be -- may be more than
19 that. I don't know.

20 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 214 was received and
21 marked for identification, as of this date.)

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. I'm going to hand you Exhibit --

24 A. Quite a few properties required
25 remediation, so I think it also depends on what

1 depth, and things like that.

2 Q. I handed you Exhibit 214. It's an email
3 from Joe Brunner to you, 2/26 of '15, right?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. Just to finish that conversation we were
6 having, is it -- do you know what percentage of the
7 properties within the AOC have -- needed to be
8 remediated?

9 A. I think most of them. Percentage-wise,
10 no, but --

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. -- most of them.

13 Q. Vast majority?

14 A. Yeah, I think that's right.

15 Q. Okay. So it would be fair that -- to say
16 that at least property by property, most of them
17 exceed either 400 or the 20 or 19 for arsenic or
18 both?

19 A. I think that's correct, at least enough to
20 make it remediable.

21 Q. If you read Joe's email to you, under
22 3(b), where he says, "The majority of lead
23 concentrations identified during Phase 1 sampling
24 were less than 400 parts per million. Some samples
25 that exceed that number, and the distribution of

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1 those, was used to define the aerial extent of the
2 AOC."

3 Do you see that?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. "The highest lead concentrations are
6 generally located closer to the former smelter."

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. I mean, I guess we've been talking around
9 this. But you would agree with me now, based on the
10 sampling that you've reviewed, that the majority of
11 lead concentrations in the AOC are not less than
12 400?

13 A. I can't remember which sites were driven
14 by lead versus arsenic, so it's -- I don't mean to
15 parse it. I just don't remember. So it could be --
16 I don't know. I don't know what percentage which --
17 we could look at it. I'm sure it shows up in the --

18 Q. Okay. I mean, I think the point I'm
19 getting at, you -- what you agreed to is just that
20 the majority of properties, the vast majority of
21 properties have at least an exceedance for lead or
22 arsenic or both if not multiple.

23 A. Yes. Yes. That's why they were doing
24 remediation.

25 MR. NIDEL: I'm not ignoring this, but I

1 will look at it on a break. I do appreciate
2 that.

3 MR. STOIA: Sure.

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. What is the remedial action work plan
6 addendum?

7 A. What's the dated on that one? Do you know
8 the date?

9 Q. November of 2016.

10 A. So I think there were two revisions.
11 So -- well, so that one might have been -- I think
12 they wanted to submit an addendum and I think I told
13 them they couldn't. But I think it was to handle
14 deed notices for nonresidential properties. There
15 was a couple of publically owned properties where
16 they wouldn't necessarily clean up the residential.
17 I think that's what that was for. I can't recall.

18 Q. Was an addendum ever submitted?

19 A. They submitted a revised remedial
20 investigation -- or remedial action work plan. In
21 fact, another one was just submitted, just recently,
22 to handle -- it had to do with the disposition of
23 soils that were excavated. So we just -- it's the
24 same document with a couple of minor revisions to
25 it.

1 Q. Did you ever review the McVehil air
2 modeling that was done?

3 THE COURT REPORTER: The what?

4 MR. NIDEL: McVehil, M-C-V-E-H-I-L.

5 A. Yeah, I think so, back when we were first
6 looking at it. Again, I didn't use the modeling
7 as -- I used it as one piece of information.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Okay. What did the modeling show?

10 A. It showed an estimated distance of
11 deposition, if I recall correctly. I don't remember
12 anymore. And I didn't focus on the modeling, so my
13 recollection of the details are not strong.

14 Q. Okay. And how far did it show that
15 deposition occurred?

16 A. I'm not sure. I think it was within the
17 AOC.

18 Q. It was within the AOC?

19 A. I think so. Well, deposition above the
20 standard, so I don't know about beyond that.

21 Q. Is it your testimony that they modeled
22 down to the level of detail of comparing to the
23 standard?

24 A. I don't think so, no.

25 Q. What document -- you're -- you talked

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1 about the ratios and you said I think that the --
2 they discussed the ratios later.

3 Where was that discussed?

4 A. So there's a document and it should have
5 been in some of the materials I provided. I can't
6 recall the name of it. It would have been --
7 it's -- so I think it's, like, late 2016. It's the
8 discussion of the off-site transect work plan. So
9 essentially the work plan they used for
10 developing -- to support how they're going to go
11 about implementing the off-site transects.

12 Q. Was that submitted to the DEP?

13 A. It wasn't, because remedial investigation
14 work plans don't get submitted anymore. So -- but
15 it's in the file. And essentially it prevents -- it
16 presents the -- it presents a detail analysis of the
17 existing data set, including RA data.

18 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 215 was received and
19 marked for identification, as of this date.)

20 BY MR. NIDEL:

21 Q. Hand you Exhibit 215, which is a -- I
22 guess a draft of a remedial action work plan
23 addendum dated November of 2016; is that correct?

24 A. Yeah, it's dated that. This looks like
25 the document I was just -- a version of like -- I

1 don't know if this is a final one. This looks like
2 a version of what would have ultimately been
3 prepared.

4 Q. Okay. And this looks like the document or
5 a draft of the document, or a draft of the document
6 that you're -- that you're thinking --

7 A. That's exactly what I was talking about,
8 this -- a version of this document, because it had
9 attachments to it. You see a -- there's a
10 placeholder for -- the last page is Attachment 1,
11 LSRP presentation. They gave me a presentation,
12 before this was drafted, that was their analysis of
13 the data and that was suggesting that maybe we
14 should do some -- you know, here's -- so here's --
15 see, I didn't have the overall data set to look at.
16 So they were presenting me the data set that they
17 had so far.

18 THE WITNESS: Sorry. Too fast?

19 A. I didn't have the overall data set, so
20 they presented me an analysis of the data set that
21 they had done, that they then were suggesting
22 essentially something like this based on their
23 analysis they said, which I think -- which included
24 analysis of ratios of the data of arsenic and copper
25 and lead and sort of using that to evaluate sources,

1 but also trends. And then -- I think trends,
2 because they had to do a data distribution. I can't
3 remember all the graphs they had on there.

4 And then they also looked at analysis of
5 data different ways. Like, so if you substracted
6 out developed properties versus undeveloped
7 properties -- so if there was a property developed
8 more recently where there could have been
9 disturbance or fill, and soil removed, if they took
10 those out and then looked at the data set, I think
11 the conclusion was that the -- depending on which
12 portion of the graph you looked at with the trends,
13 the off-site AOC may need to extend further. And so
14 that was the basis of doing a sampling, to evaluate
15 that.

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. Okay. In all of that data, was there any
18 data that attempted to quality or quantity the
19 ratios of metals from the source?

20 A. I think so. That's what I'm saying. If I
21 had it in front of me, I could tell you, but I think
22 that's what they were doing, so that -- they were
23 trying to see if -- in our data set, if there were
24 certain things that popped out that probably
25 weren't, so it didn't affect their trend. Because

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1 they're using a trend is to try to see do they need
2 to do additional sampling. So I think they did some
3 of those to determine whether or not the site -- it
4 could or could not be cited later, for the purpose
5 of this analysis, meaning the analysis of how far to
6 go, at least for the -- for the extended sampling.

7 Q. Right. And my recollection of that
8 analysis was to say, well, let's say, for example,
9 if the -- if the arsenic number was high or the lead
10 number was high but the copper number was low, that
11 stood out and that was being disregarded, because it
12 didn't look like it came from the same source that
13 emitted a lot of copper because there was no copper,
14 but there was a lot of lead or arsenic, right?

15 A. I think --

16 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

17 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.

18 A. I think for the purpose for this analysis,
19 I think that's correct.

20 BY MR. NIDEL:

21 Q. Okay. And -- but we don't know, on any
22 given day at this site or any given pile of waste or
23 fugitive dust cloud, how much copper was in that
24 versus how much lead was in that versus how much
25 arsenic was, right?

1 A. I think that's correct.

2 Q. Okay. So how is that -- in your mind, how
3 does that justify disregarding or performing an
4 analysis excluding those data?

5 A. I think -- so, in my mind, the way it
6 worked is that first now, when they did this -- when
7 they did this analysis, they had a much broader data
8 set. So they had a lot of data, was considering a
9 fairly broad data set that had the ability -- better
10 predictable ability. They also weren't using it --
11 and, again, I'm not -- they weren't using it as a
12 be-all/end-all, here's the end of the line, we'll
13 never take another sample. So it was a -- used as a
14 guide to try to really try to parse out where this
15 line likely ends. But, again, or potentially end.

16 So I guess -- because there's a range, you
17 know, so it's -- depending on how you plot it, I
18 think they actually plotted a statistical range and
19 switched the range with distance, you know, how far
20 things may exceed. And I think, in this case, they
21 were doing "things may exceed," as I recall
22 correctly. They looked at their all -- overall data
23 set and I think with -- you know, so taking a few
24 numbers out of there wouldn't affect the overall
25 trend substantially but would provide them a better

1 estimate of where this line should or shouldn't end.
2 Ultimately, the data is going to tell -- at least in
3 my view, the data will decide where things end up.

4 Q. Well, here's what I don't understand. If
5 the conceptual site model was air deposition with
6 decreasing concentrations with distance, right?
7 Doesn't take into account peaks. Doesn't take into
8 account distance from stacks or height of stacks.
9 But that's the general conceptual height model,
10 correct?

11 A. It is the general site model, but it does
12 at least acknowledge those things are variables that
13 exist, those things that you just listed.

14 Q. Okay. Well, acknowledging a peak from --
15 if we just -- let's say that we had just one stack
16 and one emission of one metal. You would see an
17 increase and then a decrease, right? So the
18 conceptual site model for the one stack wouldn't be
19 just decreasing with distance from the stack
20 because, actually, right next to the stack we would
21 get very little of it.

22 A. That's what I'm saying. You would have to
23 consider that. That's --

24 Q. How does the conceptual site model
25 consider that?

1 A. Well, we have samples of fairly long
2 distance out at this point, so -- and we're looking
3 at the data trends.

4 Q. Okay. And long distances, by that you
5 mean what?

6 A. Half a mile, mile.

7 Q. Okay. And what I'm trying to understand
8 is originally your analysis was let's cut it up into
9 zones of increasing distance, and let's look at
10 the -- look and see a trend, and let's do a central
11 tendency analysis by zone and say it's decreasing
12 and it's decreasing at such a fast rate that we're
13 good to go, right?

14 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

15 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
16 question.

17 A. I guess -- that wasn't exactly my
18 conclusion. So the conclusion was base on -- so
19 those zones form the bases of potentially sampling.
20 It may be even looking at the data, but ultimately
21 it was the data itself. So in the RI, the data --
22 if we had that -- so if we had a projected -- the
23 CSM should have projected central tendency that
24 ended -- I'm just going to pick a number, because,
25 again, I don't know this -- I didn't look at a

1 specific distances, at least not recently.

2 If it -- if the CSMs showed that it
3 would -- it should end a quarter mile out but we had
4 data that showed that it was going further, we would
5 have to go further. So the central tendency
6 analysis in those zones were a way of getting
7 started and then would have to consider the rest.
8 And that's why, like, for example, we're doing the
9 transect analysis further out.

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Okay. So once you get the transect data,
12 you could do another analysis of zones and you could
13 say, okay, are we seeing this trend, and if we are,
14 to where do we predict it's going to stop, right?

15 A. I think that's correct.

16 Q. Okay. That has not been done obviously,
17 right?

18 A. Not that I've seen. I don't know what
19 they're -- you know, I don't -- I haven't seen the
20 data from transect --

21 Q. Okay. But look at the exhibit that I gave
22 you, this RAWPA. If you go to page 2.

23 A. (Witness complies.) Roman 2 or the -- the
24 double 2 or the --

25 Q. Number 2. Sorry.

1 The first full paragraph, it says,

2 "Because extrapolation techniques were used to
3 estimate the limits of the off-site AOC."

4 Do you see that?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Top of the -- it's the second sentence of
7 the first full paragraph.

8 A. Oh, I see it now. Okay.

9 Q. You see that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. So you said extrapolation was used,
12 but that wasn't your -- your thing was the boundary
13 samples. This thing tells me extrapolation was
14 used.

15 Which was the basis for your delineation?

16 A. Well --

17 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
18 question.

19 You can answer.

20 A. It was both, so we had point-by-point. As
21 I mentioned earlier, there was some portions that we
22 used extrapolation. I guess I viewed this as being
23 sort of imprecise language.

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. Okay. Did you change it in the final

1 version?

2 A. I don't remember. I guess, to me, the way
3 I viewed it is the data -- I mean, the whole reason
4 we're doing these transacts it to try to figure out
5 what's going on out there. And we're still looking
6 at the data, so...

7 Q. Okay. And if you go to page 3, it talks
8 about -- the bottom of the page talks about metals
9 ratios, arsenic to copper and lead to copper?

10 A. Okay. Yep.

11 Q. Okay. You said you thought it talked
12 about source ratios. I don't see that anywhere.

13 A. Well -- so I -- that first bullet says,
14 "The ratios of these provide evidence of percent
15 potential smelter impacts and also allow alternative
16 sources to be distinguished." So I'm not -- I mean,
17 that's a summary statement, but I -- that's what I
18 think that's -- those are those ratios I was talking
19 about before that they were doing.

20 Q. Yeah, and I'm -- but I'm asking: Did they
21 ever provide data that said on a given day or for a
22 given year or for a given hundred years, that there
23 was 5 pounds of arsenic compared to 10 pounds of
24 copper or anything like that?

25 A. I don't think like that.

1 Q. Was there anything that qualified how much
2 copper -- here's what I see: I see an assumption
3 that a copper smelter emits a lot of copper. Okay?
4 And if you don't find arsenic with copper, then it's
5 not my arsenic; if you don't find lead with copper,
6 it's not my lead.

7 Does that make sense?

8 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
9 question.

10 A. I don't think I've concluded that.

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. That's -- I don't think I've concluded --
14 so we get data from these transects, for example.
15 So this is analysis they're using to try to
16 determine the source, we can data from the
17 transects. I would want to -- I'd have to look at
18 the overall data set to see if something was being
19 excluded for the -- on the basis that it's not
20 related to the smelter. I would need -- and we're
21 not going to remediate it because of that. I'd want
22 to look very closely at the lines of evidence.

23 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 217 was received and
24 marked for identification, as of this date.)

25

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Hand you Exhibit 217.

3 Is Exhibit 217, is that the presentation
4 to the LSRP?

5 A. It may be. It looks like it probably is,
6 or a version of it, because there is some comments
7 still in it.

8 Q. If you look on -- and we'll go by Bates
9 numbers, I guess -- 484 -- yeah, 481, speaker notes
10 for Slide 3. It says, "Background selected at
11 2X" --

12 MR. STOIA: Hang on. He's not there.

13 MR. NIDEL: Okay. Sorry. Thanks.

14 BY MR. NIDEL:

15 Q. "Background selected at 2X, actual
16 background copper levels," do you see that?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Do you know what the background levels
19 were that were selected?

20 A. I don't -- I don't know off the top of my
21 head. I'd have to look, because -- I don't know
22 what note -- speaker note for Slide 3.

23 So we have Slide 3 in here, right?

24 Q. Yeah, I think the slides -- the notes come
25 after the slides.

1 A. Yeah, so I don't know which -- I'm trying
2 to figure which one is Slide 3, but I presume it's
3 like you could tell in there what the assumption
4 was.

5 Q. So let's go -- let's go to page 482.

6 A. (Witness complies.)

7 Q. And on that slide, there is a comment by
8 HJ1.

9 Do you know who HJ1 is? It's sort of for
10 this at the top of the slide. It's just a HJ1 at
11 the top corner --

12 A. 482?

13 MR. STOIA: The comment is at 83, right?

14 MR. NIDEL: The text of the comment is at
15 83. The note that there is a comment is on the
16 slide.

17 MR. STOIA: Got it.

18 BY MR. NIDEL:

19 Q. Do you see that?

20 A. Well, it says "Jason Hughes."

21 Q. Okay. So -- and it talks about, on the
22 slide, so the previous page talks about, "Finding,
23 metals ratios provide evidence of smelter signature
24 and permit alternate sources to be distinguished."

25 Do you see that?

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. And there is a comment -- I don't know
3 where the word "clear" was, but he said, "If we are
4 not a hundred percent sure about the smelter
5 signature, suggest deleting 'clear' and putting in
6 more qualifiers about this statement."

7 Do you see that?

8 A. I do.

9 Q. So, again, what do we know about the
10 smelter signature?

11 A. I haven't looked closely at the smelter
12 signature because I haven't tried to make a
13 determination yet on any given property related to
14 this.

15 Q. Okay. Is there any data that you've
16 reviewed that suggests any consistent or known
17 smelter signature?

18 A. I've had data presented to me. I haven't
19 done a critical analysis of the data in terms of
20 its -- because, again, it wasn't focus. So, like,
21 this data was presented to me in a presentation and
22 it's included in that work plan thing that we were
23 just looking at. But we -- I wasn't, at that point,
24 using it as a specific determiner for whether or not
25 a given exceedance might be -- might or might not be

1 related to this site. Ultimately, something like
2 that might be used, along with other data. I
3 don't -- you know, site-specific information. I
4 don't know.

5 Q. Do you know why they would graph these
6 things on a log -- along log plots?

7 A. So all I can speak -- I can't speak to the
8 specifics in this case. I'm not familiar with
9 exactly why they did it here. But frequently I
10 think it it's done in order to evaluate whether
11 there's a trend and whether there's a correlation.
12 And sometimes the easiest way to do it is a log off.

13 Q. Simply because it just compresses the
14 data?

15 A. I think so. And I -- yes. Or it shows up
16 as a line and so then allows you to do -- so it --
17 it would -- I think it would be potentially a curve
18 if you didn't log transform it. So you do it as a
19 line and it allows you to get the slope of the
20 correlation.

21 Q. Right. Even though it's -- I mean, the
22 data could be correlated or not, and then, as you
23 said, correlation is not necessarily causation.

24 A. It --

25 Q. Let me finish.

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1 But you take the log and it makes it look
2 like a line, right?

3 A. Yeah, although that's -- it's a commonly
4 done thing, so I don't -- again, I didn't look at
5 these -- specifically what was done here.

6 Q. And if you turn to 114514 --

7 A. (Witness complies.)

8 Q. -- there is a map that shows soil data
9 with respect to redevelopment. And we had talked
10 earlier about the fact that some areas have been
11 redeveloped and those areas were cleaner than sort
12 of -- you know, they were sort of clean outliers
13 based on their development, right?

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. And you would agree that those areas
16 include portions of Chrome Park, the north part of
17 Chrome Park?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. As well as portions of the north -- well,
20 using north -- northeast --

21 A. North is up on this figure.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. Reasonably so.

24 Q. So northeastern corner of the site?

25 A. Yes. I think a lot of that data is -- I

1 can't tell whether or not it's an artifact of being
2 redeveloped specifically. But it does look like --
3 there's certainly been redevelopment here and the
4 concentrations are lower. So I don't -- you know.
5 But I think this was the basis -- so -- and this is
6 also 0 to 6, but this was the basis for wanting to
7 do -- this sort of analysis was the basis for
8 wanting to do the transects.

9 Q. If you go to page 114521 --

10 A. (Witness complies.)

11 Q. -- there is some data from modeling that
12 was done, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And that shows data going out to over
15 1 1/2 kilometers, right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. And then it, also on the next
18 slide -- two slides later or two pages later, there
19 is notes. It says, "Scenario 1, short stacks,
20 100 feet" --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- "scenario 2, 225-foot stacks," right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. So based on this modeling, which we don't
25 know -- you don't know anything about that modeling,

1 right?

2 A. Not any details.

3 Q. Okay. But you do know that it's saying
4 it's going out at least to 1 1/2 to 2 kilometers,
5 right?

6 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. That's the suggestion from that modeling,
9 right?

10 A. Yes. I don't know what concentrations on
11 4521 -- in this particular instance, I don't know
12 what the left-hand -- I don't what those -- I think
13 those are airborne concentrations being dispersion
14 model.

15 Q. Right.

16 A. So I don't know what these mean in terms
17 of depositions specifically.

18 Q. Okay. But you realize that they are
19 suggesting that the contaminates traveled, at least
20 in the air, out to at least 1 1/2 kilometers or
21 further?

22 A. That's what the model seems to say.

23 Q. Okay. And then on the speaker notes two
24 pages later, it says short stack is a hundred,
25 Scenario 2, 225 stacks, right?

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. And there is -- I will tell you, if you
3 don't know, there was also a 400-plus-foot stack,
4 right?

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. So that would have even gone further,
7 right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. But you did not take any of that
10 into account in your assessment of the site, right?

11 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

12 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

13 A. Well, so that's where I disagree.

14 So the fact that a particle could travel a
15 kilometer and a half doesn't necessarily mean it's
16 an indicator that something exceeding a standard.
17 So if our data distribution -- so, like, some of
18 these have data distribution plotted on them. If
19 our concentrations decrease -- and on the bottom, I
20 don't know what these distances are off the top of
21 my head, but -- because these are all Northings.

22 But if the concentrations decrease -- so
23 just as example -- and I -- I'm not familiar exactly
24 what the -- and I'm just looking at this as we're
25 speaking. I've looked -- I've seen it before,

1 but -- so this is on 4525. And so -- so they're
2 looking at the lead 95 percent UCL per use area. So
3 this is essentially averages then plotted, so a
4 series of averages then plotted across.

5 And you can see, when you get down
6 someplace short -- and it looks like this line -- I
7 don't know if this line is, but -- so the standard
8 is 400. So on the left-hand side, the vertical is
9 plotted in milligrams per kilograms. So that's the
10 soil concentration. The soil concentration standard
11 is -- to meet residential is 400.

12 So somewhere, based on this data
13 distribution, you start meeting it along about
14 Northing 4491600, based on this data distribution.
15 So this data distribution itself, the distribution
16 of the actual soil data is different -- it's -- it
17 follows a path -- the slope is similar to the -- to
18 the air dispersion model, but it's -- it doesn't
19 necessarily mean that you exceed the standard that
20 far out.

21 That's how I understand this.

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. You're pretty good. Because you're
24 calculating a slope from this data just staring at
25 it?

1 A. Well, I think the central tendency
2 probably looks something like this. But even if you
3 took the top, so --

4 Q. I know you're good, but you're not a
5 computer. I mean, I --

6 A. I'm not saying I'm a computer. You
7 asked --

8 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

9 A. You asked my opinion and I gave it.

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Well, you -- no, you actually gave your
12 opinion. You said the slope is consistent with the
13 modeling. And I'm --

14 A. That's what I said. I gave my opinion.
15 You asked my opinion and I gave it.

16 Q. And I'm not sure that I see a clear slope.
17 I don't see a line fit to that data.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. I do see two scenarios modeled out that go
20 well further than the data that was sampled. And I
21 do see samples --

22 A. On the other hand, there is no samples
23 that exceed --

24 MR. STOIA: Mike wait --

25 THE WITNESS: Sorry. Sorry.

1 MR. STOIA: -- for --

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. And I do see samples that are low that are
4 close to the stack, a lot of them. And I see
5 samples that are far away that exceed the standard.

6 MR. STOIA: What's your question?

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. Right?

9 A. Okay. So what I see, though, is that
10 closer to the stack, there is some that
11 concentrations are up in the thousands. And the
12 center where there's a -- so as we get further away,
13 the maximum concentration of the averages goes --
14 starts getting below a thousand. And then as we get
15 towards the 1,600 line or before, depending on which
16 part you look at, but even the maximum
17 concentration -- when you get that far out, the
18 maximum UCLs don't exceed 400.

19 Q. Okay. So the proposed step-out area was
20 1,600 meters from the stack and that was based on
21 the 225-foot stack modeling, right?

22 A. That sounds right.

23 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. Okay. So if you had a 410- or -20-foot

1 stack, you would go out even further, right?

2 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

3 A. Probably. Although I'd also consider the
4 data. So if the data didn't support going out of
5 that far -- just, like, as I pointed out,
6 airborne -- air dispersion doesn't necessarily -- it
7 tells you how far a particle might go, but not how
8 much -- how -- so not how much actually landed
9 there. The closer you get, you know, further out,
10 the concentrations in air decrease, so that means
11 you're going to likely have lower concentrations in
12 the soil. So these show decreasing concentrations
13 in air. And I see decrease in concentrations in the
14 soil as well. If those are continued to be
15 supportive, we see concentrations in soil that don't
16 do this, you know, don't decrease, we'd have to go
17 further.

18 BY MR. NIDEL:

19 Q. Okay. Have you reviewed anything done by
20 Integral?

21 A. Yes, but I don't recall what.

22 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 218 was received and
23 marked for identification, as of this date.)

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. I hand you 218. It's a memo from Integral

1 dated March 14, 2016. Is that fair?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Have you reviewed that?

4 A. I don't recall. I might have.

5 Q. They recommend -- if you look at the
6 second page, they look at selecting cadmium and zinc
7 as being most correlated to soil copper
8 concentrations?

9 A. Where are we, page 2?

10 Q. Yeah, bottom of page 2. Second-to-last
11 full paragraph, last sentence.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Are you -- are you recommending that they
14 use cadmium and zinc to better fingerprint the
15 smelter as a source for contaminants?

16 A. I guess I'd characterize it this way: I'm
17 not recommending that one way or the other
18 specifically. However, if you want to make a case
19 that the material is not yours, when we get to that
20 point that -- if you want to make a case that some
21 concentrations at some distance from the site are no
22 longer yours and barring some other -- depending --
23 this would be a line of evidence that you'd want to
24 support that. But it's not a requirement.

25 Q. Are you -- is anyone making the argument

1 currently that the contaminants are not theirs,
2 off-site contaminants are not theirs?

3 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

4 A. Not that I've heard. I think there's
5 been -- as you can see in these sorts of documents,
6 there's some documents that lay out some potential
7 pathways for doing that.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Has Joe Brunner sent you that in an email?

10 A. Sent me this?

11 Q. Sent you an argument that we've got a
12 bunch of hits in the transects but it's not our
13 stuff?

14 MR. STOIA: Objection to the form of the
15 question.

16 A. No, I haven't seen any of the transect
17 data or any conclusions related to transect data, I
18 don't think.

19 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 219 was received and
20 marked for identification, as of this date.)

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. Hand you Exhibit 219.

23 Exhibit 219 is an email from you to Joe
24 Brunner, November 13, 2017, right?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And in the middle paragraph, you talk
2 about how Fred Mumford from NJDEP called you and he
3 noted that there was a lower standard use for lead
4 based on updated EPA screening and risk values
5 related to juvenile blood concentrations and he
6 suggested -- he noted the information in case you
7 wanted use a more stringent standard.

8 Do you see that?

9 A. Yeah, I do. I recall this not. I didn't
10 recall this earlier.

11 Q. Okay. Yeah, I asked you about that
12 before?

13 A. You did. And I didn't recall it.

14 Q. Okay. So isn't it true you had a
15 conversation with Fred Mumford?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And he suggested using 250, right?

18 A. He did.

19 Q. Okay.

20 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Counsel.

21 Mr. McNally. Hand. Thank you.

22 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. Why was that not done?

25 A. It's not a requirement in New Jersey.

1 It's not standard in New Jersey. So I don't have
2 the authority to require USMR to do something the
3 beyond the current standards, as far as I'm aware.

4 Q. Okay. Is the goal of your work to make
5 for a safe environment for families and kids on
6 their property or just to confirm or require
7 compliance with New Jersey regs?

8 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

9 MR. SCHICK: Object to form.

10 A. Sorry. The objection made me smile, so...

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. And to be clear, given the objection, I'm
13 not saying whether or not those New Jersey regs are
14 safe or not.

15 Let me finish, just for her sake.

16 However, what I am saying is they may be
17 inconsistent. And all I'm saying here is that --
18 all I'm asking is: Is it your job to require
19 compliance with the regs or to require a safe
20 property?

21 A. As I --

22 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

23 MR. STOIA: Same objection.

24 Go ahead.

25 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

Michael McNally

1 A. As I understand it, it's to comply with
2 New Jersey standards. I don't have -- so as we --
3 as I said before or we talked about before, I'm not
4 a risk assessor. As you have mentioned, the
5 different states have different standards, different
6 cleanup goals, different methods of doing them.
7 I'm -- I don't have any legal standing to require
8 anything beyond that.

9 So, to answer your question, I don't -- I
10 don't know that I have an opinion necessarily about
11 NJDEP's process. But I don't think I have the
12 authority to require analysis -- or require cleanup
13 beyond that.

14 BY MR. NIDEL:

15 Q. Okay. You're not -- you're not saying
16 that by complying with the regulations, that they
17 are or are not creating a safe environment for kids
18 and families, correct?

19 MR. STOIA: Objection, form.

20 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

21 A. I'm only saying that to the extent that I
22 understand NJDEP based the standards on what they
23 have determined is safe, then I think it's safe.

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. Okay. And then Fred Mumford calls you and

1 says, hey, EPA seems to think that a lower number
2 might be better, what do you think about using it,
3 and your response is I have no authority to require
4 that and, therefore, I didn't, right?

5 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

6 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

7 A. Yes, I suggest it to the client, but I
8 don't have any authority to require it.

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. Did you suggest it to the client?

11 A. That's what this is.

12 Q. Okay. And what did the client's -- what
13 was the client's response?

14 A. We -- I don't think we're using it, so.

15 Q. Okay. So it was their decision not to use
16 Fred's recommendation, right?

17 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form of the
18 question.

19 MR. STOIA: Object to the form.

20 A. I think so. I didn't drive it and we're
21 not using it, so...

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. Because I -- because I don't think I can
25 drive it. Even if I -- you know, even if I wanted

1 to, I don't think I have that authority.

2 THE COURT REPORTER: I need to plug in for
3 my battery.

4 MR. NIDEL: Okay. Sounds like we need to
5 take a break.

6 THE COURT REPORTER: Yeah, we do. Because
7 I don't want to lose anything.

8 MR. NIDEL: Yeah, let's do that. Let's
9 take a break, then.

10 MR. STOIA: How much time have we used?

11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Stand by.

12 This marks the end of Media No. 4. We're
13 going off the record at 3:37 p.m.

14 (Recess was taken.)

15 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 221 was received and
16 marked for identification, as of this date.)

17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the start of
18 Media No. 5. We're back on the record at
19 3:48 p.m.

20 BY MR. NIDEL:

21 Q. I'm going to go ahead and hand you
22 Exhibit 221. Can you identify Exhibit 221?

23 A. The "Off-site Area of Concern, Remedial
24 Investigation Report, May 2016."

25 Q. Okay. And what is that?

1 A. This is the -- at least it looks like the
2 final remedial investigation report that was
3 submitted in May 2016, or at least close enough,
4 where the off-site AOC went in with part of the
5 overall AOC -- overall RI.

6 Q. Okay. And where in there does it talk
7 about how you delineated the metals in soil off
8 site?

9 A. I think it's in Section 7.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. I'm trying to sort out what's here.

12 There is also conclusions in Section 8.

13 Q. Okay. So in Section 7, it talks about the
14 central tendencies by zone, correct?

15 A. Yeah, they talk about central tendencies,
16 where it talks -- the text reports -- discussions
17 central tendencies.

18 Q. Okay. And when you're talking about the
19 conclusions with respect to metals, you're talking
20 about Section 8.1?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. Okay. So the basis for the conclusion was
23 the -- turning to the central tendencies, right?
24 8.1 and then No. 1?

25 A. That was one of the conclusions, yeah.

1 Q. Okay. And then extrapolation of the data,
2 what is the extrapolation of the data that was
3 Bullet Point 2?

4 A. So -- I'm trying to find -- figure out
5 which figure it's on. In the figures -- so let me
6 see if I can sort this out. It's -- so
7 Figure 8-1 --

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. -- and the text, these are
10 point-by-point -- it's hard to see because it's
11 black and white, but these are point-by-point
12 analysis of the arsenic and lead data. Previous
13 figures showed that pretty much all the other
14 constituents didn't exceed the standards maybe with
15 a -- like one or two small exceptions, but by and
16 large, these were the two that exceeded.

17 So if you look at the data -- and it's
18 hard to tell which one is which -- the smaller dots
19 are arsenic samples and the bigger dots are lead
20 samples. And the data is presented next to each
21 one. As you get further out, you can see towards
22 the northern property boundary, with a couple of
23 exceptions, like notably sample -- I think it's
24 60.15 where you have a lead detection of twelve --
25 1,260. Pretty much all the other ones start meeting

1 the residential standard up near that northern
2 boundary.

3 Same thing for arsenic. Arsenic was --
4 exceeded a little bit -- generally exceeded -- this
5 is -- it generally exceeded closer to the boundary
6 and started to get cleaner further out. That was --
7 this sort of analysis -- and there's additional data
8 presented in the other figures but was the basis for
9 what I felt supported the analysis.

10 In some cases to the northeast, there were
11 a couple of lead sample -- like, there is a lead
12 sample in 60.20. And I can't remember all the
13 details individually. Some of these, we may have
14 used -- essentially extrapolated because they were
15 close. You know, do we stop at the boundary. And
16 so the boundary is an approximation in those areas.

17 Q. Okay. So I'm trying to -- so it looks to
18 me like you got the trend of central tendencies,
19 right, number one? I'm just trying to get something
20 that we can converse.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. Right?

23 You've got the extrapolation of the data.
24 And then in Bullet Point 4, there is a discussion
25 of -- well, I guess there is this -- the actual

1 point-by-point samples, right?

2 So there is the central tendencies by
3 zone, there is the extrapolation of the data set as
4 a whole, and there is the point-by-point data. And
5 you're saying the most -- the data most valued to
6 you was the point-by-point data that indicated, in
7 general, a clean boundary?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. And you -- we've talked about
10 modeling. We've looked at modeling. It's your
11 assessment that the modeling is not the primary line
12 of evidence and you are focusing your lines of
13 evidence primarily on the data itself, right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. And you would agree that that's
16 also something that Freeport and its other
17 consultants have determined is the best approach; is
18 that right?

19 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

20 A. I don't know what they've determined, you
21 know, in terms of their -- I don't know about their
22 specific opinions. My view is that that's
23 ultimately what's required.

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. Okay. And that's also what you've

1 submitted in reports with your certification, right,
2 that this is --

3 A. I think --

4 Q. -- driven by the data?

5 A. I think --

6 THE COURT REPORTER: That this is what?

7 MR. NIDEL: Driven by the data.

8 A. That's what it intended to be, at least
9 that's my view.

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Okay. And so you would agree that if the
12 additional data for the AOC and/or the data for the
13 transects indicates contaminants in exceedance of
14 the remediation standards at the boundaries or
15 beyond the boundaries that your delineation needs to
16 be reevaluated, correct?

17 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

18 A. Yes. We had adjusted delineation -- the
19 size of the AOC would reflect what the data actually
20 supports, assuming that it's -- you know, there
21 isn't some obvious -- some other source that we can
22 ultimately determine it's not ours.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. Okay. And the conclusions based on that
25 data, assuming again that the data shows something

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1 different than the data for that first Phase 1
2 sampling, those conclusions would need to be
3 reevaluated, correct?

4 A. The conclusions that are in this report?

5 Q. The conclusions that you've -- that you've
6 derived from the basis of this is quickly
7 decreasing, it's decreasing over a short distance,
8 and the boundary that you've established on
9 Roosevelt Avenue is the boundary of impacts from the
10 site?

11 A. Yes, we'd -- I'd reevaluate the boundary
12 based on the data we have.

13 Q. Okay. And there was a discussion and
14 ensuing debate about the assessment of dioxins and
15 furans.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Is that delineation also contained in this
18 report?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. And if you go -- that's got some
21 analysis in Section 7 as well as in Section 8,
22 correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. And in Section 7, it also has very
25 same -- very similar, if not the same language,

1 regarding off-site samples compared to stack
2 samples, comparing octa levels and other congeners,
3 correct? That would be on page --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- 32, right?

6 A. I'm sorry. I was looking at 39.

7 I'm sorry. Can you repeat that question?

8 Q. Page 32.

9 A. Yeah, I'm on it now.

10 Q. Okay. That includes the same -- a very
11 similar discussion, if not the same language that we
12 previous high discussed?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. And then there are graphs of those
15 fingerprints including the eight or ten off-site
16 samples, as well as the stack samples and then a
17 comparison of those?

18 A. That sounds right. Or that's correct.

19 Q. There's no discussion of the soil samples,
20 correct?

21 A. There doesn't appear to be.

22 Q. There's no discussion of weathering,
23 correct?

24 A. I don't think so.

25 Q. There's no discussion of the samples that

1 you thought were the most informative with respect
2 to the fingerprint analysis, correct?

3 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
4 question.

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. That is those -- the on-site soil
7 fingerprints, correct?

8 A. No, there doesn't appear to be discussion
9 of the on-site soil --

10 Q. Okay. And then --

11 A. -- in terms of fingerprinting.

12 Q. Okay. And then the conclusions are drawn
13 in Section 8.

14 And what were those conclusions?

15 A. Ultimately concluded that the delineation
16 was complete. There is a discussion about the
17 relative source. But the main point was that the --
18 was that the samples essentially achieved the
19 standard with a small exception and it had to be
20 addressed.

21 Q. Who found this reference to Cleverly on
22 page 39? Is that yours?

23 A. I don't think it's mine.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. I presume it's Arcadis.

1 Q. Okay. There's no discussion of
2 weathering, right? We said that, right?

3 A. I don't think.

4 Q. There's no discussion of open burning of
5 plastic?

6 A. I don't think so. Perhaps in the overall
7 RI, that main on-site RI report, that would have
8 been discussion of the historic work that was done
9 there.

10 Q. But you don't know?

11 A. I don't recall.

12 Q. And that is not discussed here, right?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Do you know what the fingerprint of
15 that -- the emissions from that burning was?

16 A. No.

17 Q. You don't know where on the site that
18 burning was done, right?

19 A. Generally in the central portion, but not
20 exactly. Not without looking at figures.

21 Q. Do you know for how many years that was
22 done?

23 A. I don't recall.

24 Q. Do you know how many tons of plastic wire
25 were burned?

1 A. No.

2 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 220 was received and
3 marked for identification, as of this date.)

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. Hand you Exhibit 220.

6 Exhibit 220 is a -- well, looks like a
7 PowerPoint from -- titled "USMR 12/4/13 Review
8 Meeting," Bates-labeled 836109; is that fair?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. Have you reviewed that document
11 before or were you at that meeting?

12 A. I don't recall, so -- I don't recall this
13 specific meeting, so if I can take a look at the
14 slides, I'll see if I can -- if they look familiar.

15 Q. Earlier I asked you if anyone --

16 MR. STOIA: He's reviewing the document.

17 MR. NIDEL: Oh. Oh, okay. Sorry. Sorry.

18 That's my fault.

19 A. This may not have been a meeting I was
20 part of. This might have been a meeting with the
21 borough. I'm not -- I'm not saying I wasn't there,
22 but it -- just based on the context, there is some
23 bullets -- it may have been a meeting that I was at
24 with the borough as well. I don't know. So -- I
25 don't know. So I can't speak to whether I was there

1 or not off the top of my head.

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. Earlier I had asked you if anyone from
4 Freeport had indicated to you that the contamination
5 off site was not theirs.

6 Do you recall that?

7 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

8 A. I don't recall you indicating that --

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. Well, I asked you if Joe Brunner had
11 emailed you that and --

12 A. Oh. Yeah, I still don't recall a specific
13 statement that was saying that there is no off-site
14 contamination that's ours.

15 Q. Okay. Has anyone from Freeport ever
16 admitted to you that the contamination off site was
17 theirs, or any portion of it?

18 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

19 A. I don't think it's ever come about in that
20 way. They're paying for the remediation and
21 investigation, so I never asked them whether they
22 felt like they were responsible for it.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. On page Bates-numbered 115 -- last three
25 are 115. And if you look at -- the prior pages are

1 the conceptual site model discussion. Okay?

2 And then there is a slide, "Expected Trend
3 from Air Deposition." You see that?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. And it says -- the first sub-bullet, it
6 says, after the preliminary rises, deposition from
7 stack emissions tends to decrease."

8 Do you see that?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And so that's what we were talking with
11 respect to sort of a gap, an increase, and then a
12 decrease, right?

13 Yes, is that --

14 A. Yes, yes. I'm sorry. I was nodding my
15 head. Sorry. I was reading while we're talking.

16 Q. And you don't know what that rise -- what
17 the distance of that rise or fall is, right?

18 A. Not off the top of my head, but the next
19 bullet down does say that the -- for copper and lead
20 smelters, the distance tends to be shorter because
21 the particles are heavier.

22 Q. Okay. And you don't know what the size of
23 the particles were, right?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And you see -- I don't think these folks

1 knew either. I probably have asked them. But since
2 you brought it up, we can talk about it again.

3 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. Do you know if that was true at the
6 Carteret smelter, that the particles were heavy and
7 somehow fell from --

8 A. I don't know specifically, no.

9 Q. Okay. You don't know anything about the
10 weight of the particles, right?

11 A. No. Although I have -- I do recall, from
12 reading some other materials, that -- this is my
13 general understanding about some -- which is very
14 broad, my general understanding of some of the other
15 things that have been found at other smelter sites,
16 that they tend to be something like this, but it
17 also depends on a number of factors.

18 Q. Okay. Is it your understanding that other
19 smelter sites that you've reviewed, their
20 contaminants, as far as exceedances of any state or
21 EPA standards, that they're confined to an area
22 within a half mile of the smelter stack?

23 A. I don't recall. And different states have
24 different standards, so it's hard to -- I don't
25 know.

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1 Q. Okay. What smelter sites did you review?

2 A. I don't recall.

3 Q. Okay. How many of them did you review?

4 A. There were a few. I don't remember. It
5 was when -- when we were first getting starting, I
6 did a -- like an Internet search. And so I don't --
7 like, I don't think it was like a -- it wasn't a
8 formal review where I kept copies of the documents.
9 I was trying to just get a sense of what certain --
10 you know, what things we're looking at, at other
11 similar sites.

12 Q. Okay. And how far at smelter sites were
13 they looking?

14 A. I don't recall.

15 Q. You don't recall if it was feet or miles?

16 A. I don't recall. I don't recall the
17 details of it.

18 Q. What did you search for in Google?

19 A. Probably "copper smelter," "secondary
20 copper smelter," "contamination" -- I don't know. I
21 don't even know. Things like that.

22 Q. Probably something similar to what I
23 searched for when I found a handful of studies I
24 found, right?

25 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

1 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

2 A. I don't know what you searched for.

3 BY MR. NIDEL:

4 Q. I don't know what you searched for either,
5 but --

6 A. That's what I'm saying. I don't know. I
7 just gave you an example, what I might have searched
8 for.

9 Q. So none of those studies that you searched
10 for, none of them indicated distances of miles?

11 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

12 A. I don't -- it's been a while since I
13 looked at those studies.

14 BY MR. NIDEL:

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. And, again, because I was primarily
17 focused on -- so -- if -- again, I'm looking at the
18 data itself. I was less concerned about the
19 modeling. Or modeling or particulate transport per
20 se as -- it's the mode of things getting there but
21 doesn't necessarily dictate, on its own, the
22 concentrations.

23 Q. Okay. And if you go to the next page,
24 you've got Dunk's model.

25 Do you know who Richard Dunk was?

1 A. Which --

2 Q. It's on page 10 of the -- Slide No. 10.

3 It's -- 118 is the Bates number.

4 Do you know who Richard Dunk was?

5 A. I don't specifically. I think he
6 developed distribute -- air dispersion models, but I
7 don't know.

8 Q. Okay. Did you -- how many of his models
9 did you review, if any?

10 A. I don't recall.

11 Q. Okay. Do you recall reviewing any
12 specifically?

13 A. I reviewed a couple. I don't remember the
14 ones I reviewed.

15 Q. Okay. Well, his model here shows lead
16 levels going out to -- I don't know. What's that?
17 What was that 5 or so kilometers? 4 1/2?
18 4-point-some kilometers. Is that right?

19 A. It shows -- these are air values.

20 Q. I understand.

21 A. So I'm -- it shows that there is the
22 potential for lead in this model to go -- I think
23 it's 4. And wherever that -- it crosses the
24 boundary at zero.

25 Q. Okay. And it ends at 10 kilometers,

1 right? It looks like it's -- 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
2 10 -- so about 4?

3 A. Yeah, I think it's 4.

4 Q. Okay. And do you know what the air
5 standard is for lead?

6 A. I don't know off the top of my head.

7 Q. Okay. Do you know where this graph
8 indicates exceedances of the air standard?

9 A. It's hard for me to read the graph, so --
10 I could guess, but I'd be guessing.

11 Q. Okay. And, again, this is an air model,
12 so depending on how long this was done for and to
13 what extend those models particles deposited, right,
14 that would -- that would indicate what the levels
15 were in the soil, whether there was any
16 redevelopment, effects of rain and weather, correct?

17 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

18 A. With this, as I -- as I read this, what it
19 tells me is where, you know, a potential particle --
20 because I -- I don't know what the left-hand scale
21 is, so -- I'm assuming -- I don't even know --
22 it's -- I don't know if it's logarithmic or -- it
23 looks like it's -- it's logarithmic on the vertical.
24 So I don't know what it means in terms of what
25 deposition could be, because the fact that a -- this

1 model shows a particle going up 4 kilometers, that
2 could mean that there's .00001 of lead in the soil
3 contributed or it could mean more. I don't know.

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. And it also could mean 4,000, right?

6 A. It could, if you had data that supported
7 that.

8 Q. Okay. But you don't know, right?

9 A. Well, if you have soil data within this --
10 within this range, you would know.

11 Q. Okay. And then if you go to page 12,
12 there is a discussion of particle size, right?

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. And there is a general discussion, like
15 you referenced earlier, about large particles and
16 copper smelters and copper smelters. Emissions
17 factors are four times greater than for small
18 particles for big particles, right? You see that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. Do you know if this is accurate for
21 the Carteret smelter?

22 A. I don't know specifically, no.

23 Q. Do you know what percentage of particles
24 emitted from the Carteret smelter were under
25 1 micron?

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1 A. I don't.

2 Q. Under --

3 A. It might be in the records, but I don't
4 know off the --

5 Q. Under 25 microns?

6 A. I don't know.

7 Q. Okay. Can you recall specifically any
8 records that indicated what that --

9 A. No --

10 Q. -- percentage was?

11 A. No, I don't recall any specific records,
12 although I wouldn't have looked at them in quite
13 some time.

14 Q. Do you recall any records generally
15 indicating that? So do you recall that you reviewed
16 records that indicated the particle size but you
17 can't recall specifically what they are, or do you
18 not have any recollection of reviewing particle size
19 data?

20 A. I don't have any specific --

21 THE COURT REPORTER: Particle size?

22 MR. NIDEL: Particle size data.

23 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

24 A. I don't have any specific recollection of
25 looking at particle size data other than perhaps

1 something like this. But I don't recall. There
2 were dispersion models that were done that I did
3 look at and they may have included some analysis and
4 particle size. But I don't recall.

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. Have you ever used the TIA database?

7 Was that a "no"? Sorry.

8 A. I didn't respond. I don't think so.

9 Q. Do you have access to the TIA database?

10 A. Oh. The TIA -- I'm sorry. The TIA
11 database is the Arcadis database. No, I don't have
12 access to it.

13 Q. You do not have a log-in?

14 A. I don't think so.

15 Q. Have you asked for a log-in?

16 A. No.

17 THE COURT REPORTER: And what's it called?

18 MR. SCHICK: T-I-A --

19 MR. NIDEL: It's T-I-A.

20 MR. SCHICK: -- all caps.

21 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. Thank you.

22 (Plaintiffs' Exhibits 222 and 223 were
23 received and marked for identification, as of
24 this date.)

25

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. I hand you Exhibits 222 and 223.

3 222 is an area that is north of the AOC.

4 The AOC is outlined in, I think, yellow and then,

5 there's a boundary around -- outlined in purple

6 that's easier to see.

7 You see that?

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. And 223 is the AOC area itself.

10 So if you put them one on top of the other

11 you can see how they're just -- one's just a

12 continuation of the other. Okay?

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. The samples that are -- this is from the

15 TIA database. The samples' locations are indicated

16 with red and green triangles.

17 You see those?

18 A. Yes. And blue.

19 Q. Blue, where are you seeing blue. Oh,

20 blue. Correct. Down there. I think it's -- I

21 think it's just a clustering of them. But -- and

22 they end up -- I don't know why they're blue, but

23 okay. Fair enough.

24 So if you look at Exhibit 223 -- and by

25 the way, the locations where there's an exceedance

1 are highlighted as red and where there's no
2 exceedance are highlighted as green.

3 Do you see that? Or I'm telling you that.

4 Okay?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. You see the areas in the park where
7 there's a clustering of clean samples and -- along
8 with the area in the northeast corner.

9 You see those?

10 A. Just a second. I'm --

11 Q. And I'm just talking about the AOC. So --

12 A. No, I understand.

13 Q. -- I'm looking at 223.

14 A. Yeah, because in 222, it's blue, so that's
15 what I was looking -- I had them overlapping one
16 another so that I could join them. But, yes, I see
17 green and orange.

18 Q. Okay. And --

19 A. And there's more green in the park and in
20 the northeast corner.

21 Q. Okay. And that's consistent with what you
22 know about the development history of the northeast
23 corner, correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. And what we now know about the

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1 development history of the park, correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. When did you become aware of the --
4 that the area in the northeast corner was
5 redeveloped and had, you know, clean or other fill
6 brought in?

7 A. I think we knew it may have been a newer
8 development during the RI, although the impact of
9 that and how it specifically affected the data --
10 just because there's redevelopment doesn't
11 necessarily mean that there's clean fill brought in.
12 So I don't think we knew about the potential
13 influence of specific redevelopment activities and
14 how it might affect the data until we started
15 looking at the transects data and getting more of
16 this type of fill-in than we had to start out.

17 Q. What years were the emissions from the
18 facility the greatest? Can you tell me anything
19 about a qualitative trend that it --

20 A. I think they were highest in -- up into
21 the '60s and -- '50s and '60s. And I think they --
22 they may have been pretty high still, but they had
23 to put -- start putting controls on them in the '70s
24 and '80s, if I recall correctly.

25 Q. Okay. And, again, that's consistent -- I

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1 know you qualified and said we don't know if it was
2 clean fill. But you knew, at the time, that this
3 area was -- in the northeast corner was developed
4 after sometime in the '60s, correct?

5 A. I presume, yes. Yes, that area was
6 developed more recently.

7 Q. Okay. And to go to Exhibit 222,
8 Exhibit 222 are samples that you've been referring
9 to as the transects.

10 Does that look correct to you?

11 A. Generally, yes. I don't -- I don't have
12 the work plan in front of me, but, yes, this looks
13 like the right area and the right sort of what I
14 would expect the locations to look like.

15 Q. Okay. Is there a reason why there's no
16 transect off further to the northwest?

17 A. I don't think there is anything specific
18 other than this was sort of a scoping.

19 Q. Okay. You can see -- I know you have not
20 reviewed the results of the transect sampling, but
21 their results are indicated by color on these -- on
22 Exhibit 222 that show almost entire -- almost every
23 single sample point there is an exceedance in this
24 transects.

25 Do you see that?

1 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

2 A. So the orange is greater than the
3 standards?

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. What you're calling as orange -- and I
6 understand why you're calling it that -- it's
7 actually red. I think I might have been low on
8 toner or just --

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. -- not --

11 A. But what --

12 Q. Yeah.

13 A. Nongreen?

14 Q. The -- yes, the red or orange indicates an
15 exceedance at that location.

16 A. Of the standards?

17 Q. Of the standards.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. Of one or more of the standards.

20 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. Okay?

23 But you, again, have not reviewed that
24 data yet, right?

25 A. This is the first time I've seen any of

1 the data.

2 Q. Okay.

3 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 224 was received and
4 marked for identification, as of this date.)

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. I hand you Exhibit 224.

7 Exhibit 224 is a data set outputted from
8 the TIA database of the data that represents the
9 data selected in Exhibit 222. Okay? Selecting
10 those data points and outputting those sampled
11 results.

12 Do you see that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And there is -- that database output is
15 copper, lead, arsenic, and an exceed flag as to
16 whether or not there is an exceedance there.

17 Do you see that?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And it gives, you know, for various sample
20 locations and depths and dates, right?

21 Is that --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- look fair to you? Okay.

24 The only change I've done to this data is
25 at the back bottom page is I've tallied up the

1 number of exceedances and the number of not
2 exceedances. There is a "yes" of 541 and "no" of --
3 I think is -- is that 294?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And then I took a ratio that's 1.8. So
6 1.8 exceedances -- 1.8 to 1. Okay? Exceedances are
7 at 1.8 to 1 nonexceedances; is that fair?

8 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. Do you understand what I'm saying?

11 A. I do.

12 Q. Okay. So the data looks like you've got a
13 total of 835 data points, locations. 541 of those
14 exceed. Two hundred thirty -- 294 of those don't
15 exceed. And you can try my math, but that's roughly
16 a 1.8-to-1 ratio.

17 Fair enough?

18 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

19 A. Sure.

20 BY MR. NIDEL:

21 Q. Okay. Do you know how that compares to
22 what the sampling that was done in the AOC is?

23 A. The ratio, no.

24 Q. Yeah.

25 A. And also -- so, just as a caveat, I also

1 don't know how many of these sort of -- I'm not
2 saying the ratio doesn't -- is incorrect, but
3 it's -- like, one might expect that if you had
4 exceedance in one spot vertically -- and I -- it
5 looks like there is a couple of different depth
6 intervals here. I'm just -- like I said, I haven't
7 done the data before. May -- is it all six? Maybe
8 it's -- no. I don't know what the intervals are.

9 So you could have a case where you have
10 multiple samples in the same location with different
11 depths, so I don't know how the ratio is
12 horizontally versus total, so -- because that might
13 mean you, essentially -- by area, you're doubling up
14 on a -- despite that it exceeds. But that's sort of
15 besides the point.

16 Q. Yeah. And just to be clear, my point is
17 not these are exactly the same. We could look at
18 the numbers and we could do a comparison.

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. We could look and see that the transects
21 maybe weren't sampled to the same depth?

22 A. That's what -- I don't --

23 Q. But you would agree with me that if these
24 numbers in fact come from the TIA database and if
25 they are in fact the data from the transects that

1 there are a significant number of exceedances of
2 arsenic and/or lead in cleanup standards, correct?

3 MR. STOIA: Object to form.

4 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

5 A. Yes.

6 BY MR. NIDEL:

7 Q. And you would agree that this nullifies or
8 contradicts the previous delineation of the extent
9 of contamination from -- that was done as part of
10 the RI, correct?

11 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

12 A. It appears that it would support extending
13 the AOC battery.

14 BY MR. NIDEL:

15 Q. I'm going to give you -- and I only, for
16 some reason, have one copy, but 227 --

17 THE COURT REPORTER: You know what? I
18 went across for you.

19 (A discussion was held off the record.)

20 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 225 was received and
21 marked for identification, as of this date.)

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 225.

24 Exhibit 225 is a very similar data set.

25 It was derived from the selection within the AOC.

1 You can see the same type of analysis on there with
2 an average or -- sorry -- a tally of the yeses and
3 noes and a calculation on the ratio.

4 Do you see that?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And what's the ratio?

7 A. .8. .82.

8 Q. So there are -- in fact, there are fewer
9 exceedances to nonexceedances, correct?

10 A. That's what it appears.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Although, just as a note --

13 Q. Yep.

14 A. -- not to -- because this is sort of
15 qualitative, the off-site data set was -- if I
16 recall the scope of work correctly, was biased
17 specifically to try to collect samples from one --
18 from undeveloped sites or limited in developed sites
19 so that the ratio may not be as it -- might be an
20 artifact of what the sampling bias as opposed to,
21 you know, data. It may be related to data trends,
22 but it's -- it also might be -- just have some cases
23 we were sampling other things.

24 Q. Okay. And, again, I -- my understanding
25 is that Freeport has spent 30 to \$45 million and

1 obviously several years which you've been involved
2 with them. I just kind of did a spreadsheet.

3 But you would agree that given the extent
4 of exceedances in that area, whether they be
5 influenced by development or lack thereof, that
6 they -- if those samples are accurate, would
7 indicate further delineation needs to be done,
8 correct?

9 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

10 MR. STOIA: Object to the form.

11 A. Yeah, I need to look at the data set. I'd
12 want to look at it and -- you know. It may, as we
13 mentioned earlier, extend the AOC battery.

14 BY MR. NIDEL:

15 Q. And to the extent that properties have
16 been redeveloped as they were in the northeast
17 corner of the AOC and in the park, those areas are
18 factually distinguished from any investigation as to
19 what the impacts were of historic contamination
20 going back to the 1910 and certainly peaking in the
21 '60s or '70s before environmental controls were put
22 on, correct?

23 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

24 A. I'm not sure that they're distinguished.
25 I'm not sure I follow that -- what you were saying.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Okay. If the -- if the question is where
3 did this contamination go over the last 100 years
4 and you know you have properties that were
5 redeveloped within the last 30 or 40 of those years,
6 they would be factually distinguishable, they would
7 not be representative of areas that were being
8 deposited on for the duration of that time period,
9 right?

10 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

11 A. They would be -- so I think the simple
12 answer is they would be different and they wouldn't
13 be influenced by as much change as a developed
14 property. So, yes, they would be different.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. And my words were "factually
17 distinguished."

18 A. I didn't know what that --

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. -- exactly meant, so...

21 Q. Okay. They would be different from it.
22 In fact, if your -- if the goal is to try and -- and
23 I think there was some discussion of that in your
24 own documents, with respect to the areas that were
25 redeveloped in the AOC, right?

1 Yes?

2 MR. STOIA: Answer verbally.

3 A. Yeah. Sorry.

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. And so --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- you would agree that when there is such
8 a distinction to be made, whether it helps or hurts
9 the argument or extends or shrinks the boundaries,
10 that those are the facts you're dealt with and you
11 distinguish and move on, right?

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. Okay. So if, in fact, there was
14 redevelopment that occurred and if, because of that,
15 there are some homes that are cleaner than those
16 that we've seen in that sampling, that does not
17 indicate that the extent of contamination is not
18 extending out to those properties, correct?

19 A. Not necessarily, not based on that line
20 alone.

21 Q. Okay.

22 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 226 was received and
23 marked for identification, as of this date.)

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. I hand you Exhibit 226. Exhibit 226 is an

1 email from you to Joe Brunner.

2 Do you see that?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. And Fred Mumford sent you an email
5 on September 19, 2016, right? Bottom of the page.

6 A. Yeah, just give me a second.

7 Okay. So -- yes, there's --

8 Q. So Fred sent you an email in 2016 and
9 said, "Mike, to follow up on our recent
10 conversation." And then, you know, continues, "As
11 we discussed, confirmation that individual property
12 owner/tenants have been provided their individual
13 sample results is key."

14 You see that? Bottom of the page.

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. He goes on: "I'd like the LSRP to provide
17 us in writing the details of their outreach efforts
18 to the local officials and the individual property
19 owners. This should include a map of the affected
20 parcels with individual results and the names of the
21 property owners and tenants, if they are not
22 owner-occupied."

23 Do you see that?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. So in September of 2016, not just Fred,

1 someone asked him, has been asked to confirm that
2 you and Freeport are providing the, quote,
3 individual sample results, right?

4 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

5 A. Okay.

6 BY MR. NIDEL:

7 Q. Okay. And so you sent that along to Joe?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And Joe -- you said I just received it.
10 They're asking for a public outreach, a confirmation
11 individual property owners or tenants have been
12 provided copies of data from their properties,
13 right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And he did not answer as to whether or
16 not -- whether they were providing data, right?

17 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

18 MR. STOIA: Objection to form. You mean
19 ever or on this document?

20 MR. NIDEL: On that document.

21 A. Well, so -- it looks like we're -- as of
22 September 2016, we were pulling together that
23 information at that point.

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. Pulling together what information?

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1 A. The data that was required. So --

2 MR. STOIA: That's a 19.

3 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. September 19.

4 What did I say?

5 A. So -- so I sent Joe the note on
6 September 19. He's asking us for those things that
7 we just -- you just asked me about, public outreach
8 and confirmation from individual property owners.
9 So then Joe says he's -- Lisa, who is Lisa Szegedi
10 from Arcadis, indicates that she had spoken with me
11 and she understands what we need us to provide. And
12 she's pulling the -- together the info and we'll get
13 something back to you as soon as possible. I -- it
14 looks to me like I thought we were doing it at this
15 point. And, like I said, I don't recall, but I
16 thought we were actually -- we are actually redoing
17 this, so... I said for the -- well, let me phrase
18 it that way, to go back to what I had said before,
19 is for the remedial actions, as far as I know -- so
20 remedial actions were just providing a summary. For
21 the investigation, I thought we were providing that
22 data. And I could be mistaken.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. Okay. And you -- I want to be clear,
25 because it seems like you're saying you understand

1 the distinction. I understand the distinction.

2 There is the data, which is the number from the lab
3 for a given location, correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And there is a summary of the data which
6 doesn't include any of those numbers but includes a
7 summary by averaging of those numbers?

8 A. So post remediation, there's a summary
9 that just includes the compliance averaging results.
10 As I mentioned earlier, I think that when they do
11 the sampling, do the investigation sampling, before
12 they do their -- do the remediation, I thought they
13 were providing -- I recall that they were providing
14 that data then. But I can't -- I can't recall
15 specifically.

16 Q. And you would agree that if they send them
17 a letter that says pre remediation, post
18 remediation, and they're leaving certain sections
19 untouched, not remediating them, that that's no
20 different. That's their property. It's not been
21 remediated, touched one way or the other and yet, at
22 that point, they're not being given the data for
23 that portion of their yard?

24 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

25 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

1 A. They're given the -- no, they're not being
2 the given specific data points at that point.

3 BY MR. NIDEL:

4 Q. Okay. And it's your testimony that you
5 believed they were giving them the data at some
6 point, you don't recall for certain, and you don't
7 know, right?

8 A. Yes. What it is, is that there's two
9 phases. There's the sampling phase and there's a
10 remediation phase. The summary of the remediation
11 phrase, which is -- goes with the remedial response
12 action outcome, which is given to them around that
13 time, is the compliance averaging. I could be
14 mistaken, but I thought they were also providing it,
15 after they got the -- so that email we looked at
16 earlier -- I think it was an email -- that talked
17 about providing the property owners within 6 to -- 8
18 to 16 weeks, 8 to 12 weeks or something like that,
19 copies of the data, I thought that was -- and so,
20 like I pointed out earlier, I'm not sure, because it
21 doesn't go through me, but I thought that might have
22 actually been -- might be being providing.

23 Q. Okay. And you were interfacing with Fred
24 Mumford of the DEP, he was asking you is that being
25 provided, and you can't tell me whether or not it

1 was?

2 A. That's right.

3 Q. And did Brunner, through this email or
4 anything else, did he ever answer you?

5 A. I think we did. I think we responded and
6 gave a response back after this. So I think they --
7 they prepared something and I think we provided it
8 to -- and provided an example to DEP but I just
9 can't recall what the -- I'd have to go -- like, if
10 I had all my emails, I could go look it up. But I
11 think there's a follow-up after this. And it may
12 have been a meeting. I don't recall. But I think
13 there's a follow-up to this where we gave Fred what
14 he was looking for. Because Lisa -- from this email
15 exchange, Lisa was pulling together what we asked
16 for.

17 Q. She was pulling together what we asked
18 for, which included community outreach information
19 and all kinds of other things, not just your
20 question about sampling data, right?

21 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

22 A. Yes. But as I understood it -- so I had a
23 discussion with her and I think she understood what
24 we needed. So I -- what I don't have from here and
25 I don't recall is what ultimately got provided. And

1 that's what your question was. I don't recall what
2 was actually provided. It appears that we were on
3 the path to providing it, so I think we did. I just
4 don't know what.

5 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 227 was received and
6 marked for identification, as of this date.)

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 227.

9 A. Thank you.

10 Q. Exhibit 227 is another email chain with
11 you and Joe Brunner. It starts with an email from
12 Joe to a number of people on September 2 of 2016,
13 correct?

14 A. It actually begins with an email from me,
15 September 1, but yes.

16 Q. Yeah. If there is any -- if we go to your
17 email to Joe, again, "Hi, Joe."

18 Fred Mumford called, right?

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. "He noted that there were some elevated
21 concentrations of lead in the 0-to-6-inch interval
22 and asked whether the actual analytical data had
23 been transmitted to the individual property owners.
24 I explained the extensive outreach," and he
25 continues -- "the extensive outreach has and

1 continues to be performed and that my understanding
2 is that the community and individual property owners
3 were informed about the presence of metals in the
4 soil. I wasn't sure about what specific information
5 had been provided" -- "has [sic] been provided to
6 individual property owners so I didn't answer that
7 directly. Is that data provided to the property
8 owners?"

9 Do you see that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. Did Joe answer your question?

12 A. It looks like they were in the process of
13 preparing sampling reports to reach the property
14 owners. They're preparing sampling results letters
15 for the property owners. This is what I was talking
16 about before. These are the results letters I --
17 that I thought were being provided. So that's
18 different than the final remedial action summary.
19 But I thought -- see, this is a letter that they
20 were providing the sampling results. This is what I
21 thought was being -- that I wasn't sure about a few
22 minutes ago. This is what I was referring to, these
23 sorts of letters. And I thought they actually were
24 being provided, but I could be mistaken, because
25 they don't come through me.

1 Q. Okay. And your email to him goes on and
2 says, "Apparently, his call was triggered," and he
3 asked -- middle of that paragraph, he also asked if
4 census populations were provided guidelines on what
5 they could do to avoid impacts related to the
6 contamination."

7 Do you see that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. Were they provided guidelines as to
10 how sensitive populations could avoid the impact?

11 A. I think they were. I think there's some
12 kind of EPA handbook, but I -- they have their
13 public outreach people and I think these -- this was
14 done. Because they specifically targeted doing some
15 of the sensitive populations early, so -- and
16 finding out where they were. And I don't know the
17 specifics right now of each one, but -- so we did
18 try to address this and I think they gave them like
19 a -- I think it's an EPA flyer or something like
20 that. That's what I recall. I could be mistaken.

21 Q. An EPA flier on lead paint, right?

22 A. I don't recall. It may have been.
23 Because that would be the guidance on how to handle
24 lead.

25 Q. Okay. Was that on lead in your soil?

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1 Was it on lead in your soil?

2 A. I don't remember what it was.

3 Q. Okay. How --

4 A. That's what I'm saying. I don't know what
5 was provided.

6 Q. How were sensitive populations identified?

7 A. Whether pregnant women or children
8 under -- I forget what age, were present in the
9 household. But I think they did that by canvassing.

10 Q. Okay. And were there any immediate steps
11 taken to notify people who had sensitive populations
12 with hits above a certain level?

13 A. As I understand it, they went -- so some
14 of the details are now a couple years old. But as I
15 recall, they targeted doing remediation of the
16 surface soils in areas where they had -- early, so
17 either -- and I say remediation. Initial
18 remediation. It might have been capping with clean
19 soil. It might have been removal. I can't remember
20 the details. But they did a temporary
21 exposure-control type of remedy in those properties
22 and then they were -- that was done as an initial
23 step.

24 Q. How many properties did they do that?

25 A. I don't recall.

Michael McNally

1 Q. Was it five, ten?

2 A. I don't remember. It's --

3 Q. Was it a hundred?

4 A. I don't think it was a hundred.

5 Q. Based on what was the limit that they
6 used, what was the trigger?

7 A. I think it's -- so I think the EPA
8 guidance was over a thousand ppm of lead in the
9 surface interval and a sensitive population, which
10 is the ones I just defined, which is pregnant and/or
11 a child, a small -- a small child.

12 Q. And it's your testimony that when they got
13 a result that was above that with a qualifying
14 sensitive population, that they took some immediate
15 step to contain it?

16 A. I think they took an early action.
17 "Immediate" might be -- you know. They expedited
18 those properties.

19 Q. Okay. Did -- other than doing the
20 remediation -- maybe prioritizing the remediation of
21 them, did they do some kind of immediate capping?

22 A. No, I think they did some kind of capping.
23 I can't remember the details of it. They did some
24 kind of intermediate capping before they did the
25 model remedy.

1 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 228 was received and
2 marked for identification, as of this date.)

3 BY MR. NIDEL:

4 Q. Hand you Exhibit 228.

5 228 is another email. Starts with an
6 email from Joe dated 10/17 of 2016, right?

7 Is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And it's got an email --

10 A. I'm sorry. Dated what?

11 Q. Dated 10/17/2016.

12 A. No, it starts with an email from me
13 April 2.

14 Q. Sorry. When I say "starts," the document
15 starts with an email.

16 A. Oh. Okay. All right. Yes.

17 Q. Fair enough.

18 It starts with you -- sorry.

19 It, in time, starts with you, an email
20 April 2, 2015. And you say you received another
21 call from Fred. He act about -- asked about the
22 range of lead concentrations in residential
23 properties, if there were properties greater than
24 1,200. As a follow-up -- so you're saying, "Do you
25 know if the technical team looked at whether there

1 are sensitive populations at the locations where the
2 samples were collected," above 1,200, right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And you say that in April of 2015, right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. You then send another email responding to
7 the same email, copying yourself and Joe, following
8 up, right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. Did he ever respond to you, prior
11 to your follow-up?

12 A. I don't recall, so -- the fact that I
13 resent this suggests that I had a question in my
14 mind at that point.

15 Q. Because he had not answered your question,
16 correct?

17 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

18 A. I don't know whether he answered it.

19 BY MR. NIDEL:

20 Q. Okay. But that suggests that he did
21 not -- had not answered your question, right?

22 A. That's what I just --

23 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

24 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

25 A. That's what I just said.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. Yes, I presume that's why I was sent it.

4 Q. Okay. So do you know when this so-called,
5 you know, capping or action was taken for sensitive
6 populations, whether that started in 2015 or 2016 or
7 2017?

8 A. I think it happened in 2016, it started.

9 Q. Do you know how many samples where surface
10 levels exceeded 1,200?

11 A. Not off the top of my head.

12 Q. Do you know how many samples were there
13 where --

14 A. And I don't know that -- an individual
15 sample versus a property that -- you could have four
16 on a property. So that -- and so I don't -- no, I
17 don't know how many samples in a surface interval
18 exceeded 1,200 --

19 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. You got
20 to --

21 A. No, I do not know how many samples
22 exceeded 1,200 in a surface interval.

23 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay.

24 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 229 was received and
25 marked for identification, as of this date.)

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Hand you Exhibit 229 to your deposition.

3 Exhibit 229 is a screenshot from the TIA
4 database for PPIN 4110.

5 Do you see that at the top, "PPIN, 4110"?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And this -- you can see the sample results
8 down at the bottom, right? There is an exceed flag
9 and there are sample results there.

10 You see that?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you see a number of them are crossed
13 out?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. Do you know why that is?

16 A. I don't. I've never seen this table
17 before.

18 Q. I believe those are numbers that were
19 removed based on the outlier assessment.

20 A. They could be.

21 Q. Does that look correct to you?

22 A. They could be.

23 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. Okay. If a sample is rejected because of

1 an outlier assessment -- so, for example, if you
2 look at the first one that we see there, 42.1 for
3 arsenic and 734 for copper, you see that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. They discard the arsenic and the
6 lead number, but they leave the copper number.

7 Do you know why that would be?

8 A. It would be based on the distribution of
9 the individual -- the data for that individual --
10 that individual constituent.

11 Q. Okay. And do you have any basis for
12 saying that the 41.3 is an outlier compared to the
13 42.1 compared to the 19.2?

14 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
15 question.

16 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

17 A. So it looks like they were statistical
18 outliers, based on the data distribution. I don't
19 know what the intervals were and what -- you know,
20 whether these are duplicate samples or things like
21 that. But -- so they -- but they look like they
22 were statistical outliers.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. Okay. So just to be clear, this a
25 property at 26 Pershing Avenue, right?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. Presumably -- it looks like it's a
3 rental property. Presumably somebody lives there,
4 right.

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. Okay. Does that seem right to you?

7 A. I don't know why -- where you're getting
8 rental property from, but --

9 Q. Well, it's owned --

10 A. It's a resident- --

11 Q. -- by an LLC.

12 A. It's a residential property of some kind,
13 yes.

14 Q. Okay. So some- -- presumably somebody
15 lives there, right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And there were sample results that you
18 have no basis to reject as inaccurate or incorrect,
19 right?

20 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

21 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

22 A. I think that's correct.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. Okay. And there -- we don't have the
25 location of them. We don't know much about them

1 based on this. But we can see that you had 42 parts
2 per million arsenic and 44 -- or sorry -- 41 parts
3 per million arsenic, 1,260 of lead and 795 of lead
4 in samples on that property, but there is no
5 exceedance noted for those samples, correct?

6 A. On this, no.

7 Q. Okay. So those areas would not be
8 cleaned, correct?

9 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

10 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

11 A. So that -- not necessarily. So there's --
12 so I don't know on this individual property, but
13 they frequently are running both Method 6010 and
14 6020. So in many cases, they have two sets of data
15 for a given sample. So there could be an -- other
16 reasons why the sample was removed. And so
17 frequently -- in cases, like, a individual sample,
18 they're removing 6 inches in the whole surface and
19 they would -- if this was in the top 6 inches, it
20 would be captured in that. So in some of the --
21 what shows up in an outlier, the parallel sample run
22 with 6020 may have -- was included in the analysis
23 and so it was removed.

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. Okay. Other than it being a different

1 analysis of the same exact location, there would be
2 no reason to disregard it other than its statistical
3 outline, right?

4 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

5 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

6 A. That's right, at least not that -- from
7 this.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Okay. Who is Dawn Farver?

10 A. She's a -- an engineer that works for me.

11 Q. Okay. Did she work on this site?

12 A. She did.

13 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 230 was received and
14 marked for identification, as of this date.)

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. Okay. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 230.

17 Exhibit 230 is a spreadsheet that was
18 produced as part of your file.

19 Did Dawn Farver create these spreadsheets
20 for you?

21 A. They would have been her working
22 spreadsheets, so I don't -- so yes.

23 Q. Okay. And this is for a property. I
24 think the PPIN is 1053. Does that look right to
25 you?

1 A. That's what it looks like.

2 Q. All right. It's got "Identified as
3 outlier by Arcadis" in --

4 A. Yellow.

5 Q. -- yellow, right?

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. So those numbers in the lead
8 concentrations, pre remediation, of 1,270, 1,230,
9 those numbers were not included in the assessment,
10 correct?

11 A. They're not included in the statistical
12 analysis.

13 Q. And with respect to arsenic, there is a
14 21.4 not included in the analysis, correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do you know -- so the 1,270 and the 1,230,
17 I mean, there's a 1,380 that was included. There's
18 a twelve -- there's a 1,090. There is a 1,520.
19 There's an 1,100.

20 Can you explain that to me?

21 A. Not without looking at the overall
22 details. This -- it might be because the 1,380 was
23 Method -- different methods, and so the 1,380 for
24 that statistical distribution wasn't excluded.

25 Q. So the exclusion was not only done on

1 individual properties, it was done method by method?

2 A. That's what I'm trying to sort out. But,
3 yes, I think it was.

4 Q. Okay. Which method is more accurate?

5 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

6 A. I don't think there's -- either one is
7 particularly more accurate than the other.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Okay. Why would one method be excluded at
10 the inclusion of another method?

11 A. I don't think they specifically were.
12 Typically they'd -- when they did their analysis,
13 they used -- other than the outliers we were just
14 talking about, they used the higher two values in
15 doing the analysis, which would skew the results
16 higher.

17 Q. Okay. So why --

18 A. To be more conservative.

19 Q. Why were these outliers removed?

20 A. Because statistically they weren't -- they
21 were shown based on the -- I don't know the name of
22 the formula. But basically the statistical analysis
23 showed that these are not part of that data set.

24 Q. And is that done also by -- not just by
25 property but by strata or depth?

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1 A. No, it's done by property.

2 Q. Okay. And we see that with the outliers
3 included, the confidence interval, even post
4 remediation, still exceeds the cleanup standard,
5 correct?

6 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. For lead?

9 A. Based on these values, yes.

10 Q. Okay. So based on the data at
11 Property 1053 -- do you know how many kids live
12 there?

13 A. I don't know the specific property.

14 Q. Do we know how old they are?

15 A. I don't know the specific property. I'd
16 have to look.

17 Q. Do we know if they have pica?

18 A. I don't know what they have.

19 Q. Okay. You don't know if they have pica,
20 though, right?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Okay. You don't know if they eat the
23 dirt?

24 A. I thought that's what I just said.

25 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. I just -- I don't know if you know what
3 pica is.

4 THE COURT REPORTER: What was the answer?

5 THE WITNESS: I said I thought that was
6 what I just said.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. You don't know if they eat the dirt?

9 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

10 A. I don't.

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. You don't know if they play in their
13 yards?

14 A. I don't know what they do.

15 Q. You don't know where the 1,270 was tested
16 or where the 1,230 was tested versus where they
17 play, do you?

18 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

19 A. I do know where they are, so -- but, no, I
20 don't know what they're doing specifically.

21 They're -- what I do know is that they're twelve --
22 they're a foot below the ground surface and --
23 almost 2 feet below the ground surface.

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. Okay. Do you know if they dig in the

1 yard?

2 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

3 A. I don't know what they do.

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. Okay. Do you know if they planned to put
6 a deck in the yard?

7 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

8 A. No, I have no idea what their plans are.

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. Okay. Do you know if when they plan to
11 put a small pool in the backyard that their kids
12 might play in that ditch for a while?

13 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

14 A. I don't know what they're going to do.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. Okay. You would agree that the data
17 indicate -- the lab indicates that they have
18 contamination in excess of the cleanup standard, not
19 just individually -- at individual sample locations,
20 but also on average, correct?

21 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

22 A. Not based on this. Not on -- not based on
23 the analysis that's done with that -- the outliers.

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. Okay. But based on all of the data that

1 you have for that soil, you would agree that they
2 have -- they exceed the soil cleanup standards,
3 correct?

4 A. That appears to be the case. I haven't
5 looked at the specific spreadsheet, so...

6 Q. Do you review the work that Dawn does?

7 A. I do, in general.

8 Q. Okay. But you have never reviewed this
9 spreadsheet?

10 A. Not that I recall.

11 Q. Do you review these types of spreadsheets?

12 A. We'll sit down and talk through what's
13 been done and what her analysis was of the data.

14 MR. STOIA: Can we take a quick bathroom
15 break, real quick?

16 MR. NIDEL: Yeah.

17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of
18 Media No. 5. We're going off the record at
19 4:52 p.m.

20 (Recess was taken.)

21 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 231 was received and
22 marked for identification, as of this date.)

23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the start of
24 Media No. 6. We're back on the record at
25 five -- I'm sorry -- 4:59 p.m.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 231. It's a
3 copy of a letter -- I only have that one copy. I
4 don't have a copy for myself.

5 But can you identify the letter for me?

6 A. Borough of housing -- "Borough of
7 Carteret, Housing; May 16, 2017; Sampling Results
8 for Residential Park Property; Mercer Street, Parcel
9 ID," and then it lists a whole bunch of things.

10 Q. Okay. And is that an example of a
11 sample -- a property sampling letter that you had --

12 A. That's what it appears to be.

13 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

14 THE COURT REPORTER: Sampling letter that,
15 what now?

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. Property sampling letter that you had
18 referenced earlier?

19 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

20 A. So it appears to be.

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. Okay. And it does not --

23 A. And like I said, I don't know that I've
24 ever seen these before, so...

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. At least I don't recall ever seeing them
2 before.

3 Q. Okay. But it does not include the sample
4 results, correct?

5 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

6 A. This one doesn't, although this may not
7 be -- I don't know about this particular PPIN. So
8 it doesn't. I don't want to speculate.

9 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 232 was received and
10 marked for identification, as of this date.)

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. Okay. I'm going to -- I'm going to staple
13 this together, so it's a little easier.

14 Give you an exhibit, No. 232, which is
15 another property sample letter, March 3, 2017, for
16 26 Pershing Avenue and then a printout of data from
17 that same PPIN; is that fair?

18 A. It looks to me like the data in this
19 printout has two different --

20 Q. Correct.

21 A. -- PPINs on it.

22 Q. But it doesn't include the data for 4110,
23 correct?

24 A. Yeah, it includes -- it does include data.
25 I don't know if it's all the data or what, but --

1 Q. Okay. And it actually continues onto the
2 back.

3 A. Okay.

4 Q. Okay. That is another sample result
5 letter, correct?

6 A. That's what it looks like, yeah.

7 Q. Okay. And does not include the sample
8 results, correct?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Okay. Based on the data that's on there
11 for 4110 on that exhibit from the spreadsheet, are
12 there exceedances of the cleanup standards?

13 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

14 A. On the letter or?

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. On the data.

17 A. There are individual samples -- looks like
18 two individual samples that -- well, actually one
19 individual sample that exceeds.

20 Q. Okay. And -- but on the -- on the data --
21 average data or the summary that was provided to the
22 property owner, there were no exceedances noted,
23 correct?

24 A. No.

25 Q. But, in fact, the data indicates that

1 there are exceedances, correct?

2 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

3 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

4 A. Well, as we discussed earlier, so
5 individual data points might exceed, but the overall
6 property doesn't. And in this case, it seems like
7 there is only one that exceeds a value of 23 out
8 of -- one for a value of 23 for arsenic. There's a
9 value also of 19.2, but I think the standard is 19.
10 So that would round to 19. So that's at the
11 standard. So I think there's one value that's
12 slightly above the individual standard for arsenic.
13 But, again, it attained -- it looks to me like it
14 attains the guidance.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. Okay. And, again, you know that there is
17 a number that risk assessment says is below the 19
18 for lead -- or arsenic -- sorry -- right?

19 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

20 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

21 You can answer.

22 A. Yes, I know that there is a value that
23 they calculated as -- I think NJDEP calls it a
24 risk-based value.

25

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Okay. And you also agree that in 2017,
3 these two examples show that the property owners
4 were not provided the results of the testing,
5 correct?

6 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

7 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

8 A. The individual sample results, no.

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. Okay. And by "individual sample results,"
11 we're talking about what Fred Mumford was calling
12 you and emailing you about, correct?

13 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

14 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

15 A. I think so, yeah.

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. That's your understanding of what he
18 wanted and that's your understanding of what you're
19 seeing in the additional page of data and what is
20 not included in those letters, correct?

21 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

22 A. I agree.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. Okay.

25 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 233 was received and

1 marked for identification, as of this date.)

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 233. It's a
4 summary of data from the TIA database for a PPIN,
5 which you can tell us the PPIN.

6 A. 7355.

7 Q. Okay. It is on one of the transects.
8 It's -- 7355, I believe it is the northernmost
9 transect, so 12:00 transect as opposed to the other
10 ones, but it's -- obviously it's pin -- PPIN 7355.
11 And that has data for sampling that was done on that
12 property.

13 Do you see that?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. Okay. And there are a number of
16 exceedances on that property, correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. They include exceedances for copper,
19 correct? Or sorry.

20 They include high levels of copper,
21 correct?

22 A. There's -- it looks like there's one value
23 that is somewhat above the standard.

24 Q. Okay. Do you know how that copper got out
25 to the end of those transects?

1 A. No. Although, based on that
2 concentration, it seems unlikely to be the same
3 source as everything else.

4 Q. Okay. You would agree -- well, if the
5 transect data shows contamination above the standard
6 for lead and arsenic, you would agree that the
7 investigation needs to continue until -- based on
8 your assessment of the original AOC, until there are
9 samples identified that show a clean boundary,
10 correct?

11 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

12 A. Yes, provided that there's not some
13 confounding factor out at the boundary, which seems
14 unlikely to be the case. That is a broad item.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. Okay. So as a broad matter, you would --
17 you would agree, right?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. Unless there is a --

20 A. Yes. I'm sorry.

21 Q. -- battery cracker for some other --

22 THE COURT REPORTER: Unless there's a?

23 I'm sorry.

24 MR. NIDEL: A battery cracker.

25 A. Like, if we ran into historic fill or

1 maybe there was a -- some -- you know. I think it's
2 unlikely. You'd have to have something out -- a
3 widespread source out at the perimeter.

4 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 234 was received and
5 marked for identification, as of this date.)

6 BY MR. NIDEL:

7 Q. Hand you Exhibit 234.

8 Exhibit 234 is meeting minutes provided by
9 USMR for a meeting on -- I believe it's February 17,
10 2016, with the borough. Is that fair?

11 A. That's what it looks like.

12 Q. Okay. And it says -- do you know who
13 Vajira is?

14 A. I think he's the consultant for the town,
15 or at least for that matter. I'm not sure.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. I think that's who he is.

18 Q. And it looks like Hank Martin was at this
19 meeting, correct?

20 A. That's what it appears.

21 Q. Your -- one of your colleagues from ELM?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And Vajira had questions. His
24 third question was, "Wants to confirm that we're not
25 doing compliance averaging to determine remediation.

1 This is correct. Clarification that there could be
2 a single sample point that exceeds standards but the
3 UCL would still dictate whether an exceedance occurs
4 or not. Brad questions whether this agreement is
5 consistent with the standstill agreement."

6 Do you see that?

7 A. Yes. Now I see it, yeah.

8 Q. Okay. What -- compliance averaging was
9 being used to determine remediation, correct?

10 A. Well, I don't know the context -- I wasn't
11 at this meeting. I don't know the context here.
12 This might be for delineation. And so it may be --
13 I don't know if this is -- because this is before
14 the RI was submitted. And so I don't think -- I
15 don't know what this is relation to -- I don't know
16 if this is relation to specific remediation or the
17 use of compliance averaging.

18 Like I had commented on earlier in one of
19 the RI -- one of the work plan documents, I had --
20 there was a comment you had asked me about earlier.
21 And I had said I'm not sure you can -- I think you
22 need to use point-by-point. That has to do with the
23 delineation.

24 So I don't know, in this case, which one
25 it is. Based on this time frame, I'm guessing that

1 it was based on -- for delineation. Because I think
2 that was a topic of discussion at the time.

3 Q. Okay. And the use of compliance averaging
4 could lead to a situation where you have somebody
5 that's got a backyard that's clean or a front yard
6 that's mostly clean except for their vegetable
7 garden has got lead and arsenic in it, right?

8 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

9 A. Yeah, portions of the site -- there's
10 section of the -- portions of the property that
11 might have soil that individually -- represented by
12 one sample which represents a given area around it
13 that exceeds the standard, yes.

14 BY MR. NIDEL:

15 Q. Okay. It could be more than one sample,
16 right, as long as it averages --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. And when you did the remediation,
19 you actually recalculate the UC- -- upper confidence
20 limit, including the concentration of all the fill
21 dirt, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. So you could leave significant
24 amounts of contamination in a spot or two because
25 the average is being brought down by the existence

1 of the fill dirt, right?

2 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

3 A. That's -- actually, that's not entirely
4 the case. Because the way the statistical analysis
5 works, the 95 percent confidence level, it's -- you
6 can have -- because it's based on the distribution
7 of the data, the values you put in for clean fill
8 can have some funny results in what you are allowed
9 to leave behind.

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Why would you be concerned about high
12 levels of arsenic or lead in a vegetable garden?

13 A. Why would I be concerned --

14 Q. Yeah.

15 A. -- if they -- they may -- depends on the
16 nature of what the high levels are and how much of
17 the overall area is exposed. I think it would
18 really depend on the condition. It's kind of a
19 broad question. So I don't know that I would be
20 concerned about it. I guess that's probably the
21 simple answer. If it was my property and -- I don't
22 think we're doing anything here that I wouldn't be
23 comfortable with for myself, so...

24 Q. Okay. What if you had a vegetable garden?

25 A. I still would not be concerned.

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1 Q. You would not be concerned about a --

2 A. No. I still wouldn't be concerned,

3 because exposure is not a point -- exposure isn't

4 based on a point. It's based on an area type of

5 exposure. Even in a pica situation, the kid just

6 doesn't eat -- this isn't -- it's not an acute

7 scenario where -- concentrations aren't such that

8 I'd be worried about risk, because this one little

9 bit, it's risk of an aggregate. So it's the

10 difference between, like, an immediate poison and

11 something that may have a long-term effect if you

12 continued exposure.

13 So as I understand it. The standards are

14 protective and that's why compliance averaging is

15 deemed protected by the agencies.

16 Q. Okay. Why would you be concerned about

17 there being a vegetable garden on a hot spot?

18 MR. SCHICK: Objection. I --

19 MR. STOIA: Why would you or would you

20 not? I didn't --

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. Why would you? Michael McNally, why would

23 you be concerned about it?

24 A. A hot spot after -- I don't -- when you

25 say --

1 Q. Yeah, left behind, whether it was not
2 remediated or remediated and left behind, whatever
3 it is.

4 A. I wouldn't be concerned about it. That's
5 what I'm saying. If we -- if the overall -- an
6 overall property achieved the standard, I wouldn't
7 be concerned.

8 Q. And we can substitute a vegetable garden
9 with a sandbox or a swing set or anything, right?
10 But you still wouldn't be concerned, right?

11 A. I don't think so. And I think -- I don't
12 think so, for the same reason I described. I think
13 that the pathway is -- the way that the numbers are
14 calculated are based on area exposures.

15 Q. Okay. And so because of that -- and you
16 don't know anything about what areas the kids of
17 each of these houses play in. But because that's
18 the way they're calculated, you think that you would
19 not have any concern, even if there was a vegetable
20 garden in the hot spot, right?

21 A. I guess I don't view it as a hot spot, so
22 I don't know what -- how you define "hot spot,"
23 because that seems like a pretty broad term.

24 Q. A number in excess of the standard.

25 MR. STOIA: He wasn't finished.

1 A. So the -- no, I wouldn't necessarily, if
2 all other things -- all the other conditions that we
3 just described are the case, I wouldn't be
4 concerned.

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. And to be clear, I'm -- a hot spot is a
7 number in excess of the standard.

8 A. I understand now, yeah.

9 Q. Okay. All right.

10 A. And that -- and that -- number in excess
11 to standard, assuming all the other ones met the
12 standard.

13 Q. Okay. Let's look at Exhibit 235, then.

14 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 235 was received and
15 marked for identification, as of this date.)

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. Exhibit 235 is meeting minutes from a
18 meeting on 6/15 of 2016, which you attended,
19 McNally, right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. "Discussion of compliance averaging.
22 McNally seems comfortable with our approach.
23 McNally wants to think about an example where we'd
24 only clean the backyard and not do anything with the
25 front yet even though the front yard might still

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1 have numbers in excess of the standard. McNally
2 uses example of what [sic] someone has a vegetable
3 garden in the front and we only remediate the
4 backyard even though the front yard as significant
5 exceedances. Probably need to look at the
6 case-by-case basis, see [sic] what we're doing is
7 protective even if it's discretionary on our part."

8 You didn't -- you never thought about a
9 vegetable garden, did you?

10 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
11 question.

12 BY MR. NIDEL:

13 Q. You want to hold that up for the video so
14 we can show the jury that letter?

15 A. I'm sorry?

16 Q. Oh, I'd like to show the jury that meeting
17 minute.

18 A. Okay. So this was the meeting minute that
19 happened in June last -- June 2016.

20 Q. Yep.

21 A. I have considered it further in looking at
22 the process and I think it's protective. I think,
23 in some cases, if -- so if there was an entirely
24 separate area that was distinct that we hadn't
25 sampled it, so...

1 Q. That's not what you said at the meeting.

2 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

3 A. I don't know what I said at the meeting.

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. These weren't my notes.

7 Q. Okay. Okay. Seems like you were
8 concerned about hot spots being left behind, but I
9 guess you weren't. Right?

10 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form and sidebar.

11 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 236 was received and
12 marked for identification, as of this date.)

13 BY MR. NIDEL:

14 Q. Hand you 236 to your deposition.

15 236 is another set of meeting minutes,
16 dated six -- sorry -- 11/29 of 2016, right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. You were at this meeting, right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Along with Fred Mumford and Kevin Schick
21 from DEP, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. In the middle of -- near the bottom of the
24 page, Karen asks a question: "How do we explain the
25 UCL in our letters? Do we try to make it

1 understandable?"

2 Do you see that?

3 A. Yes, I see that.

4 Q. Okay. Was it your opinion that --

5 A. Whose notes are these?

6 MR. STOIA: Brunner.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. These are Joe Brunner's notes.

9 A. Oh. Okay.

10 MR. NIDEL: But, again, I would ask that
11 you don't coach the witness.

12 A. Did you ask a question? I'm sorry.

13 BY MR. NIDEL:

14 Q. Yeah. How was the upper confidence limit
15 explained in the letters?

16 A. I don't have one in front of me, but I
17 don't think it was explained in a lot of detail.

18 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 237 was received and
19 marked for identification, as of this date.)

20 BY MR. NIDEL:

21 Q. Handing you Exhibit 237. Exhibit 237 is
22 another set of Joe Brunner's meeting minutes
23 dated --

24 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form. Not
25 minutes.

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. I'm sorry.

3 -- meeting notes dated October 4 of 2016;

4 is that fair?

5 A. That's what it looks like.

6 Q. Okay. Do you know if you attended this
7 meeting?

8 A. I don't think I did.

9 Q. Near the bottom of the page, similar to
10 the spot of the last discussion, it says, "Vajira,
11 some concerns about compliance averaging in RAWP.
12 Contends that if we have contamination in place
13 above the standard it's not protective of human
14 health and the environment."

15 Do you see that?

16 A. I see that.

17 Q. You disagree with that?

18 A. I do.

19 Q. Okay. There is an analytical method that
20 you could use or your clients could use to
21 distinguish lead paint from smelter lead, correct?

22 A. I think there are ways to tell the
23 difference between the sources.

24 Q. Okay. Why haven't those methods been
25 used?

1 A. Because we were using -- why -- I'm not
2 sure why we would use those.

3 Q. Okay. Because you're not pointing the
4 finger at lead paint; is that correct?

5 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

6 A. Not currently.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. Okay. Is there a plan to?

9 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

10 A. I don't know that there's a plan to point
11 fingers at anything in particular.

12 BY MR. NIDEL:

13 Q. Okay. If there was a -- if there becomes
14 an argument that this is not our lead, it's lead
15 from lead paint, would you agree that such methods
16 should be used?

17 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

18 A. It depends. It depends on what other
19 lines of evidence you have. There could be cross-Pb
20 in other things, so --

21 THE COURT REPORTER: Depends? It depends
22 on.

23 A. It depends. There could be other methods,
24 so there's a number of different ways you can come
25 to the same conclusion. So I'm sort of speculating

1 now because I don't -- we haven't made that
2 argument, not specifically.

3 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 238 was received and
4 marked for identification, as of this date.)

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 238, one
7 copy of 238. But 238 is a spreadsheet summarizing
8 all of the lead data that was taken in surface
9 samples where the results were above 1,200.

10 Have you reviewed that data?

11 A. I don't think I've ever seen this table.

12 Q. Okay. Have you ever counted how many
13 samples in the surface of the data that was taken or
14 the samples that were taken showed lead above 1,200?

15 A. I haven't. This -- which data set is
16 this? Is this the RA data set or the RI data set?

17 Q. I'm assuming that it's the -- it's the
18 entirety of the --

19 A. Okay. So it's got current data in it.

20 Q. Yeah.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. But you're not -- you've never looked into
23 how many samples exceed 1,200?

24 A. Not like this, no.

25 Q. Well, I know you've had back and forth

1 with -- back and forth with Joe and with Fred where
2 he asks, well, what about 1,200, what about using
3 250.

4 But you've never sat down and massaged or
5 analyzed the data, right?

6 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

7 A. Not like this, no.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Okay. Do you think it would be helpful to
10 respond to Fred or to respond to concerns about
11 health risks?

12 A. Honestly, I haven't had a -- sorry.

13 I haven't had a discussion with --

14 THE COURT REPORTER: No. No, no, no, no.

15 Respond --

16 MR. NIDEL: Concerns about health risks.

17 BY MR. NIDEL:

18 Q. Now you can answer.

19 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

20 A. I haven't had any discussions with Fred in
21 like two years, so I don't have -- Fred is not a --
22 I know his name came up because he was -- he was
23 initially involved as a public employee, but he
24 doesn't have any particular jurisdiction over this
25 work, in his role. He's an EPA -- he's a liaison

1 with Superfund.

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. Okay. Is it your testimony that EPA has
4 no jurisdiction over this?

5 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

6 A. I don't think they have established
7 jurisdiction over it, so other than what might be
8 broader jurisdiction and environmental issues.

9 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 239 was received and
10 marked for identification, as of this date.)

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. Hand you Exhibit 239. Exhibit 239 is --
13 Exhibit 239 -- can you identify Exhibit 239?

14 A. A remedial action report, 25 Salem Avenue.

15 Q. Okay. And just to be clear, that's not
16 the complete report. I did not include the
17 appendices. I included -- just for density of my
18 bags, I didn't copy the entire thing, but just
19 wanted to be clear.

20 If you -- if you go to USMR 791 --

21 A. (Witness complies.)

22 Q. -- there's pre and post remediation data.

23 Do you see that?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. And you see post remediation, there

1 is a number of exceedances that -- where -- number
2 of areas where the soil remains on site and, based
3 on the analytical data, exceeds the cleanup
4 standard, correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Including a number for arsenic and lead,
7 correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. When did you learn that redevelopment may
10 have factually differentiated or distinguished those
11 areas of redevelopment?

12 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

13 You can answer.

14 BY MR. NIDEL:

15 Q. The northeast corner and the park areas.

16 A. It became primarily an issue when we first
17 were looking at the -- when we got more data, we
18 started noticing trends. And I say "we." That's
19 what they presented to me. They had the data set
20 that I didn't have.

21 They started noticing trends or sort of
22 coming up with trends and they saw that there was
23 some correlation between the data with properties
24 that appeared to be older development versus those
25 that appear to be new, so in a specific manner,

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1 meaning we were aware of the ages of -- the relative
2 ages of property. But I think it was primarily
3 twenty -- what year is -- 2016, over -- talking
4 about doing the transect analysis.

5 Q. When was the zone analysis done, the
6 central tendencies of the zone decreasing?

7 A. 2016.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. It may have been 2015. I don't know when
10 the RI data actually came in.

11 Q. Okay. But it was 2015 or 2016?

12 A. I think so.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. I don't -- I don't remember all the
15 details of the zone.

16 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 240 was received and
17 marked for identification, as of this date.)

18 BY MR. NIDEL:

19 Q. Hand you Exhibit 240.

20 Exhibit 240 is a letter to you from USMR
21 dated July 3, 2013, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And on the back, last paragraph, it
24 says, "Also, there may be significant differences
25 between Phase 1 data obtained from publicly owned

1 properties and the Phase 1 data obtained from
2 private properties. The public properties have
3 experienced significant redevelopment. Many of the
4 private properties, on the other hand, have been
5 used as residential properties since the early
6 1900s. This may result in disparate sampling
7 results, but the disparity will not be known until
8 the full data set is received."

9 Do you see that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. So in mid 2013, it was known, and
12 it was known to USMR, it was known to you, that
13 development may play a significant role in factually
14 differentiating and creating disparate results for
15 the sampling, right?

16 A. Well, that's basic CSM. So I think you're
17 kind of -- I guess maybe I'm not clear -- maybe I
18 wasn't clear in answering the last question.

19 This is a broad topic here and -- being
20 discussed. They're talking about public properties
21 being significantly disturbed. And they say, as
22 part of it, that we'll have to look at the full data
23 set once it -- we'll know the full extent of this
24 once the full data set is received. And that's what
25 happened.

1 Q. I understand. But I also --

2 A. So this is part of the basic CSM. We
3 talked about disturbance and how it might affect the
4 data.

5 Q. I mean, it's --

6 MR. SCHICK: Objection. He hasn't
7 finished his answer.

8 MR. NIDEL: Okay.

9 A. So we talked before about how disturbance
10 of properties would affect data. There is no doubt.
11 The extent specific properties affected the data
12 wasn't really -- wasn't really analyzed until --
13 like it says here, until we started getting the full
14 data set.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. Right. But when you got the full data
17 set, you put zones and then you calculated decreases
18 and you included samples that were -- five or six
19 samples that were in that northeast corner, correct?

20 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

21 A. Yes, there were samples in the -- in the
22 northeast corner.

23 BY MR. NIDEL:

24 Q. Okay. And you knew the development
25 history of the -- that corner at that time, correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. So you would agree, at this point,
3 those samples should not have been used, correct?

4 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

5 A. No. They were still part of the
6 delineation.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. Okay. They were factually distinct,
9 correct?

10 A. Yes, but they were still part of the
11 delineation. So I -- we have extended the transects
12 to try to go further to see what's out there. So
13 that's what's being done.

14 Q. So it's your testimony that those were
15 validly part of the delineation to delineate
16 pollutants that were emitted in the '40s, '50s,
17 '60s?

18 A. Yes, they're part of the delineation.

19 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 241 was received and
20 marked for identification, as of this date.)

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. Okay. I hand you Exhibit 241.

23 241 is site remediation from New Jersey
24 DEP on compliance averaging.

25 Have you ever reviewed Exhibit 241?

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1 A. I'm not sure I reviewed this one. This
2 one is from 1995, it appears.

3 Q. Okay. Well, it's on their website
4 currently.

5 A. Okay. I think the current one is like
6 2014 or 2016, something like that.

7 Q. Okay. Well, if you think there is a
8 difference between their guidance now, given that
9 this was pulled off their website, I think, last
10 night, you can tell me. Okay?

11 A. Sure.

12 Q. Okay. Number 1, "Compliance averaging can
13 only be used after remedial investigation has been
14 completed which fully delineates the nature and
15 extent of the contaminants present. See," and
16 there's a cite to the tech regs.

17 Do you see that?

18 A. I do see that.

19 Q. Okay. So compliance averaging -- we
20 discussed this at length -- can only be used after a
21 full delineation has been completed, right?

22 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

23 A. Well, I guess I'd characterize this a
24 couple of ways.

25 First, the tech regs have substantively

1 changed since 1995. So I don't know if this
2 document -- this document doesn't appear to have
3 been updated. So the specific requirements have
4 changed. The -- I will say that the guidance does
5 include something like this, and so I agree on that.
6 However, it also -- in the context of the overall
7 investigation, this is -- we have individual
8 properties that we're looking at. And so within
9 that property, we have data up to the property
10 boundary. And so -- and we did review this with DEP
11 and how we're doing it, and they agreed.

12 BY MR. NIDEL:

13 Q. Okay. Well, it also says it's not
14 appropriate to use compliance averaging based upon
15 the information obtained in a site investigation,
16 right?

17 A. A site investigation is specific phase for
18 remediation, although in 1995, some of them were
19 different than they are today.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. Site investigation is not a remedial
22 investigation.

23 Q. Okay. It also goes on to say you can't
24 use -- well, you can't do compliance averaging
25 across depths, right?

1 A. That may be what it -- I don't know what
2 it says here. So if it says that here, that's not
3 true anymore.

4 Q. That's not true anymore?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. In fact, you're specifically -- you have
8 zones, surface zone and subsurface zone.

9 Q. Okay. And what -- so that's in the new
10 4.9 tech reg?

11 A. What's 4.9?

12 Q. The requirement at 4.9.

13 A. I don't know what it says at 4.9. The
14 tech regs have substantively changed. So tech regs
15 used to be, before the -- this is when they still
16 had case managers. They had very prescriptive
17 technicals requirements. The laws were very -- the
18 regulations were very prescriptive. When they went
19 to the LSRP program, they took out all the
20 prescriptions, specifically to provide some room for
21 professional judgment. So they took all that out of
22 the tech regs and they put it into guidance.

23 Q. Okay. And you're saying that guidance no
24 longer has that prohibition?

25 A. No, I don't believe it does.

1 Q. Okay. Did you review the -- are you
2 familiar with the article on compliance averaging
3 that's in the New Jersey environmental press?

4 A. From 1995, that looks like related to the
5 same guidance.

6 Q. And are you familiar with that?

7 A. No.

8 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 242 was received and
9 marked for identification, as of this date.)

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Okay. That's -- Exhibit 242 is a
12 discussion of compliance averaging that was provided
13 by USMR.

14 And you're not familiar with that?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Okay. What part of the tech regs apply to
17 compliance averaging?

18 A. I don't recall the specific language, so
19 I'd have to go back and look. The -- so I don't
20 know that there is a specific thing that -- I think
21 what it says -- this is, without having a copy in
22 front of me, but what I think it says is that
23 completion of the remediation for each remedial
24 phase shall be based on the attainment guidance.
25 The attainment guidance is what provides the

1 compliance averaging.

2 Q. Can you repeat that? Is it not in the
3 tech regs?

4 A. Like I said, I don't recall the specific
5 language of the tech regs, but what I think is that
6 it says attainment of the remediation standards
7 shall be determined based on -- by -- based -- and
8 consistent with the attainment guidance.

9 Q. Okay. So --

10 A. Something along those lines. I don't know
11 what it says.

12 Q. So it's --

13 A. It wouldn't -- it wouldn't say
14 specifically using compliance. I don't think
15 there's anything specific that speaks to compliance
16 averaging or geometric mean or point-by-point, that
17 sort of thing. I think all that's been removed.

18 Q. Okay.

19 MR. STOIA: Counsel, it's 5:35. By my
20 calculation, we'll be at the seven-hour limit
21 by 6:09. I just want to make you aware that
22 we're going to break at that point.

23 MR. NIDEL: Okay. I mean, I'm going to go
24 by the videographer, but other than what
25 you're --

1 MR. STOIA: I believe my calculations are
2 based on the videographer. I just want -- in
3 case there's some questions you want to
4 prioritize, I just want to give you --

5 MR. NIDEL: I appreciate that.

6 BY MR. NIDEL:

7 Q. I'm going to hand you a document. I'm not
8 going to mark it an exhibit unless I am forced to,
9 just because it's got tabs and all kinds of things.
10 It's a document, "Metallurgical Operation at U.S.
11 Metals Refining, Carteret, New Jersey,"
12 Bates-labeled 769256. I just want to -- you to tell
13 me if you've reviewed that document before.

14 A. I don't recall reviewing this specific
15 document, although it might have been reviewed as
16 part of the on-site RI.

17 Q. Were you involved with the on-site RI?

18 A. Yes. I'm the LSRP for that as well.

19 THE COURT REPORTER: And what?

20 THE WITNESS: I'm the LSRP for that as
21 well.

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. Okay. But you have no specific
24 recollection of reviewing that; is that fair?

25 A. That's correct.

1 MR. NIDEL: Thanks.

2 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 243 was received and
3 marked for identification, as of this date.)

4 BY MR. NIDEL:

5 Q. Hand you Exhibit 243. Exhibit 243 is
6 Bates-labeled 735937. It's a study of USMR's
7 odorous emissions. Is that fair?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Have you reviewed that document?

10 A. Yes. I think I looked at this back in the
11 RI process a long time ago.

12 Q. Okay. Did you review that as part of your
13 work with respect to the off-site assessment?

14 A. Yes, in a general means, in a general way.

15 Q. Okay. And if we look if we look at
16 page 956, there is graph of modeling results that
17 Mr. Dunk did from odor emissions from the existing
18 cupola stack and some proposed stacks.

19 Do you see that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And you see that those emissions go out
22 from the existing stack, including fugitive
23 emissions go out past 10 kilometers out to the 35 or
24 thereabouts, correct?

25 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

1 A. So are these odors?

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. These are odors.

4 A. I can't recall what these were. So -- and
5 it's also maximum downwind, so -- but, yes, it seems
6 to say that.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. You did not consider these as part of your
9 determination of the initial AOC proposal, correct?

10 A. Not specifically, no, meaning that it's a
11 line of evidence.

12 Q. Did you review any of Richard Dunk's
13 assessments of fugitive emissions on the site for
14 the operations?

15 A. I may have. Again, it's been a long time
16 since I've looked at all the details of the modeling
17 and things like that.

18 Q. Those were not a line of evidence that you
19 considered in determining your proposed AOC
20 boundary?

21 A. No, the proposed AOC boundary was
22 primarily related to data.

23 Q. Okay. Did you review these documents to
24 see if the data maybe should be extended because
25 there were lots of emissions coming out of various

1 operations?

2 A. As we've talked about before, it's very
3 difficult to correlate airborne emissions with soil
4 concentrations. So to the extent that I looked at
5 them, I can't remember what specific of those that I
6 looked at in 2012. But the -- they provide a line
7 of evidence, but not necessarily any kind of direct
8 correlation with concentrations and soil. And
9 that's why I don't rely on them heavily, because I
10 don't -- I don't know what to do with them beyond
11 that.

12 Q. Did you review information about the
13 control and the lack of controls, the --

14 A. I had got some documents related --

15 Q. -- failures of controls --

16 THE COURT REPORTER: The failures?

17 A. I'm sorry. Sorry.

18 BY MR. NIDEL:

19 Q. You got to let me finish.

20 -- failures of controls, the breakdown of
21 controls, the baghouses that were failing, any of
22 that stuff?

23 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

24 A. I reviewed some documents related to the
25 operational history of the controls and the relative

1 effect that's back in time that they -- I don't
2 remember which ones specifically.

3 BY MR. NIDEL:

4 Q. Did you review the work that Radian did to
5 establish compliance with the air monitors for lead?

6 A. I recall reading something by Radian. I
7 can't remember exactly what.

8 Q. Just you recall reading something that had
9 Radian's name on it, but you don't know what it was?

10 A. I think I remember something to with air
11 modeling or air results. Again, it's a correlation
12 between air and soil, so I'm not -- I'm not sure.

13 Q. Do you recall Radian determining that the
14 majority of local impacts as far as the ambient air
15 were due to fugitive emissions rather than to stack
16 emissions?

17 A. I don't recall that specifically.

18 Q. Okay. If Radian had done the modeling and
19 the review of operations and made that
20 determination, would that be relevant to your
21 assessment of the predicted extent of contamination?

22 A. Only broadly, the same way the other
23 modeling would be.

24 Q. Well, you've testified today that you
25 think that what you're seeing in the neighborhood of

1 Carteret is from the stacks, right?

2 A. I think it's airborne deposition.

3 Q. Okay. And I've asked you: Do you think
4 that's coming from the stacks or from fugitives?

5 A. I think it's primarily from the stacks,
6 yes.

7 Q. Okay. And so if -- my question is: If
8 Radian had determined that airborne sample sites
9 that were, you know, within a similar radius of what
10 your current AOC is were being impacted primarily by
11 fugitive emissions, would that be contrary to your
12 assumption as to the extent of the AOC and to
13 Carteret?

14 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

15 A. To the extent that I was relying on soil
16 data, not air, it doesn't really make that much of a
17 difference.

18 BY MR. NIDEL:

19 Q. Okay. And the soil data, based on what
20 we've seen, assuming that we have more of it. We
21 could look at it. But assuming that what I've shown
22 you is accurate, that it is soil data from those
23 transects, the soil data and the conclusions you
24 drew during Phase 1 are not accurate, correct?

25 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

1 MR. STOIA: Objection to form of the
2 question.

3 A. It does appear like the AOC's boundaries
4 extend. This is the first time I've seen the data,
5 so without looking at it further, I assume so. It
6 looks like it would.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. Okay. And you would agree that the
9 conceptual site model to the extent it indicated a
10 rapid decline in deposition as you got further
11 toward Roosevelt Avenue, say, it is not confirmed by
12 that data, assuming that data is what I've presented
13 it to be?

14 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

15 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

16 A. Yes, the -- I mean, I guess I -- I'm not
17 sure I follow the question. But the AOC boundary
18 would expand and the CSM would be adjusted
19 accordingly. And it's going to take account the
20 actual data.

21 BY MR. NIDEL:

22 Q. Okay. And we talked -- I showed you a
23 graph of lead modeling emissions by Mr. Dunk --
24 sorry -- odor emissions by Mr. Dunk.

25 Did you review lead modeling that was

1 similar going out to several kilometers?

2 A. Yes, I think so.

3 Q. Okay. As much as, again, 35,

4 38 kilometers in distance?

5 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

6 A. It may have been.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. But you still felt comfortable focus in on

9 that quarter-mile, half-mile range?

10 A. I felt comfortable looking at the data and

11 see what it told us. And it's told us to go

12 further.

13 Q. Okay. Your testimony is that at least as

14 early as 2011, Freeport was ordered to delineate the

15 extent of contamination off site, right?

16 A. That's what I understand.

17 Q. And it's now 2018 and that's not complete,

18 right?

19 A. It doesn't appear to be, based on the data

20 you showed me today.

21 Q. Who else worked on the on-site RI with

22 you?

23 A. It was primarily Lauren LaPort. I don't

24 know if there's -- other people would have generated

25 pieces of it or tables or possibly figures.

1 Q. Who was the lead on it from ELM?

2 A. Lauren LaPort.

3 Q. Okay. So you worked on it but you were
4 not the lead?

5 A. That's right. I reviewed it. It's -- I
6 think the process is broadly similar to the off-site
7 use.

8 Q. Okay.

9 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 244 was received and
10 marked for identification, as of this date.)

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 244 to your
13 deposition. Exhibit 244 is a May 5, 1991-dated
14 document with a USMR Bates stamp of 5186.

15 Is that fair?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Did you review this document?

18 A. I think so.

19 Q. Okay. If you -- when would you have
20 reviewed this document?

21 A. Probably right around 2012 when we started
22 the RI process.

23 Q. And would that have been part of the RI
24 for off site or on site?

25 A. I guess -- they're interrelated, so on

1 site to the extent that it goes off site.

2 Q. All right. And if you go to say

3 page 190 -- I'm just using the last three of the

4 USMR Bates number -- there is a source emissions

5 discussion and there is contaminants from the source

6 indicated at zinc, 32 percent; copper, 6 percent;

7 lead, 14.

8 Do you see that?

9 A. On --

10 Q. Air contaminants from source?

11 A. -- 5190?

12 Q. Yeah. Section G?

13 A. Okay. I see it now, yeah.

14 Q. So you see that zinc is -- I don't know

15 what that is -- 5-plus times what the copper is

16 being emitted, right?

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. And then lead is 2 1/2 times the copper?

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. You see that, right?

21 A. I do.

22 Q. And they're emitting, before the control

23 that they're going -- planning to put on, they're

24 emitting, it looks like, 3,333 pounds per hour of

25 that?

1 A. That's what it appears, yeah.

2 Q. If you go throughout the rest of the
3 document, for example, you look at the next
4 page 5191, you've got again zinc dominating at 60,
5 copper at 1.5, and lead at about 10 times that at
6 14.

7 You see that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you believe you have reviewed these?

10 A. I think I have, yeah.

11 Q. Okay. And this was -- from that unit, was
12 emitting at 61 pounds per hour prior to additional
13 control?

14 A. That's what it looks like.

15 Q. If you go to page 197 --

16 A. (Witness complies.)

17 Q. -- there is a discussion of the cupola
18 stack lead emissions for -- and then a discussion
19 about proposed 250-foot stack. In that first
20 paragraph, it says --

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. Bottom of that first paragraph says,
23 "Maximum ambient concentrations occur between 1,000
24 and 2,000 meters during unstable atmospheric
25 conditions, in between 10,000 and 15,000 meters

1 during stable conditions."

2 Do you see that?

3 A. I do.

4 Q. Okay. So for the cupola stack discussion
5 in 1981, unstable conditions, you had relatively
6 close peak concentrations. And, again, these are
7 air concentrations rather than deposition, but I
8 think they're related.

9 And then you have, during unstable
10 atmospheric conditions -- sorry.

11 And then during stable atmospheric
12 conditions, you have between 10 and 15 kilometers,
13 right, of a peak?

14 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

15 A. Okay.

16 BY MR. NIDEL:

17 Q. Right?

18 A. That is what it says here.

19 Q. Okay. And, in fact, this -- I mean, these
20 folks knew -- I mean, they had -- because there's
21 some data in here probably, but they knew what the
22 percentages of lead and zinc were. They probably
23 knew something about particle sizes too, correct?

24 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

25 A. I don't know what's in here, but -- so

1 perhaps.

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. They probably knew more than you know
4 about particle size, right?

5 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

6 A. I don't know what they knew.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. Well, they probably tested the stuff?

9 MR. STOIA: Objection, form.

10 A. Is there a question?

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. Do you think they tested the stuff?

13 MR. STOIA: Objection, form.

14 A. I don't know.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. Have you reviewed anything where they
17 tested the particle size of various emissions of
18 dust?

19 A. I can't recall.

20 Q. Did you test any of their dust?

21 A. They didn't have any emissions at the
22 time?

23 Q. Okay. Did you?

24 A. I wasn't -- I wasn't working in the field
25 in 1988.

1 Q. Right. But they were, right?

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. Okay. So they knew more about what was
4 coming out of their stacks than you do probably,
5 right?

6 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

7 A. Perhaps. Probably.

8 BY MR. NIDEL:

9 Q. Okay. And they thought their -- they were
10 impacting the air maximum levels at 10 or 15 meters
11 away?

12 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

13 BY MR. NIDEL:

14 Q. Sorry. 10 or 15 kilometers away, right?

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. Okay. But you were, again, comfortable
17 with the quarter-to-a-half-mile investigation,
18 right?

19 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

20 A. Well, again, these are airborne par- --
21 and so we don't know what size particulates were at
22 that distance. There's a number of factors again
23 that I can't -- I can't analyze here. So our data
24 is going to take us where the data takes us.

25

1 BY MR. NIDEL:

2 Q. Okay. I'm going to hand you exhibit --

3 MR. NIDEL: What time have we got?

4 MR. STOIA: 5:51.

5 MR. NIDEL: And you said, what, 6:09.

6 MR. STOIA: Yeah.

7 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 245 was received and
8 marked for identification, as of this date.)

9 BY MR. NIDEL:

10 Q. Hand you Exhibit 245.

11 Exhibit 245 is a 1984 Richard Dunk
12 document Bates-labeled 741787; is that fair?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And if you go to page 793 of that
15 document, there is a -- there are isopleths for a
16 modeling exercise that he did.

17 Do you see that?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did you review this document?

20 A. I may have. I don't recall.

21 Q. When would that have been?

22 A. 2012. That time frame.

23 Q. Okay. Can you identify where the -- where
24 the facility was in this -- on this map,
25 approximately?

1 A. That's what I'm trying to sort out. I'm
2 having trouble reading the map all together.

3 So it appears to be right at the center
4 here. Actually, I can see the label now.

5 (Phone interruption.)

6 MR. NIDEL: Sorry.

7 A. So it looks like there's a small label in
8 the center, the right center of map that says
9 "USMR."

10 BY MR. NIDEL:

11 Q. Okay. And can you identify, maybe in this
12 orange marker, where your AOC is?

13 A. It's really hard to tell on this scale. I
14 can't really see it very well.

15 Q. I understand that it's not a great
16 photocopy of a photocopy. But roughly can you
17 indicate where the AOC is on that?

18 A. Something like that. I can't even tell.

19 Q. Okay. I'm not asking you to be precise.
20 I'm asking you to approximate, if you can, where the
21 AOC is roughly.

22 Is that fair?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. And you've done that on
25 Exhibit 245, correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. Did you review a history of what
3 feed materials were and production numbers were for
4 the site?

5 A. In a broad way, yes, but I don't recall
6 any details.

7 Q. Is it true that air -- I think I asked you
8 this earlier. But is it true that air deposition
9 typically has an exponential decline in
10 concentration when we're moving from a site?

11 A. I think it can.

12 Q. Does it always? Or what would make it
13 have or not have that or do you not know?

14 A. I don't really know all the details.

15 Q. Have you drawn any conclusions about -- I
16 know you haven't seen the data. But have you drawn
17 any conclusions about the -- whether or not the
18 transects were impacted by the smelter operations?

19 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

20 A. I haven't at this point. I have just seen
21 the data today.

22 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 246 was received and
23 marked for identification, as of this date.)

24 BY MR. NIDEL:

25 Q. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 246.

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1 Exhibit 246 is an email that we received
2 from your file. Can you identify Exhibit 246?

3 A. It's an email from Joe Brunner that's --
4 it's an email from me to Joe Brunner thanking him
5 for an update.

6 Q. Okay. And then the body -- the bulk of
7 the exhibit is an email from him to you, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. Did you receive this email?

10 A. I did.

11 Q. You receive it on June 20?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. When you actually responded to him,
14 correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. We talked earlier about what his footer
17 says. You said you didn't know what it -- what it
18 said, if you look on the back. Indicates he works
19 for Freeport-McMoRan Inc., correct?

20 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

21 A. It does.

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. Okay. That's as of June 20, 2018,
24 correct?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Okay. And I've never seen this email. I
2 deposed Joe Brunner. I got files from him. I don't
3 think I was ever produced this email. I think the
4 deposition was after this.

5 Have you read that email?

6 A. This email?

7 Q. Yeah.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. Do you agree with his assessment of
10 particle size and --

11 A. I actually didn't come to any conclusions
12 regarding this email, because I hadn't seen the
13 data. So this is me basically asking what's the
14 status of the data. This was a big broad conclusion
15 that I hadn't seen the data to determine one way or
16 the other.

17 Q. Okay. But your conclusions would be drawn
18 based on the data itself, as you've insisted was
19 with the Phase 1. That same analysis would proceed
20 into Phase 2, 3, 4, whatever phase. You -- your
21 decision would be driven by the data itself,
22 correct?

23 A. That's what I anticipate.

24 Q. Okay. And the only exception to that
25 would be if there was some strong indication of an

1 alternative significant source and you find that
2 unlikely, correct?

3 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

4 MR. STOIA: Objection to form.

5 A. Yes.

6 BY MR. NIDEL:

7 Q. And because there was an objection --

8 A. Unless like -- something like historic
9 fill, if they found that widespread. I don't know
10 what we're seeing. I've looked at some borings and
11 there could be historic fill. It could drive some
12 of this. But I don't want to get into that
13 discussion at this point.

14 Q. And because of the objection, I want to
15 break my question up.

16 So your decision would be driven by the
17 data with the exception of whether there was an
18 alternative explanation for an alternative source,
19 right?

20 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

21 A. Yes.

22 BY MR. NIDEL:

23 Q. Okay. Okay. And you -- do you know when
24 you plan to -- when you're going to be given the
25 data?

1 A. I don't know. He says he wants to set up
2 a meeting on this and so I don't know -- I presume
3 soon.

4 Q. Have you asked him for the data?

5 A. Not specifically. Because at this point,
6 I wasn't sure exactly what had been collected,
7 validated, like, what all the status of all the
8 things were in terms of this investigation. And so
9 I was asking what the status was. This was, I
10 think, his response. My expectation is that I'll
11 get the data. They may present it to me first but
12 also get the data.

13 Q. He references a number of things,
14 including metals ratios analysis, geostatistical
15 evaluations, historical research, forensic
16 microscopy. Would -- I would assume that you would
17 be reviewing that data as well. Correct?

18 A. Yeah, I would have to look at it. I don't
19 know what it's going to say.

20 Q. Have you -- you have not received any of
21 that data?

22 A. No. The first time I've seen any data
23 related to the off-site is -- the transects was what
24 you showed me earlier.

25 MR. NIDEL: Let's go off the record.

1 Are you --

2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the --

3 MR. NIDEL: Sorry.

4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record at

5 6:00 p.m.

6 (Recess was taken.)

7 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the

8 record at 6:01 p.m.

9 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 247 was received and

10 marked for identification, as of this date.)

11 BY MR. NIDEL:

12 Q. Hand you Exhibit 247.

13 Exhibit 247 is a lead compliance plan,

14 evaluation and recommendation of lead emission

15 controls for the USMR/Amax secondary copper smelter

16 in Carteret, New Jersey, labeled a draft. It's

17 Bates-labeled 829869.

18 Is that fair?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Have you reviewed that document?

21 A. I may have. I don't recall. If I did, it

22 would be general background review done early in the

23 project.

24 Q. Do you recall the conclusions that Radian

25 drew?

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1 A. No. I don't recall even reading the
2 documents specifically, so...

3 Q. Did you review information or data about
4 upset conditions at the site in terms of how they
5 might have impacted off-site levels?

6 A. I'm aware that they had some upsets, so I
7 must have reviewed some things that had to do with
8 it, but I don't remember any of the details.

9 Q. Do you recall them identifying that the
10 baghouse dust piles were the largest significant --
11 they were the most significant contributor to the
12 air exceedances that they were modeling for?

13 MR. SCHICK: Objection to form.

14 A. I don't recall that specifically, no.

15 BY MR. NIDEL:

16 Q. Okay. If you turn to page 6-13.

17 A. (Witness complies.)

18 Q. It identifies the baghouse dust as being
19 the most significant contributor to those ambient
20 air sampling points, right?

21 A. I'm sorry. Did -- I was reading. Can you
22 repeat the question?

23 Q. Yeah. That data indicates that the
24 baghouse dust was the greatest contributor to the
25 ambient air concentrations that were being modeled,

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1 correct?

2 MR. SCHICK: Objection, form.

3 A. It does appear to show that. I don't know
4 where the monitoring points were.

5 BY MR. NIDEL:

6 Q. Okay. Do you know if the monitoring
7 points were within a mile of the site?

8 A. I don't know where they were. They could
9 have been right at the property boundary for all I
10 know.

11 Q. Okay. Do you know if they were -- so you
12 don't have an idea where they were?

13 A. I don't remember at all.

14 Q. You don't --

15 A. I don't remember this report at all.

16 Q. Okay. And you don't know -- remember
17 relative to the distance to the boundaries of the
18 original AOC?

19 A. No.

20 MR. NIDEL: I'm going to go ahead and turn
21 him over to you.

22 MR. SCHICK: Passing the witness?

23 MR. NIDEL: Yeah.

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1 EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. SCHICK:

3 Q. Mr. McNally, have you been certified as a
4 qualified LSRP by the New Jersey DEP or whatever
5 body certifies LSRPs?

6 MR. NIDEL: Objection, form.

7 A. Yes.

8 MR. SCHICK: What's wrong with the form?

9 MR. NIDEL: "Or whatever body." I don't
10 know.

11 BY MR. SCHICK:

12 Q. What body does certify you?

13 A. The New Jersey license site remediation
14 board or something like that.

15 Q. Okay. Is it appropriate for you to serve
16 as an LSRP for the USMR site when ELM, your firm, is
17 also performing remedial work on the old USMR site
18 itself?

19 MR. NIDEL: Objection to form.

20 A. I think it's -- it is. It's commonly
21 done. There's no prohibition for doing that.

22 MR. SCHICK: Thank you.

23 MR. NIDEL: I just have a couple of quick
24 follow-ups.

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1 EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. NIDEL:

3 Q. Do you consider yourself to be an expert
4 in fate transport of pollutants?

5 A. An expert?

6 Q. Are you offering any expert opinions on
7 the fate transport of pollutants?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Are you any -- offering any expert
10 opinions on the extent of contamination at this
11 site?

12 A. Yes, as an LSRP. So I'm looking at it in
13 respect -- with respect to the standards, yes.

14 Q. Okay. For purposes of litigation, are you
15 offering your opinions as an expert?

16 A. I'm not sure what that means in terms of
17 legalese.

18 Q. Okay. Well, I was objected to trying to,
19 quote/unquote, usurp your opinions -- expert
20 opinions for me. So if, in fact, you're offering
21 your opinions as an expert, then I've got a lot more
22 questions for you, because I was not allowed to ask
23 them.

24 So my question is: Are you offering your
25 opinions as an expert in this case?

1 MR. STOIA: I'm going to object.

2 A. Yeah, I guess we can --

3 MR. STOIA: Well, let me -- let me get my
4 objection.

5 That's not what we talked about earlier.
6 I don't know that it's relevant, but what we
7 talked about earlier was you couldn't talk to
8 him about his expert opinions for things that
9 had nothing to do with his work in connection
10 with this project. To the extent that he used
11 his judgment or expertise -- I don't know that
12 there's a difference between the two -- in
13 connection to his work in this matter, then
14 he's a factual witness. He did what he did.
15 Whether or not any other party is going to
16 utilize him as a retained expert, none of that
17 has been done yet. Whether anybody does it in
18 the future, I have no idea.

19 But what you said was a little inaccurate
20 as far as what you couldn't ask him about his
21 role here. You asked him a lot of questions
22 about his opinions and his judgment in
23 connection to what he did at the site. I would
24 suggest that that is expert-type opinions. But
25 that being said, I think we'll represent that

1 no one has retained him as a litigation expert
2 in the normal course. Whether he's a fact
3 witness or not, you guys can fight among
4 yourselves.

5 MR. NIDEL: Okay. Are you done?

6 MR. STOIA: Yeah.

7 BY MR. NIDEL:

8 Q. Okay. What did you have to do to obtain
9 the certification for LSRP?

10 A. Provide documentation to the board
11 regarding my experience and background, my training,
12 I think, like which -- what degree I have,
13 documentation I worked on New Jersey-type products
14 for a period of time, and then I had to pass a test.

15 Q. Okay. Is there a body to which we can
16 report complaints about an LSRP?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. And what is that?

19 A. It's the LSRP board.

20 Q. Okay.

21 MR. NIDEL: I think I'm done. I -- I'm
22 not closing the deposition because I do not
23 feel we had sufficient time to cover
24 everything. But I understand that -- at least
25 defense counsel indicates that they're stopping

1 us at seven hours, which we are accommodating
2 so everyone can get out of here, but --

3 MR. SCHICK: It's not an accommodation.
4 My flight is not until 10:00. You had hours
5 under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
6 I'm not -- that's it.

7 MR. NIDEL: I understand that's your
8 position.

9 MR. STOIA: If there's a debate to be had,
10 we'll have it another day. Everybody is
11 reserving all of their rights.

12 MR. NIDEL: I agree.

13 MR. STOIA: Okay.

14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're going off the
15 record at 6:09 p.m.

16 THE COURT REPORTER: I just need to get
17 your orders for the record.

18 (Deposition continues - Next page)

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1 MR. NIDEL: Regular delivery, nothing
2 special. Scanned exhibits.

3 MR. WILKINSON: We want the same thing,
4 regular delivery and exhibits scanned and
5 video.

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7 (Time noted: 6:09 p.m.)

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12 Subscribed and sworn to
13 before me this day
14 of 2018.

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I, Angela M. Shaw-Crockett, a Certified Court Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter, Registered Merit Reporter and Notary Public within and for the States of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, do hereby certify:

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