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THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We are now on My name is Zareh Manserian, and I am the videographer for Golkow, a Veritext division. Today's date is June 18, 2025, and the time is 9:53 a.m.

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This video deposition is being held in 8889 West Olympic Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, in the matter of Camp Lejeune Water Litigation vs. United States of America, in the United States District Court, for the Eastern District of North Carolina. The deponent is Dr. David Josephson.

16 Counsel, please introduce yourselves now.

Tom Wilmoth, here on behalf MR. WILMOTH: of the plaintiffs' leadership group and plaintiffs Jacqueline Tukes and Allan Howard.

MR. MARQUINA: Erick Marquina for the United States.

MR. GIBBONS: Hanley Gibbons for the United 22

23 States.

THE REPORTER: Counsel on Zoom?

25 MR. MANDELL: Zachary Mandell for

Page 8 1 plaintiffs' leadership group. 2 THE REPORTER: My name is Susan Myong, certified shorthand reporter, number 13365. 3 Raise your right hand. 4 (Witness complies.) 5 THE WITNESS: THE REPORTER: You do solemnly state under 6 7 penalty of perjury that the testimony you shall give in this matter shall be the truth, the whole truth, 8 9 and nothing but the truth? THE WITNESS: 10 I do. 11 DAVID JOSEPHSON, M.D., 12 produced as an expert witness by and on behalf of 13 14 the defendant, and having been first duly sworn, was 15 examined and testified as follows: 16 17 EXAMINATION BY MR. MARQUINA: 18 19 Good morning, Dr. Josephson. Ο. 2.0 Α. Good morning. 21 Can you please state your full name for the Ο. 22 record. 23 Α. David Josephson. 24 Can you please state your current business 0. address? 25

8635 West Third Street.

My name is Erick Marquina. I'm an attorney with the United States Department of Justice. represent the United States in the Camp Lejeune water litigation, which is pending before the Eastern District of North Carolina.

So I understand that you've been deposed before; is that correct?

Α. Correct.

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So a lot of this is going to sound familiar Ο. to you, but bear with me as I go through a few of the ground rules for the record.

During this deposition, the court reporter will record and transcribe everything we say while we're on the record. To make sure everything gets transcribed properly, I'll ask that you always answer my questions clearly and verbally. For example, if I ask a yes-or-no question, I ask that you respond with yes or no rather than shake your head or respond with uh-huh; is that fair?

- Α. Fair.
- I ask that you please talk at a reasonable pace; is that fair?
  - Α. Yes.
  - If you didn't hear or understand my Q.

question, please tell me, and I'll clarify. If you answer a question, I will assume that you understood it; is that fair?

- A. Fair.
- Q. Please be sure to let me finish asking my question before you begin your answer; is that fair?
- A. Fair.

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- Q. If you wish to take a break, let me know.

  All I ask is that if I ask -- if you ask for a break
  while a question is pending, please finish answering
  the question before we go on break; is that fair?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you understand that a few moments ago you took an oath to tell the truth?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Do you understand that this is the same oath that you would take in a court of law subject to the same penalties for perjury?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. You can correct your testimony at any time while you are here; is that fair?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. Are you currently taking any medications that might affect your memory or testimony?
    - A. No.

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- Q. Is there any reason why you would be unable to give your most truthful and accurate testimony here today?
  - A. No.
- Q. During the deposition, you may hear counsel say "objection." Unless your attorney instructs you not to answer the question, I ask that you please answer the question after the objection has been made; is that fair?
  - A. Fair.
- Q. Do you have any questions about what we're -- about what we are doing here today before we begin?
  - A. No.
- Q. What, if anything, did you do to prepare for today's deposition?
- A. I read through my declaration reports and reviewed some of the expert testimony including deposition and causation reports provided to me by plaintiffs' counsel.
  - Q. I'd like to break that down a little bit.

1 What expert testimony did you review?

- A. Specific names or general reports?
- Q. As best you can recall.
- A. I reviewed deposition and reports from

  Drs. Bird, Dr. Hadden, Ms. Reynolds. Expert

  depositions and reports from Drs. Stadler, Goodman,

  McCabe, other names that I can't recall right now.

I also read the depositions of Mr. Howard and Ms. Tukes.

- Q. When did you review these documents?
- A. In the past six months since I've been retained as an expert in this case.
- Q. Did you have any meetings with counsel in preparation for today?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. When was that meeting? Was it one or two?
  - A. I had a meeting yesterday.
- 18 | O. How long was that meeting?
- 19 A. About an hour.
- Q. Who was at that meeting?
- 21 A. Mr. Mandell and Mr. Wilmoth.
- Q. Was there anyone else?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Were you provided with any documents during those meetings?

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- 2 MR. WILMOTH: Objection.
- 3 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- Q. Was that the only meeting you had in preparation for today?
  - A. I had another meeting last week.
  - Q. How long was that meeting?
    - A. Less than an hour.
    - Q. And do you recall when specifically that meeting occurred?
- 11 A. Midweek. I don't recall exact date.
- Q. Was the meeting in person? Over the phone?

  Both?
- 14 A. Over Zoom.
- Q. And I want to circle back to the first meeting we discussed.
- Was that also in person? Over Zoom?
- 18 A. Over Zoom.
- Q. Did you review any documents with counsel during the meeting last week?
- MR. WILMOTH: Objection. And I'm going to instruct the witness not to answer to the extent that it reveals any communications between him and his counsel.
- THE WITNESS: May I answer?

- 1 MR. WILMOTH: You may.
- THE WITNESS: Just my declaration.
- 3 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- Q. Without telling me what was discussed between you and counsel, did you review any other documents?
  - A. No.

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- Q. Have you had any communications with anyone other than an attorney to prepare for your deposition?
- 11 A. No.
  - Q. Have you had any communications with any of the plaintiffs in the Camp Lejeune Water Litigation about your deposition?
    - A. No.
    - Q. Have you had any communications with any of Allan Wayne Howard's treating physicians?
  - A. No.
  - Q. Have you had any communications with any of Jacqueline Tukes' treating physicians?
    - A. No.
- Q. How did you first become aware of the Camp
  Lejeune water litigation?
  - A. I'd heard about it through media reports and, also, I'd come across of it through prior

1 researching kidney cancer and bladder cancer cases.

- Q. Do you recall when you first became aware?
- A. Maybe two years ago. Don't recall the exact date.
- Q. When were you first contacted about working on this matter?
- A. September of 2024.
- Q. Who first contacted you about working on this matter?
- 10 A. Mr. Wilmoth.
- 11 Q. Anyone else?
- 12 A. No.

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- Q. What, if any, information were you provided during that initial contact?
- A. I was asked if I was willing to review a case.
  - Q. And you have indeed been hired as an expert witness in this case; correct?
  - A. I believe so.
- Q. When were you formally retained?
- 21 A. Don't recall the exact date. Must have 22 been sometime in 2024, late 2024.
- Q. Sometime during the fall sound about right?
- A. Would have to be maybe a month or so afterwards because I'd have to actually review the

documents. So I'm assuming took me about six to eight weeks to probably review the documents and then discuss it with the lawyers and see if I would be willing to take on the case.

- How many times did you speak with Ο. plaintiffs' counsel prior to being retained?
- Don't recall exactly. It'll probably be reflected on my invoice.
- Do you recall whether it was more than once?
  - One or two times. Α.
- Ο. One or two times.

Do you have any notes from those conversations before you were retained?

- Α. No.
- Did you execute a retainer agreement? Ο.
- Α. I must have, yes.
- Ο. Did you perform any work regarding this matter before you were retained?
- Α. As part of my initial review, I must have done some work, so -- in order to be officially retained and agree to take on the case, so I'm sure that I did do some work.
- Aside from any initial work or initial review, did you perform any other type of

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substantive work before you were formally retained?

- A. What do you mean by "substantive"?
- Q. Did you review any medical records -- did you review any medical records, case files, things of the like?
  - A. Of these specific two individuals?
- Q. Yes.

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- A. Must have been part of my review. Yes
- Q. What was your assignment in this matter?

  MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.
- 11 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- 12 Q. I'll reframe.
  - What was the scope of your responsibility in this case as an expert witness?
    - A. To review the medical records, expert reports, and offer an opinion regarding the plaintiffs' development of kidney cancer.
    - Q. And just so the record is clear, when we say "plaintiffs," are we referring to Mr. Allan Wayne Howard and Mrs. Jacqueline Tukes?
      - A. Yes. Those two specific individuals.
- Q. And you did prepare reports for those two individuals; correct?
- A. Two separate declarations and reports.

  Yes.

Page 18 1 MR. MARQUINA: Okay. And this time, let's 2 see, let's mark this as 1. (Exhibit 1 was marked for 3 4 identification and attached hereto.) 5 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 6 BY MR. MAROUINA: 7 Dr. Josephson, I'm handing you what's been Q. labeled as Exhibit 1. The document is entitled 8 9 Exhibit A to the Report of David Y. Josephson on Plaintiff Allan W. Howard Materials Considered List. 10 11 Do you recognize this document? 12 Α. Yes. 13 What is this document? This is a list of the documents and 14 15 literature provided to me in preparation for this 16 case. 17 MR. MARQUINA: Okay. And this is 2. (Exhibit 2 was marked for 18 identification and attached hereto.) 19 2.0 BY MR. MARQUINA: Same thing with this one. I've handed 21 Ο. you -- or we've handed you what's been entitled as 22 23 Exhibit A to the Report of David Y. Josephson on Plaintiff Jacqueline J. Tukes Materials Considered 24

List.

Page 19 1 Do you recognize this document? 2 Α. Yes. What is this document? 3 Ο. This is a list of documents and 4 publications that have been provided to me and to be 5 6 considered by me in forming my opinions in the case of Jacqueline Tukes. This is 3. 8 MR. MAROUINA: 9 (Exhibit 3 was marked for identification and attached hereto.) 10 11 BY MR. MARQUINA: Dr. Josephson, I've handed you -- or we've 12 Ο. 13 handed you a document entitled Dr. David Josephson, 14 Supplemental Materials Considered List. 15 Do you recognize this document? 16 Α. Yes. What is this document? 17 Ο. This is a list of documents, including 18 Α. 19 causation reports and deposition transcripts, related to the case in addition to medical records 2.0 21 related to Mr. Howard and Ms. Tukes, specifically, that have been considered by me in rendering my 22 23 opinion in the case. 24 This is, I think, 4. MR. MARQUINA:

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Page 20 (Exhibit 4 was marked for 1 identification and attached hereto.) 2 3 BY MR. MARQUINA: This is a document entitled Dr. David 4 Ο. Josephson, Third Supplemental Materials Considered. 5 Do you recognize this document? 6 7 Α. Yes. What is this document? 8 Ο. 9 It's disclosing that the transcript of Dr. Hoppe has been provided to me as another 10 11 supplemental information related to the case. 12 MR. MARQUINA: This is, I believe, 5. 13 (Exhibit 5 was marked for identification and attached hereto.) 14 15 BY MR. MARQUINA: 16 This document that's been handed to you is Ο. 17 entitled Dr. David Josephson, Supplemental Materials Considered List. 18 19 Do you recognize this document? 2.0 Α. Yes. 21 What is this document? Ο. Additional reports that have been provided 22 23 to me in consideration for this case, including reports of Kelly Reynolds, Dr. Shields, and 24 Dr. Allen. 25

Q. So these five, we'll refer to them as, these five, separate materials considered list.

Do these reflect a complete and accurate copy of all the materials you considered in developing your opinions for your reports on Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes?

MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Yes. But I've obviously done my own research historically, and not every publication that I've ever looked at is included in this list.

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Q. What documents did you review in preparing for -- strike that.

Are there documents that you reviewed in preparing your reports in this case that are not included in your materials considered list?

- A. There must be a number of publications that I have not listed specifically. But having done this for 20 years, I'm sure I've come across research that's not specifically spelled out here in the documents list.
  - Q. Do you recall any specific document or --
- A. No.
  - Q. -- research that you did not list on your

1 | materials considered list?

- A. No.
- Q. Did you bring any documents with you to your deposition today?
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- Q. When did you first begin working as an expert witness?
  - A. Prior to this case?
  - Q. Prior to this case, just in general.
- A. Probably 2007, 2008.
  - Q. Why did you start working as an expert witness?
  - A. Based on my background and training as a urologic oncologist and robotic surgeon, I was sought out to render opinions regarding medical standards as they relate to care offered by physicians on both the plaintiff and defense side.
  - Q. Have you performed expert work for both plaintiffs and defendants?
    - A. Yes.
- Q. Approximately what percentage of your work as an expert witness is for plaintiffs?
  - A. 40 percent.
- Q. Is it fair to say that 60 percent of your work would then be for defendants?

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- Q. Have you received any compensation in connection with your work in this case?
- A. Yes.
  - Q. How do you charge for your services as an expert? For example, hourly, fixed price, some other arrangement?
    - A. Hourly.
  - Q. Do you recall how much you've billed to date in this case for your work on Mr. Howard's case?
- A. For both cases or just one case?
- 0. Let's focus on Mr. Howard first.
- 14 A. Don't know the exact number, but --
- 15 O. Let me --
- A. -- I'm sure it's in my invoices. I'd say probably \$12,000.
- MR. MARQUINA: One moment. This is, I
- 19 think, 6.
- 20 | (Exhibit 6 was marked for
- identification and attached hereto.)
- 22 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- Q. Dr. Josephson, is that your -- an invoice for the work you've performed in Mr. Howard's case?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 0. And does this document accurately reflect the total amount that you have billed for 2

- Mr. Howard's case thus far?
- Correct. Α.
- (Exhibit 7 was marked for 5
- identification and attached hereto.) 6
- 7 BY MR. MARQUINA:

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- And, Dr. Josephson, is this an invoice 8 9 reflecting the total amount you have billed in this case for preparing your report for Ms. Tukes? 10
- 11 Α. Correct.
- 12 So is it fair to say the -- you've billed a total of 14,933 in Mr. Howard's case? 13
- 14 Α. Yes.
- 15 And if -- I may have my math wrong, but is 16 for a total of about 20 hours; is that fair?
- 17 Α. Correct.
- 18 O. And turning back to Mrs. Tukes, the total 19 amount you have billed for her case is \$12,293; is 2.0 that correct?
- 21 Correct. Α.
- And that's for a total of about --22 Ο.
- 23 Α. 15 hours.
- -- 15 hours billed? 24 0.
- 25 Α. Sorry to disrupt you. Sorry about that.

1 Q. No worries.

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Does your payment in this case depend on its outcome?

- A. Absolutely not.
- Q. Are you reimbursed for any expenses or costs?
- A. I don't think so.

Well, let me -- let me take that back. I have not charged for any costs. But if I get deposed and have to travel and close down my clinic for the day, then I expect to get reimbursed for my time.

- Q. And that's reflected in your fee schedule; correct?
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. What percentage of your annual income is earned from serving as an expert witness?
  - A. Less than 5 percent.
  - Q. And is the fee schedule you used in this case the same as the fee schedule you've used in prior cases?
  - A. It's been updated as of 2023, 2024. But, yes, it's reflective of all cases that I do.
  - Q. Is the amount that you bill per hour -- let me strike that.

1 Has the amount you've billed per hour been 2 the same in this case as it's been in prior cases?

- Α. Yes.
- Let me do it this way. Ο.

That and his report, tab one. 5 Thanks.

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(Exhibit 8 was marked for 7

identification and attached hereto.)

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

- 10 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- 11 This is a document entitled Specific Ο.
- 12 Causation Expert Witness Report, Allan Howard.
- 13 Dr. Josephson, is this the report you
- prepared for Mr. Howard's case? 14
- 15 Correct.
- 16 And that's your signature on the front Ο.
- 17 page; right?
- 18 Α. Correct.
- If you could turn to page 15, under section 19
- 2.0 8 entitled Fees, this reflects your fee schedule for
- 21 Mr. Howard's case; correct?
- 22 Α. Correct.
- 23 And is it fair to say that this is the same
- exact fee schedule in Mrs. Tukes' case? 24
- 25 Α. Correct.

1 Q. And for trial testimony, you bill at

- \$95,000 -- or \$9,500, excuse me, for half day; fair?
- 3 Α. Fair.

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- And that's \$17,000 for a full day of trial 4 testimony? 5
- 6 Α. Correct.
- And for out-of-town travel, that is billed Ο. 8 at a rate of \$20,000 per day for trial testimony.
  - Α. Correct.
- 10 Ο. Okay.
- (Exhibit 9 was marked for 11
- 12 identification and attached hereto.)
- 13 BY MR. MAROUINA:
- 14 Dr. Josephson, this is a document entitled Ο. 15 Expert Witness Disclosure.
- 16 Is this a report you've prepared in a case
- 17 entitled Gallagher vs. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco
- 18 Company?
- 19 Α. Yes.
- 2.0 And if you could turn to page 8 on this O.
- 21 document.
- Here, it reflects you charge \$5,500 per 22
- 23 half-day of trial testimony; correct?
- Correct. In 2023. 24 Α.
- 25 Q. Is there a particular reason why the amount

you charge per trial testimony is different in this case than in the Gallagher case?

- A. Like I alluded to before, my fee schedule has changed as time has gone on and my out-of-office expenses have increased. So that's reflective of the increased cost. It has nothing to do with these two cases specifically. Other cases that I'm currently involved in are charged at the same rate that I have disclosed in the Howard's and Tukes' case.
  - Q. You can set that aside.

Dr. Josephson, you'd agree that it's important for a physician testifying as an expert witness to testify only in areas in which they have appropriate training and recent substantive experience and knowledge; right?

- A. Correct.
- Q. And you'd also agree that physicians who testify as an expert witness should evaluate cases objectively and provide an independent opinion; right?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. And physicians who testify as expert witnesses should ensure that their testimony reflects current scientific thought and standards of

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care that have gained acceptance among peers in the relevant field; right?

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- Q. And if the theory is not widely accepted in the profession, the physician should appropriately characterize the theory on which the testimony is based; right?
  - A. I'm not sure I understand that question.
  - Q. I'll withdraw that for now.

You'd agree that it's important for a physician testifying as an expert witness to not exclude any relevant information from consideration; right?

MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Can you be more specific?

BY MR. MARQUINA:

O. Sure.

For example, epidemiological literature reflecting that there is no association, you would agree with me that that's important for an expert to consider.

MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I think it has to be taken into a case-specific context. I mean, in general, nothing is considered in isolation.

Page 30 So, yes, it's considered. But how much 1 2 weight it's given is obviously dependent on the quality and nature of a report. 3 4 MR. MARQUINA: Tab 3. (Exhibit 10 was marked for 5 identification and attached hereto.) 6 7 BY MR. MARQUINA: This is 10. 8 Ο. 9 Dr. Josephson, this is a document entitled David Y. Josephson, M.D., FACS, Curriculum Vitae. 10 11 Do you recognize this document? 12 Α. Yes. 13 What is this document? Ο. 14 It's my CV. Α. 15 Who prepared this document? Ο. 16 I have. Α. 17 Is this your most current CV? Ο. 18 Α. Yes. Does this document reflect a complete 19 Ο. 2.0 representation of your educational and employment 21 background? 22 Yes. Α. 23 Does this document contain all of your publications from the last ten years? 24 25 Α. Yes.

Q. Is there any information you did not include in your CV?

- A. There's abstracts and presentations that are either pending to be presented or pending to be published that are not included in this, but it's not relevant to the cases we're discussing today.
- Q. Why are those abstracts not relevant to the case?
- A. Well, they're still pending, so they're related to prostate cancer research related to imaging modalities that have no relevance in kidney cancer.
- Q. Are there any other items that have been omitted from your CV?
- A. No.

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- Q. You aren't an attorney; correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- Q. You don't have a Juris Doctor from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association; right?
  - A. Correct.
- 22 Q. You don't have any legal training?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. You've never taught courses in law school; right?

Page 32 1 Α. No. 2 You aren't an economist; correct? Ο. 3 Α. Correct. You aren't an accountant; correct? 4 Ο. Correct. 5 Α. You are not an epidemiologist; right? 6 Q. Correct. 7 Α. You don't have a certification in 8 Ο. 9 epidemiology; right? Correct. 10 Α. 11 You've never been a principal investigator Ο. 12 for an epidemiological study; right? 13 Correct. Α. 14 You've never published peer-reviewed Ο. 15 literature in epidemiology; right? 16 Α. Correct. You never taught any courses on 17 Q. epidemiology; right? 18 19 Α. Correct. 2.0 You don't hold yourself out as an expert in Ο. 21 risk assessment; right? 22 Object to form. MR. WILMOTH: 23 THE WITNESS: I disagree with that 24 statement. 25 ///

- 1 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- Have you taken the Mid-America Toxicology 2
- 3 Course?
- 4 Α. No.
- Have you taken any courses in environmental 5 Ο. risk assessment? 6
  - Α. No.
- 8 Ο. Have you taught any courses on risk 9 assessment?
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- 11 Have you conducted any human health Ο. 12 environmental risk assessments?
- Can you be more specific? Any -- I didn't 13 Α. 14 catch the last part of your question.
  - Sure. I'll repeat. Ο.
    - Have you conducted any human health environmental risk assessments?
      - Α. Yes, as a retained expert.
  - Have you conducted human health environmental risk assessments on any specific site such as a military, industrial, or farmland site?
  - Α. No.
- 23 Ο. Have you read the EPA's Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund? 24
  - Α. Was that part of my documents disclosed?

- Q. I will represent to you that it is not.
  - A. Then I don't recall.
  - Q. Have you read the EPA's Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment?
    - A. I don't believe so.
  - Q. Have you read the EPA's Exposure Factors Handbook?
    - A. No.

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- Q. Can you explain how Monte Carlo is used in risk assessment?
  - A. I can't.
- Q. Are you a member of any professional societies that include a focus on risk assessment?
- A. No.
- Q. How many papers on risk assessment have you published in peer -- strike that.

How many peer reviewed papers on risk assessment have you published?

- A. None.
- Q. Have you been asked by journals to peer review submitted manuscripts on risk assessment?
- A. May have historically as part of the ASCO Society, but I don't recall any specific.
- Q. Could you describe the work you've done with the ASCO Society?

1 I was a reviewer for ASCO when I first 2 started out. But -- as just general expert reviewer. But I don't recall anything specific to 3 risk assessment in my review.

- And just for the record, could you spell 0. the acronym for me?
- 7 A-S-C-O, American Society of Clinical Oncology. 8
  - Ο. Have you been asked by the EPA or other agencies to peer review part or all of their quidance documents?
- 12 Α. No.

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- You aren't a geneticist; correct? 0.
- I'm not. 14 Α.
- 15 Or a molecular pathologist? Ο.
- 16 Correct. Α.
- 17 You don't have any certifications in Q. genetics; right? 18
- 19 Α. No.
- 2.0 Ο. Or molecular pathology?
- 21 Α. Correct.
- You've never peer -- strike that. 22 Q.
- 23 You never published peer-reviewed
- literature on genetics; correct? 24
- 25 Α. No.

Page 36 1 Q. Or in molecular pathology? 2 Correct. Α. 3 Q. You've never taught any courses on genetics; right? 4 5 Α. Correct. Q. Or on molecular pathology? 6 Α. Correct. You don't have any training as a 8 Q. 9 geneticist; right? 10 Α. No. 11 Or as a molecular pathologist? O. Correct. 12 Α. 13 You aren't a toxicologist; correct? Ο. Correct. 14 Α. 15 You don't have a certification in Ο. 16 toxicology; right? 17 Α. Correct. You've never been a principal investigator 18 Ο. for a toxicological study; right? 19 2.0 Α. Correct. 21 You've never published peer-reviewed literature on toxicology; right? 22 23 Α. Correct. 24 You've never taught any courses on toxicology; right? 25

Page 37 1 Α. Correct. 2 You don't have degrees in biochemistry; Ο. 3 right? 4 No. Α. You don't have degrees in pharmacology; 5 Ο. 6 correct? Α. No. You don't have degrees in environmental 8 Q. 9 health; right? Α. 10 Correct. 11 You don't have degrees in occupational Ο. medicine; correct? 12 13 Α. Correct. 14 You never published peer-reviewed Ο. 15 literature regarding the effects of TCE; correct? 16 Α. Correct. 17 Or PCE? Q. 18 Α. Correct. Q. Or vinyl chloride? 19 2.0 A. Correct. 21 Ο. Or benzene? 22 Correct. Α. 23 You never published peer-reviewed Q. literature regarding the effects of TCE on kidney 24 25 cancer; right?

- Α. Correct.
- Or the effects of PCE on kidney cancer? 2 0.
- 3 Α. Correct.
- Or the effects of vinyl chloride on kidney 4 Ο.
- 5 cancer?
- Α. Correct. 6
  - Or the effects of benzene on kidney cancer? Q.
- 8 Α. Correct.
- 9 In your practice, have you ever treated individuals with kidney cancer that were exposed to 10 11 the water at Camp Lejeune?
- 12 Α. I don't recall any specifically.
- 13 Have you ever personally examined
- Mr. Howard? 14
- 15 No. Α.
- 16 Have you ever personally examined Ο.
- Mrs. Tukes? 17
- 18 Α. No.
- 19 In your practice, have you ever evaluated
- 2.0 the cause of a patient's kidney cancer?
- 21 Α. Yes.
- 22 Did any of those cases involve exposure to
- 23 TCE?
- 24 Yes. Α.
- 25 Q. What were those cases?

Don't recall specifics, but occupational. Α.

- Did any of those cases involve PCE? 0.
- Α. Same, occupational.
- Did any of those cases involve exposure to Ο. vinyl chloride?
  - Α. I don't recall.
- Did any of those cases involve exposure to Q. benzene?
  - Α. I don't recall.
- Other than in this case, have you ever Ο. offered an expert opinion in a case involving toxic exposures?
- 13 Α. Yes.

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- 14 What were those cases, to the best of your Ο. 15 recollection?
  - I'm currently reviewing a case related to TCE and kidney cancer, but I've not been named as an expert. And I've reviewed cases in the past which I've decided not to be involved in. I don't recall their exact names.
  - Other than in this case, have you ever offered an expert opinion on the etiology of kidney cancer?
  - Are we talking about renal cell carcinoma, or are we talking about urothelial carcinoma, or are

we talking about kidney cancer in general?

- Q. When we say "kidney cancer," what does that mean to you?
- A. Well, as an urologic oncologist, kidney cancer can be encompassing of both urothelial and renal cell carcinoma. So it's case specific. To the lay public, kidney cancer can be both. As a urologic oncologist, I usually think about it as renal cell carcinoma.
- Q. Let's go with the broader definition, including both renal cell carcinoma, UTUC, and other types of kidney cancer.

Have you ever offered an expert opinion on the etiology of kidney cancer?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Could you describe those cases?

MR. WILMOTH: I'm going to object. Just instruct the doctor not to discuss cases he's not been disclosed in as an expert.

So anything you've been consulted on, Doctor, that is not fair game.

THE WITNESS: A few cases that I can disclose are tobacco-related litigation with patients presenting with kidney cancer.

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Q. I believe earlier you mentioned that you chose not to become involved in other cases involving TCE and PCE exposure.

Am I remembering that right?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Could you explain why?
- A. Either the documentation was not detailed enough or I didn't believe that I was qualified as an expert regarding the patient's case to be involved.
- Q. Could you go a little bit further? Why did you believe you weren't qualified as an expert?
- A. I just didn't find that there was enough documentation for me to render an opinion.
- Q. Was there any specific kind of documentation you felt was missing for those cases?
- A. Extensive list of medical records, prior occupational exposure, smoking assessment, environmental reports. I mean, this case was lacking adequate information for me to review.
- Q. Have you ever been subject to any disciplinary action or censured by any licensing body?
  - A. No.

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1	Q. And have you ever been subject to any
2	disciplinary action by any court or tribunal?
3	A. No.
4	MR. MARQUINA: Can we take a five-minute
5	break?
6	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off camera. The
7	time is 10:34 a.m.
8	(Recess from 10:34 a.m. to 10:46 a.m.)
9	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We are back on
L 0	record. The time is 10:46 a.m.
L1	MR. MARQUINA: Jessica, could you announce
L 2	your appearance?
L 3	Just for the record, we're joined by
L <b>4</b>	Jessica Ans on behalf of the United States via Zoom.
L 5	BY MR. MARQUINA:
L 6	Q. Okay. Dr. Josephson, we are back.
L7	(A discussion was held off the record.)
L 8	(Exhibit 11 was marked for
L 9	identification and attached hereto.)
20	BY MR. MARQUINA:
21	Q. Dr. Josephson, if you could take a look at
22	this document as well as what's been previously
23	labeled as Exhibit 8. Those are the two documents
24	I'll be focusing on for right now.
25	So what's been handed to you now, is this

1 the report you prepared in Mrs. Tukes' case?

> Α. Yes.

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- Ο. And that alongside Mr. Howard's case, are those the only reports you prepared in this case?
- Α. Correct.
- Did anyone help you prepare your report on 7 Mr. Howard?
  - Α. No.
  - Ο. Did anyone help prepare you -- strike that. Did anyone help you prepare your report for
- 11 Mrs. Tukes?
- 12 Α. No.
  - Did you review the Camp Lejeune Justice Act in reaching your opinion for Mr. Howard and
- 15 Mrs. Tukes?
- 16 Α. Yes.
  - And just to make everyone's lives easier, let's focus on Mr. Howard's report. If you could turn to page 3 on Mr. Howard's report.
  - You mentioned the "as likely as not" standard in the Camp Lejeune Justice Act in your report for Mr. Howard; correct?
- 23 Α. Correct.
- And is it fair to say that that standard is 24 25 also mentioned in your report on Mrs. Tukes?

Α.	Correct
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Q. You would agree with me that the "at least as likely as not" standard under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act is a legal standard; correct?

MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: As it pertains to this case,

I believe it is a legal standard.

But as a clinician and in medical literature as the -- "at least as likely as not" term may not be spelled out exactly that way. But the concept is applied in general medicine, in research, and as a clinician.

## BY MR. MARQUINA:

- Q. What other context in medical literature have you seen the "as likely as not" standard or its equivalent?
- A. So the analogy that I would use -- and, again, I'm not saying that exactly the wording "at least as likely as not," but I'm using it as a concept.

The concept of noninferiority, when you have a well-established intervention, let's say, and you're trying to study whether a second type of intervention that may be less costly, less invasive, or less burdensome is as good but if not better than

the first intervention that you're comparing it to.

And for a variety of reasons, whether it's the number of interventions needed or the time that's needed to follow something, it would be extremely difficult to prove that it's superior.

A noninferiority trial is analogous to the "at least as likely as not" standard from a clinical perspective. It's not a legal perspective.

- Q. Are you aware of an instance where the "as likely as not" standard has been used in epidemiological research to show an association between exposure to a toxin and a disease outcome?
  - A. From a legal standpoint, no.

From a research perspective, again, not using as a legal standard but as kind of a scientific medical research standard, I'm sure it's been applied using animal data to correlate with human data or using case control studies and then applying it to wider epidemiology studies. I can't talk about the methodology specifically, but I'm sure that it has been applied outside of the legal standard definition.

Q. If you'll turn to page 4 on your report for Mr. Howard, you note in your report, "This standard affects the context of the opinions provided in this

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report as the burden of proof acquired to satisfy subsection B is lower."

And subsection B is referencing,
"Sufficient to conclude a causal relationship is at
least as likely as not."

Is that a fair reading?

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- Q. And is it fair to say that that same language is included in your report on Mrs. Tukes?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. How did the "at least as likely as not" standard affect the context of your opinions as you describe in your reports?
- A. I'm not sure by -- what you mean by "how did it affect my opinion."
- Q. You mentioned here that -- strike that.

  How did you apply the "as likely as not"

  standard in preparing your report for Mr. Howard and

  Mrs. Tukes?
- A. My interpretation of the Camp Lejeune

  Justice Act and reading the number of expert report

  depositions provided to me was that there was a

  certain legal standard that was being applied in

  these cases specifically to show a relationship

  between environmental exposure and the development

of a variety of diseases.

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My opinions were specifically related to environmental exposure to these toxins and the development of kidney cancer. And my interpretation of the data was that were these exposures sufficient enough to show that an exposure to said substance in consideration with other factors was relevant or equal to the subsequent development of that cancer.

So, for example, if there's a variety of factors being considered in a certain individual and there's different risk profiles, did these different factors at least bear equal weight. If not, some of them have more weight than others.

- When you say "other factors," what are you Ο. referring to?
- Other known risk factors for the development of cancer.
- O. Are those the same risk factors that you mentioned in both your reports for Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes?
  - Α. Yes.
- How would your opinion change, if at all, if you had assessed Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes' case under a "more likely than not" standard as opposed to the "as likely as not" standard?

- 1 MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.
- THE WITNESS: I believe my opinions would
- 3 be the same that I've written.
- 4 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- Q. Were you instructed to opine on the COJ
- 6 | legal standard?
  - A. No.
- Q. Did someone provide you a copy of the Camp Lejeune Justice Act's language?
- 10 A. It was in the reports that I reviewed.
- 11 Q. But did someone provide you a copy of the statute's language?
  - A. Specifically spelled out or --
- 14 O. Yeah.
- 15 A. No.

- 16 O. In whatever form.
- A. No. It was in the reports that I was provided.
- Q. Did you independently research the Camp
  Lejeune Justice Act in preparing your report?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. How did you research the Camp Lejeune
  Justice Act in preparing your report?
- A. I read the report. And like I said before,
  I was aware of the Camp Lejeune -- not necessarily

the Justice Act but the Camp Lejeune implications of carcinogens and their development of different diseases and cancers prior to this case.

- Q. When you say you "reviewed the report," which report are you referring to?
- A. I've reviewed the section as it relates to the "at least as likely as not" standard warning in preparation for this report.
- Q. Is that from the statute or is that from some other literature, for example, the ATSDR's report?
  - A. I don't recall where I read it.
- Q. Have you previously reviewed statutory language in rendering an expert opinion?
  - A. No.

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- Q. Have you previously addressed the legal burden of proof in rendering an expert opinion such as preponderance of evidence?
- A. Well, I think in every medical-legal case that I'm retained to opine on, there is some legal standard to a reasonable degree of probability whether something is related to some action.

  Whether it's a carcinogen. Whether it's falling below the standard of care. Whether it's a development of a complication.

So in general terms, yes, I think mostly medical-legal cases that I've been retained as an expert do use some legal statutes and definition but not the "at least as likely as not" standard that is being written on here.

- Q. You hold your opinions to a reasonable degree of medical and scientific certainty in this case; correct?
  - A. Correct.

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- Q. What is your understanding of that phrase as it relates to this litigation?
- A. Can you be more specific? I think it's -- had you asked me this question 20 years, I wouldn't know where you're going with this.

But having done medical-legal work over 20 years, I think it's a legal standard that is typically applied for med-legal work.

- Q. Does your understanding of the term "reasonable degree of medical and scientific certainty" differ in this case versus if you were to apply it in a case applying a different legal standard?
  - A. No.
- Q. How, if at all, does the COJ's causation standard, specifically the "as likely as not"

standard, affect your application of the phrase "reasonable degree of medical and scientific certainty"?

- A. Your first part I didn't understand. How often?
  - Q. No. How -- let me repeat.

So how, if at all, does the "as likely as not" standard affect your application of the phrase "reasonable degree of medical and scientific certainty"?

- A. It doesn't affect that statement at all.
- Q. How, if at all, do physicians in your field apply the "as likely as not" standard?
- A. Again, I think it's a legal statute that is a very specific term.

But the way I would use it in a clinical context or a day-to-day context is a -- I'm evaluating a patient that comes to me with a certain disease or a certain cancer, and they ask me, "Well, how did I get this cancer"? And evaluating their social history, where they lived, what kind of carcinogens they were exposed to, what kind of family history they have, medical problems or a variety of factors, assess a risk profile. And in that risk profile, evaluate the different factors

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1 | and tell them what I think the most contributory or

- 2 | the most contributory factor or factors are
- 3 depending on how much weight each factor may have.
- 4 Q. Have you ever used the "as likely as not"
- 5 | standard in peer-reviewed literature you've
- 6 authored?
  - A. No.
- Q. Have you ever used the "as likely as not"
- 9 | standard in diagnosing patients?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Have you ever used the "as likely as not"
- 12 | standard in treating patients?
- 13 A. No.
- Q. Before this case, have you ever used the
- 15 "as likely as not" standard in your time serving as
- 16 | an expert witness?
- 17 A. I don't recall.
- Q. How, if at all, did the "as likely as not"
- 19 standard affect your review of the medical
- 20 | literature?
- 21 A. It did not affect it.
- Q. Are you familiar with the term "equipoise"?
- A. Yes. Generally speaking, yes.
- Q. Do you equate that term with the "as likely
- 25 as not" standard?

- A. In this context, yes.
- Q. Are you aware of any published guidance on how to apply the "as likely as not" standard?
  - A. No.

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Q. Are you aware of where -- let me step back.

You're aware that the ATSDR used the "as

7 likely as not" standard in issuing its assessment on the evidence; correct?

- A. I saw it listed as part of their reporting methodology. Yes.
- Q. Are you aware of where the ATSDR got the equipoise and above standard from?
- A. I'm assuming it's from the Camp Lejeune Justice Act, but I'm not sure.
- Q. Are you aware that the ATSDR selected that classification scheme due to time constraints and to add diseases to the VA presumption list?

MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I'm not sure.

BY MR. MARQUINA:

- Q. In analyzing epidemiologic and toxicologic literature on an association, a literature search is a key step; correct?
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. You would agree with me that a literature

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- I'm not sure you craft it specifically to get negative and positive results. You craft the literature search to evaluate the data and both evaluate the interpretation and use your own kind of interpretation to come to a conclusion.
- But you would agree with me that the search terms you use in conducting a literature search shouldn't be crafted in such a way to discriminate from favorable findings versus unfavorable findings.
  - Α. Correct. Agree.
- And that's because otherwise, you risk forming an unbalanced opinion; right?
  - Or a more biased opinion. Α.
  - Either way, more biased or --Ο.
  - Correct. Correct. Α.
- Ο. Yeah. And you performed a literature search on PubMed in preparing your reports for Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes; right?
  - Correct. Α.
- Did you perform a literature search using a resource other than PubMed for Mr. Howard's case?
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pull the publications from, but most of the literature is on PubMed.

- Q. Was it -- so was it just PubMed that you used or did you also use Google Scholar?
- A. I typically use PubMed. I mean, when you put in a search term in Safari or Chrome, it usually pulls publications that are on PubMed. And then within PubMed, you can do a more refined search, you know, taking out the date and type of study, whether it's meta-analysis or just a single article.

But PubMed is my primary search engine.

- Q. And you included search terms both in your report for Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes; right?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. And those search terms -- turning to Mr. Howard's report specifically, those search terms include trichloroethylene, or TCE, and renal cell carcinoma, or RCC, or kidney cancer; is that fair?
  - A. Correct.
    - O. Those terms don't include PCE; correct?
- A. Correct. But I've done PCE and renal cell carcinoma or kidney cancer for Mrs. Tukes.
- Q. But let's focus on Mr. Howard's case for now.
  - A. Sure.

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- Q. For Mr. How- -- for the search terms you included for Mr. Howard's case, those search terms do not include the term "PCE"; correct?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. Those search terms don't include "tetrachloroethylene"; correct?
- A. Correct.

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- Q. Those search terms don't include "benzene"; correct?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. And those search terms don't include "vinyl chloride"; correct?
  - A. Correct.

But in the process of doing this search, usually TCE, PCE, benzene, and vinyl chloride are usually lumped together in some of the study. So it's impossible to isolate TCE alone and not see additional factors being included in the literature that is provided.

So the output -- maybe the index term is "TCE," but the output usually will have the additional agents that I've set.

Q. But you would agree with me that, regarding Mr. Howard's case, the search terms you included in your report do not include the other three chemicals

1 involved in this case. Those three chemicals being 2 PCE, benzene, and vinyl chloride.

- A. Correct.
- Q. I'd like to turn to Ms. Tukes' report.

I think your search terms in Mrs. Tukes' case include the terms "tretrachloroethylene," or PCE, and renal cell carcinoma, or RCC, or kidney cancer; is that fair?

- A. Correct.
- Q. Is it fair to say that the term "tretrachloroethylene" is a typo --
- 12 A. Yes.

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- Q. -- and was that typo -- was the correct spelling tetrachloroethylene?
  - A. Yes. T-e-t-r-a. It should be t-e-t-r-a.
  - Q. Was that typo included in the actual search term you used outside of this report for Mrs. Tukes' case?
  - A. The appropriate search term that I used was "tetra" and not "tretra."
    - O. Understood.

22 An alternate name for PCE is perchloroethylene; correct?

- A. Correct.
- Q. The term "perchloroethylene" isn't included

1 | in the search index for Mrs. Tukes; correct?

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- Q. The search index also doesn't include TCE; correct?
  - A. Correct.
- 6 Q. Or TCE's alternative name,
  7 trichloroethylene; correct?
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. The search index also doesn't include vinyl chloride; correct?
    - A. Correct.

And like I said before, the output of the literature that is given to me will have those additional compounds in their methodology section or in their output section.

O. Sure.

You would also agree with me that the search terms for Mrs. Tukes' case don't include benzene; correct?

- A. Correct.
- Q. Is it fair to say that your search method, that is the use of PubMed -- strike that.

Is it fair to say that PubMed was the only search database that you used for Mrs. Tukes' case?

A. As a search methodology, yes. But I don't

have -- I can't separate out my experience taking care of patients, my prior knowledge, my prior experiences in isolating anything that I may have known before this case and just purely use the search term that I used to generate the reports.

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But my question is just more focused on when conducting your literature review specifically for these cases, was PubMed the only research database you used?

- A. Yes.
- Q. And that's for both Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. How did you decide which studies to include or exclude in your reports?
  - A. Studies that I thought were relevant in the cases.
  - Q. And what does the term "relevant to the cases" mean?
- A. Cases where there's a certain substance, whether it's TCE or PCE or the other agents that I've discussed have been evaluated. And then if and not there's a relationship that is found between those agents and the development of renal cell

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Like we've said before, the literature search will output a variety of different reports. Some are stronger in their methodology. Some are weaker.

I've included ones that I believe are the strongest in terms of their causal relationship.

Have I included everything that I came across? Not I probably excluded some based on their methodology or the way that the data was obtained.

Q. Is there a method you have -- what methodology do you use to exclude -- strike that.

What methodology do you use to exclude medical literature from your analysis?

A. I don't have a distinct methodology, but I'll give you an example. Maybe a case report of one patient that may have had some exposure, and whether that exposure link was positive or negative, I don't think bears as much weight as a more widespread epidemiology study of thousand of patients.

So the type of methodology that is used has some bearing in terms of the weight that researchers and clinicians use when they interpret data.

Q. You included the EPA's 2011 toxicology

1 review for trichloroethylene in your materials

2 | considered list for both Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes'

- 3 | case; right?
- And you're welcome to review the materials

Give me one second, please.

- 5 considered list to refresh your recollection.
  - Q. Sure.

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8 A. Yes.

- 9 Q. Were you aware the EPA published a toxicology review of tetrachloroethylene or perchloroethylene in 2012?
- 12 A. It's 2011, I believe, but, yes.
- 13 | O. Did --
- 14 THE REPORTER: Counsel, your microphone.
- 15 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- 16 Q. Did that publication appear in your
- 17 | literature search?
- 18 A. No. I believe I found out from -- I don't
- 19 know how I came across that.
- 20 Q. Do you recall reviewing that document?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Is there a reason the study wasn't included
- 23 | in your materials considered list?
- A. I'm not sure.
- Q. You included the EPA's 2020 risk evaluation

1 for trichloroethylene in your materials considered

- 2 | list for Mr. Howard's case; correct?
  - A. Where are you referring to?
- 4 Q. I think it might be page 3.
- 5 A. Page --

- Q. 3 from your materials considered list for Mr. Howard.
- 8 A. Is that in my report or on the materials
  9 listed --
- 10 O. The materials considered list.
- 11 MR. WILMOTH: What exhibit number is that?
- MR. MARQUINA: That should be Exhibit 1, I
- 13 | think, materials considered list. It should be --
- 14 THE WITNESS: Is that Number 17?
- 15 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- 16 O. Yes.
- 17 A. Okay. I was provided that.
- 18 O. And that same document is included in your
- 19 materials considered list for Mrs. Tukes; correct?
- 20 You might be able to find that on page 3, 4 of your
- 21 materials considered list for Mrs. Tukes.
- MR. WILMOTH: It will be Exhibit 2, I
- 23 | believe.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I'll take your word for it,
- 25 | if it's in there.

- 1 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- Q. I'll represent to you that it is.
- 3 A. Okay.
  - Q. Were you aware that the EPA published a risk evaluation for perchloroethylene in 2020?
- 6 A. Yes.

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- Q. Did that study appear in your literature search?
  - A. No.
- 10 Q. Did you review it?
- 11 A. I reviewed it. It wasn't in the PubMed 12 search.
- Q. You would agree with me that that document isn't included in your materials considered list for either Mr. Howard, Mrs. Tukes, or the supplemental materials considered list that you disclosed; correct?
- 18 MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.
- 19 THE WITNESS: That it is not included?
- 20 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- 21 Q. That it is not included.
- A. But it is included. It's on page 3 for Mr. Howard and page 3 for Ms. Tukes.
- Q. Yes. The EPA public- -- so that would be the EPA risk evaluation for trichloroethylene, but

1 I'm referring to the EPA's risk evaluation for 2 perchloroethylene.

- A. Oh, I'm sorry. I misunderstood you.
- O. No. That's on me.
- A. Okay. If it's not there, then I didn't include it.
  - Q. Did you review the National Research
    Council of the National Academy of Sciences 2009
    report on drinking water at Camp Lejeune?
  - A. I've read -- the exact document, I may not have reviewed in complete, but I have read about it in the expert testimony from other experts in this case, whether it was in their depositions or their reports.
  - Q. So is it fair to say that you were aware of that report?
    - A. Yes.
  - Q. You would agree with me that you did not include that report in your materials considered lists; right?
    - A. If it's not there, then I agree with you.
- Q. I will represent to you that it is not.
- A. Noted.
- Q. You describe Mr. Howard's exposure to toxins in the water at Camp Lejeune as substantial;

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- A. Correct.
- Q. And you do the same for Mrs. Tukes, that is, describe her exposure to toxins in the water at Camp Lejeune as substantial?
- A. Correct. Howard's more substantial than Ms. Tukes.
- Q. You would agree with me that your reports do not provide a definition for the term "substantial exposure"; right?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. You would agree with me that you do not quantify what substantial exposure is; correct?
- A. I don't define "substantial," but I'm using expert testimony and reports of exposure that have been provided to me as a basis for my opinion about what "substantial" would be considered.
- Q. Would you agree with me that you do not identify a threshold for when an exposure becomes substantial?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. Would you agree with me that you do not identify a threshold amount of exposure to TCE whereby an individual is guaranteed to develop kidney cancer?

1 MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Again, I'm using causation reports and exposure reports and compare that to what would be considered a normal exposure in the general public as a relative term for what would be considered substantial. But you are correct. I don't give a definition of what "substantial" is considered.

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- Q. And when you say you're relying on reports, are we referring to Dr. Kelly Reynolds' exposure calculations that she prepared for this case?
- A. Yes. And causation reports that I've reviewed as well.
  - O. The general causation reports?
  - A. Correct. By Dr. Burton Hatton.
- Q. So is it fair to say that you rely on Mr. Reynolds' exposure calculations to quantify the amount of exposure that both Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes had at Camp Lejeune?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And that's for the four chemicals at issue in this case, that being TCE, PCE, vinyl chloride, and benzene; correct?
  - A. Correct.

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- A. I don't think they're case-specific calculations that I have seen regarding both these individuals. I would consider them, but I have not considered them in rendering my report.
- Q. So is it fair to say that your consideration of exposure calculations is limited to those of Dr. Kelly Reynolds?
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- Q. Okay. Dr. Kelly Reynolds' report for -- strike that.
- Dr. Kelly Reynolds' calculations of exposure amounts is represented in total mass of ingested chemicals which she measured in micrograms; correct?
- A. I think it's both in cumulative total mass but also concentration, and then there's some modeling that's provided in terms of volume of ingestion.
  - O. Sure.

So is it fair to say that she provided exposure calculations for Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes both in total mass, which is reflected in micrograms, and as an average dose of exposure,

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- And those are the specific calculations you Ο. relied on in rendering your report -- your opinion, excuse me.
- Correct. Α.
- Are you aware of whether total mass Ο. ingested, which is the units that Dr. Kelly Reynolds used in her report, is generally accepted in the field of toxicology?
  - Am I aware of its general acceptance?
- Ο. Yes. If the use of those units is generally accepted.
- 14 Object to form. MR. WILMOTH:
- 15 I don't think I'm in a THE WITNESS: 16 position to tell you if it's an accepted standard or 17
- BY MR. MARQUINA: 18

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- 19 Ο. Just bear with me.
- 2.0 Is it fair to say that you do not have 21 opinions that are independent from Dr. Kelly Reynolds regarding the amount of TCE, PCE, benzene, 22 or vinyl chloride that Mr. Howard or Mrs. Tukes were 23 exposed to? 24
  - Α. I don't.

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- Are you aware of whether any epidemiologic Ο. studies apply the same exposure metric that Dr. Reynolds did in her report for these cases?
- Can you be more specific about epidemiology Α. reports?
  - Ο. Sure. Let me step back.

Are you aware of any published literature on which you relied in this case for rendering your reports for Mr. Howard or Mrs. Tukes, whether in any of those -- that literature, whether any of that literature used the same units as Dr. Reynolds?

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> Object to form. MR. WILMOTH:

THE WITNESS: Are you saying micrograms per

liter as a unit of measure?

BY MR. MARQUINA:

- I'll start with total mass which she Ο. measured in micrograms.
- Again, I can't tell you about a specific publication. But whether or not it's a standard way to define it, maybe there's a conversion methodology that maybe needs to be taken into account. total exposure has been reported in some of the

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- Q. Do you recall which literature specifically?
- A. I don't recall if Aschengrau reports the same exact cumulative exposure units, whether its using micrograms per liter, but I believe that one reported it.

I could be wrong. I'm not sure.

Q. Do you -- let me step back.

Are you aware that the EPA's risk assessment guidelines require that exposures be estimated as oral doses of milligrams per kilogram day or inhalation doses of micrograms per meter cubed?

MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I don't think I'm in a position to answer that question.

BY MR. MARQUINA:

- Q. You concluded that -- let me step back.
- If you'll turn to page 10 on Mr. -- your report for Mr. Howard.

Is it fair to say the chart you have in your report at the top of page 10 reflects the calculations that Dr. Reynolds performed for

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- Q. And just for the record, that chart reflects a cumulative dose or a cumulative exposure measured in micrograms per liter month; right?
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. And for TCE, that total is 5,937; right?
- A. Correct.
  - Q. For PCE, that total is 251; correct?
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. For vinyl chloride, reflected here as VC, that total is 343; correct?
    - A. Correct.
  - Q. For benzene, which is reflected in this chart as BZ, that total is 70; correct?
    - A. Correct.
    - Q. You concluded in your report that these totals placed Mr. Howard in the medium exposure category; right?
  - A. Correct. According to the report by Bove in 2014.
  - Q. And let's go to Ms. -- your report on Mrs. Tukes on page 13. Same set of questions.
  - So the chart you have at the bottom of page 13 in your report for Mrs. Tukes, is it fair say that that chart reflects the calculations that

1 Dr. Kelly Reynolds performed for Mrs. Tukes in this 2 case?

- 3 A. Correct.
- Q. And in this chart, it reflects cumulative dose or amount of exposure in micrograms per liter month related to the chemicals; correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And for TCE, that is a total of 3.65;
- 10 A. Correct.
- Q. For PCE, using the TechFlo MP Model, that's 82.85; right?
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. For, again, PCE, this time using the MT3DMS model, that's 181.37; correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- Q. For VC, otherwise known as vinyl chloride, that's 13.04; right?
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. And for BZ, or benzene, reflected here for only at Hadnot Point, HP, that is 60?
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. Mrs. Tukes resided on Camp Lejeune while her husband was stationed there between June 1985 and January of 1987; right?

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- Were you aware that the contaminated supply wells at Tarawa Terrace and Hadnot Point were shut down by February 1985?
  - Α. Yes.
- I'd like to turn back to your report on Mr. Howard, turning to page 10.

At the bottom of page 10 you refer to Mr. Howard's exposure as ppb per liter; correct?

- Α. Correct.
- How did you convert Dr. Reynold's Ο. calculations to ppb per liter?
  - Α. From micrograms per liter to ppb per liter?
- 14 From micrograms per --Ο.
  - Per liter months to ppb per liter? Α.
- 16 Ο. Yes.
  - Those are comparable units. They may not be the same exact data points, but they would be considered equivalent.
- 2.0 Ο. Is it your opinion that -- let me step 21 back.

22 Are you aware of how many parts per billion 23 per liter is equal to any amount of micrograms per liter month? 24

> MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Again, I think they're 1

- 2 comparable units, just different ways of being
- 3 reported.
- BY MR. MARQUINA: 4
- Are you aware of whether parts per billion 5 Ο.
- 6 per liter is a standard unit of concentration or
- cumulative dose?
  - I've seen it reported as that. Yes.
- 9 O. Do you know where?
- 10 Α. No.

- 11 Have you ever published peer-reviewed Ο.
- 12 literature using parts per billion per liter as a
- 13 unit of measurement?
- 14 Α. No.
- 15 Would you agree that Dr. Reynolds' exposure
- 16 assessment doesn't account for Mr. Howard's or
- Mrs. Tukes' respective weights? 17
- Based on the reporting, no, I don't think 18 Α.
- 19 it considers their weight.
- 2.0 Ο. You mentioned earlier that you relied on
- 21 the Bove study --
- 22 Α. Uh-huh.
- 23 Q. -- exposure categories in your reports;
- 24 correct?
- 25 Α. Correct.

- Q. And just to be specific, we're referring to Bove 2014A; correct?
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. And -- I'll show you. One moment.

5 (Exhibit 12 was marked for

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- Q. You've been handed a document entitled Evaluation of Mortality Among Marines and Navy Personnel Exposed to Contaminated Drinking Water at USMC base Camp Lejeune, a Retrospective Cohort Study.
- Is this the Bove 2014 study that you're referring to?
  - A. Yes. Correct.
  - Q. And the classification used in this study specifically is the one referred to on page 10 of the study; correct?
    - A. Correct.
  - Q. And that classification system specifically referring to low exposure, medium exposure, and high exposure; right?
    - A. Correct.
- Q. Is it fair to say that you've compared

  Dr. Reynolds' exposure calculations to the exposure

classifications in Dr. Bove's 2014A study to
determine whether Mr. Howard's exposure to
contaminated water at Camp Lejeune caused his kidney
cancer?

- A. I used cumulative exposures from

  Ms. Reynolds and utilized the hazard ratios for

  cumulative exposure in the Bove study to come up

  with low, medium, and high exposure and utilized

  dose exposure categories to come up with the hazard

  ratios for the development of kidney cancer that

  I've listed in my report.
- Q. And you used that same methodology for Mrs. Tukes' report; correct?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. Do you know whether Dr. Reynolds used the same methodology as Dr. Bove to calculate micrograms per liter months for marines at Camp Lejeune?
  - A. I can't answer that question.
- Q. Could you walk me through how you reliably conclude that Mr. Howard would be in the medium exposure category under the Bove study?
- A. So let's go to table 6, cumulative exposure variables in micrograms per liter months within the Camp Lejeune cohort.
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A. Cumulative exposure for Mr. Howard was
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"level," line number 3, and you see the reference
level as being equal to or less than 1, low exposure
would be 1 to 3,100, medium exposure would be
greater than 3,100 to 7,700, high exposure would be
greater than 7,700 to almost 40,000.

Mr. Howard's cumulative exposure was 5,937, which put him in the medium exposure category in table 6.

I then used the hazard ratios for categorical cumulative exposure in table 7 and then plugged that into the medium exposure category for TCE, for kidney cancer, and that would be 1.21. For PCE, the total cumulative exposure was 251.

In table 6, it's in the medium exposure category between 155 and 380. If you come down to table 7, PCE medium exposure category has a hazard ratio of 1.82.

- Q. And is it fair to say you performed that same methodology for Mrs. Tukes' exposure using Dr. Reynolds' exposure calculations?
  - A. Correct.
  - O. Excuse me.
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Q. No need.

You mention that Mr. Howard was exposed to contaminated water during his training through water buffalos and canteens in your Mr. Howard report on page 8; right?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Your report does not address how the water buffalos were filled; right?
- 10 A. No.
  - Q. You did not independently verify where the water buffalos were filled; right?
    - A. Correct.
- Q. Your report does not address how the canteens were filled; right?
- 16 A. Correct.
  - Q. And you did not independently verify where those canteens were filled; right?
- A. I have no way of verifying that. But, correct, I did not do that.
- Q. In your practice, do you offer any guarantees to your patients?
- MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.
- THE WITNESS: Guarantees in what sense?
- 25 Yes, I offer them guarantees that I'll treat them as

1 best as I can. I'll guarantee them that I'd be

- 2 | there at the time of their surgery. I guarantee
- 3 | them that I'm going to do all of the case. Those
- 4 | are the sort of guarantees I offer them.
- I don't offer them any guarantees in terms
- 6 of outcomes or my interpretation of their data.
- 7 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- Q. Would you agree that medicine is not an exact science?
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. Would you agree that the cause of kidney
- 12 | cancer is multifactorial?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. You would agree with me there are multiple
- 15 types of renal cell cancer; correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- Q. Would you agree that renal masses are
- 18 | biologically heterogeneous?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And clear cell is the most common type of
- 21 renal cell carcinoma; correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. Papillary is less common?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. Would you agree that different subtypes of

1 renal cell carcinoma have distinct clinical characteristics? 2

- Α. Yes.
- Would you agree that different subtypes of renal cell carcinoma have different prognostic significance?
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- And you would agree with me that smoking is a risk factor for developing kidney cancer?
- Α. Yes.
  - You would agree with me that family history Ο. of kidney cancer is a risk factor for the development of kidney cancer?
    - Α. Yes.
  - Would you agree with me that exposure to radiation is a risk factor for the development of kidney cancer?
    - Not a significant risk factor. Α.
- Is there a difference in how you weight Ο. risk factors for kidney cancer?
- 21 Well, yeah. Some things can be quantified. Α. Like smoking can be quantified in terms of pack 22 23 years of exposure. Number of packs, number of years can be quantified. 24
  - Obesity is a general term. That has been

linked to	o kidney	cancer.	You can	have	BMIs	of 40
and 50.	And you	can have	BMIs of	27, 2	28. Th	nose
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Certain risk factors are harder to define.

Ingestion of, let's say, medications, depends on how long the patient took it and how many doses they took. It'd be probably hard to quantify. But I believe some of them are quantifiable.

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- Would you agree that diabetes is a risk Ο. factor in the development of kidney cancer?
  - Yes, but not as strong as others. Α.
  - Not as strong as which other risk factors? Ο.
- Smoking, obesity, carcinogenic exposure, Α. chronic kidney disease.
  - Ο. Any others? And let me step back.
- Any other risk factors that you would -that you weigh diabetes lower than?
- I think diabetes is a lower linked variable compared to, let's say, stronger variables that have been studied, such as smoking and obesity.

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- Would you agree with me that age is a risk Ο. factor in the development of kidney cancer?
- Α. That's a very soft term. Because not everyone that grows old gets kidney cancer, but kidney cancers typically develop in the sixth decade of life. So the older you are, the increased risk. But, again, it's a weaker correlation than, let's say, smoking and hypertension or obesity.
- Ο. Sure. And just to put a number on that, you would agree with me that the median age of diagnosis for kidney cancer is 65; right?
  - Α. Correct.
- Would you agree with me that 14 percent of renal cancer diagnoses occur in the 45- to 54-year-old age group?
  - Α. Yes.
- Is race a risk factor in the development of kidney cancer?
- 23 Α. Not that I would consider a strong risk 24 factor.
  - Q. But would you agree with me that African

Americans are diagnosed with kidney cancer at higher rates than Americans of other races?

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- And I think you may have mentioned this before, but is chronic kidney disease a risk factor in the development of kidney cancer?
  - Α. Correct.
- Would you agree with me that each patient is different with idiosyncratic risk factors?
  - How do you define "idiosyncratic"? Α.
- Every patient might come in with separate Ο. risk factors from any other patient, for example.
  - Α. Absolutely.
- Would you agree that many, if not most, Ο. patients with one or more risk factors for kidney cancer do not go on to develop kidney cancer?
- Yes. Just like most patients that smoke Α. three packs a day don't go on to develop lung cancer. But smoking per se is strongly linked with the development of cancer.
- Would you agree with me that having one or Ο. more risk factors for kidney cancer does not guarantee that a patient will develop kidney cancer?
  - Α. Correct.
  - Q. Would you agree with me then an individual

may still develop kidney cancer even if they had no identifiable risk factors for kidney cancer?

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- And I think you mentioned this before, but you would agree with me that not all risk factors are equal?
  - Α. Correct.
- Some risk factors are more prevalent and, therefore, explain more cancers; right?
- More prevalent and also have been studied more extensively.
- Would you agree with me that some risk Ο. factors are more potent?

MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Again, I think they've been studied more extensively, and there's a better mechanism of action that had been defined on how cancers have developed because we have more data on that risk factor.

## BY MR. MARQUINA:

- Would you agree with me that the same risk Ο. factor may affect individuals differently?
  - Absolutely.
- So, for example, smoking one pack a year Ο. for -- may increase patient A's risk cancer --

cancer risk more than a pack a year history for patient B?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Would you agree that risk factors may have a dose response relationship?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. For example, smoking ten pack years generally has a different risk than smoking one pack year.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And having a BMI of 35 carries a different 12 risk than having a BMI of 20.
- 13 A. Weaker association, but, yes.
- Q. Would you agree that cancer is caused by genetic mutations?
- A. In the broad term, yes, cancer is brought on by genetic mutations that happens throughout the body.
- 19 Q. And those mutations can occur randomly?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And those mutations in fact do occur randomly.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Would you agree that our body -- strike that.

Would the agree that the human body frequently repairs genetic mutations?

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- Q. Would you agree that mutated cells die before they can proliferate?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Is it fair to say that some cancers have an unknown cause?
  - A. Outside of identifiable factors, yes.
- Q. And is it fair to say that a cancer with an unknown cause is considered to be idiopathic?
- A. I think some people use the term "idiopathic" and "unknown" synonymously. Idiopathic is just a -- kind of more refined term of saying I don't know.
- Q. Is it your opinion that idiopathic etiology is mutually exclusive of the existence of identifiable risk factors in a patient?
  - A. Can you rephrase that?
- 20 | 0. Sure.

Put another way, if a patient has an identifiable risk factor such as smoking, is it your testimony that their cancer -- their kidney cancer could not be idiopathic in origin?

A. I wouldn't use the term "idiopathic," and I

rarely use the term "idiopathic." I read

Dr. Stadler's report that he believes that all

cancers are idiopathic, and I wholeheartedly

disagree with that statement.

I can't say to a person that has smoked four packs a day for 60 years and they got lung cancer that, sir, your cancer is idiopathic because you could have had other factors contribute to it.

My interpretation of that report is -- of his report is that that's the way he defines cancers, that all cancers are idiopathic, and I disagree with that.

There are cases where patients present and there's no identifiable risk factor whatsoever.

Maybe they're 20 years old, they've never been exposed to anything, they're completely healthy, and they end up getting kidney cancer. In that situation I would use maybe the term "I don't know" or "unknown" or "idiopathic." But it's not my go-to term.

- Q. Is there a term you use in your practice when evaluating patients in the situation where you can't readily identify the cause of their kidney cancer?
  - A. Yeah. It's unknown.

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Q. Would you agree with me that the majority of kidney cancer cases have no known cause?

- I'm not sure I agree with that.
- Would you agree that the causes of kidney cancer are not fully understood?
- Α. We have mechanisms that we can't account for.
- And that's because science is continuing to identify new potential causes of kidney cancer; right?
  - Absolutely. Α.
- In your experience treating kidney cancer Ο. patients, are unexplained causes common?
- Α. Yes.

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- In your practice, about what percentage of kidney cancer cases that you have seen have unknown causes?
  - Α. I can't give you a percentage.
  - Could you estimate? 0.
- 2.0 Say, probably half. Α.
- 21 And is that the same across clear cell, Ο. renal cell carcinoma cases? 22
- 23 I don't think I've done a subdivision about 24 subtypes but -- strike that.
  - I don't have subtype division in terms of

- 1 known and unknown cause.
- Q. So probably about half of your -- of all kidney cancer --
  - A. Correct.

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Q. -- patients you have.

Okay. Is it fair to say that the universe of known causes of kidney cancer is not the same as the universe of potential causes of kidney cancer?

A. Let me rephrase that.

Are you saying that there is risk factors that have not been identified?

- O. Yes.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And that's because there are potential causes that we may not know about.
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. "We" referring to science.
- 18 A. Correct.
  - Q. Is it fair to say that you did not rule out potential unknown causes in your report?
- MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.
- 22 THE WITNESS: That's always in a
- 23 differential diagnosis of someone presenting with cancer.
- But in those -- these two specific cases, I

think there's a very extensive medical history with documentation, in addition to a very extensive list of environmental risk that is provided. accounted for unknown risk factors, but I think there are known risk factors that have to be taken into consideration with more weight than the unknown causes.

## BY MR. MARQUINA:

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- If a kidney cancer patient's only identifiable risk factor was a one-pack year smoking history, that patient's cancer may still have been caused by some random risk factor that we cannot identify; right?
- One pack smoking history just for one year, and they smoked a long time ago?
  - For example, yes. Ο.
- Yes. It could be -- yeah. It's not a substantial risk factor.
- You'd agree that it's possible for a member Ο. of the general public to develop kidney cancer without exposure to any potential risk factor including Camp Lejeune water; right?
  - Absolutely.
- In other words, there's some background risk for developing kidney cancer.

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- Would it be fair to say that compared to other cancers, kidney and renal pelvis cancers are fairly common?
- Fairly common. And in comparison to other cancers, they're fairly uncommon. Like compared to prostate cancer, it's uncommon. In comparison to, you know, pancreatic cancer, probably less common --I mean more common. Sorry.
- Do you agree that there were approximately Ο. 80,000 new cases of kidney cancer and renal pelvis cancer in 2025?
  - Α. Yes.
- And kidney cancer accounts for Ο. approximately 4 percent of all new cancer cases in the United States?
  - Α. Yes.
- Would you agree that since 2005, there have Ο. been roughly between 14 to 16 new kidney cancer cases every -- for every 100,000 person each year?
- I'll take your word for it. I haven't done the calculation in my mind.
- Would you agree that the lifetime risk for developing kidney or renal pelvis cancer is around 1.8 percent?

- A. Again, I'll take your calculation.
- Q. And would you agree that 1.8 percent lifetime risk includes all causes of kidney cancer, whether known or unknown?
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- Q. And that excludes Camp Lejeune water; right?
  - A. Excludes or includes?
  - O. Excludes.
- A. It could include and it could exclude it.

  But yes, I mean, 1.8 could account for all cancers,

  whether there is known causes or unknown causes.
- Q. Would you agree that a reliable methodology for determining the etiology of a disease should take into account the background risk for the development of that disease?
  - A. I'm not sure I understand your question.
- Q. So, for example, in your differential diagnosis for these cases, would you agree that it's important to consider that background risk for developing kidney cancer, that 1.8 percent we discussed?
  - A. How are you defining "background risk"?
- Q. I think we -- you would agree with me that there is a general risk for a member of the public

developing kidney cancer absent risk factors, which is around 1.8 percent; right?

So I'm not -- I don't know the exact calculation you're using.

Are you using 1.8 percent of cancers -someone has a lifetime risk of 1.8 percent of kidney cancer development and that includes unknown causes? How are you getting to that?

Ο. Well, we can circle back.

You didn't conduct any chemical tests to determine whether Mr. Howard's kidney cancer was caused by toxic exposure; right?

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- And the same is true for Mrs. Tukes? Ο.
- Correct.
- Are there any features of kidney cancer Ο. that are characteristics of chemically-introduced kidney cancer that are different from your run-of-the-mill kidney cancer?
  - Α. Not that I'm aware of.
- Would you agree that as of about 2011, the Ο. rate of renal cell carcinoma has increased by about 2 percent per year for the past 65 years?
  - Α. Yeah.
  - Q. Would you agree that the reason for that

increase is unknown?

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- A. No. I think it's because of widespread adoption of imaging, so incidental findings, better imaging technologies.
- Q. Do you employ differential diagnosis in your practice to determine the cause of disease?
  - A. Yes.
  - O. How often?
  - A. Routinely.
- Q. And how -- could you describe how you employ differential diagnosis in your practice?
- A. I think I alluded to it earlier, that a patient may come in for an evaluation of a newly-diagnosed cancer, bladder, kidney, prostate, testes. And part of it is taking a history. And that history includes a detailed examination of medical history. So assess for comorbid conditions, hypertension, chronic kidney disease, social history, where they lived, how much they smoked for, did they do drugs, how much alcohol they ingested, what kind of occupation they have, how long they've worked at a certain field, if they worked in a manufacturing factory where they do plastics or someone that's directly on an assembly line or did you work in the office in a plastics factory?

I mean, you can get into a nuanced detail about social history and medications, but that's all part of the differential.

- Q. So I want to turn to your opinions in this case.
- So regarding Mr. Howard, your opinion is that the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune more likely than not caused him to develop kidney cancer; right?
- A. Correct.

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- Q. And just to be clear, your use of "more likely than not" is higher than the phrase "at least as likely as not"; right?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. You don't have any opinions about the cause of Mr. Howard's -- let me step back.
- Mr. Howard has also been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma; right?
- 19 A. Correct.
  - Q. You don't have any opinions about the cause of Mr. Howard's non-Hodgkin lymphoma; correct?
    - A. Correct.
    - Q. And turning to Mrs. Tukes, your opinion is that her exposure to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune more likely than not caused her to

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- Q. And as with Mr Howard, your use of "more likely than not" is a higher standard than the "at least as likely as not" standard we discussed earlier; right?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. Would you agree that a differential diagnosis is a process doctors use to determine or identify the cause of a particular injury or health condition?
- A. Both in terms of determining and also in terms of giving weight. Yes.
- Q. Would you agree that a differential diagnosis requires ruling in all reasonable potential causes of a disease?
- A. It doesn't require you to rule in. I think more requires you to also rule out.
  - O. Sure.
- But as an initial matter, you would rule in potential causes and thereafter rule out --
- A. Yes. You would put them in, and then take them out if they have no weight.
  - Q. Right.
  - And you used that methodology in

- 1 Mr. Howard's case; correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. And you used that methodology as well in Mrs. Tukes' case; correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. You identified smoking as a principal risk factor for kidney cancer; right?
  - A. Yes.

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- 9 Q. And since smoking is a risk factor for
  10 kidney cancer, you ruled it into your differential
  11 diagnosis for Mr. Howard; right?
- 12 A. Yes.
  - O. And for Mrs. Tukes?
- 14 A. One second.
- 15 Q. Sure.
- 16 A. It was considered, but I don't -- I didn't
  17 give it any weight. She was not a significant
  18 smoker.
- 19 Q. I understand.
- But you considered the risk factor in your differential --
- A. Oh, I'm sorry. I thought -- I thought you
  meant did I consider it as a substantive risk
  factor.
  - Q. Yeah, yeah. I --

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- So just to circle back, you considered the risk factor of smoking in both Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes' case.
  - A. Of course.
- Q. Okay. But as you mentioned, you ruled it out in Mrs. Tukes' case; right?
  - A. Yes.
- 12 Q. How?
  - A. She wasn't a substantial risk factor.
- 14 Q. Why?
  - A. Because I didn't believe -- I didn't see anything that she was a heavy smoker.
    - Q. And you also ruled out smoking as a cause for Mr. Howard's kidney cancer; correct?
  - A. Yes. Again, it was minimal exposure, and the time that he had quit was a long time before the development of cancer.

And from my understanding of how smoking is related to kidney cancer or cancer development in the general, the relative risk of the development of cancer -- sorry. I'm going too fast -- usually goes

back down to almost normal levels the longer you
have quit before the development of that cancer.

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- 4 And just to clarify for the record,
- 5 Mr. Howard had a two-pack-a-year smoking history;
  6 correct?
  - A. Correct.
    - Q. You also list -- you also identified hypertension as a principal risk factor for kidney cancer; correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- Q. And so you considered it in your differential diagnosis for both Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes; right?
- 15 A. Correct.
  - Q. You ruled out hypertension as a cause for Mr. Howard's kidney cancer in your differential diagnosis; right?
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. What methodology did you use to reach that conclusion?
  - A. He wasn't hypertensive.
- Q. You also ruled out hypertension as a cause of Mrs. Tukes' kidney cancers in your differential diagnosis for her; right?

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- Q. What methodology did you use to reach that conclusion?
- A. It wasn't longstanding significant hypertension or was not reported as an uncontrolled hypertension where she was not complying with medication or control.
- Q. When you say "uncontrolled hypertension," what do you mean?
- A. People that may have control -- people that may be diagnosed with hypertension who are given medications who don't take their medication or hypertensive episodes which are out of control even despite medication.
- Q. In your report you identified genetic predisposition as a principal risk factor for kidney cancer; right?
  - A. I believe I used genetic susceptibility.
- Q. I think if you'll turn to your report for Mrs. Tukes at page 15.
  - A. Uh-huh.
  - Q. There it says "genetic predisposition."
- A. I see that.
- Q. And you considered that factor for both
  Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes; right?

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- Q. You ruled out genetic predisposition in -- as the cause of Mr. Howard's kidney cancer; correct?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. What methodology did you use to rule out genetic predisposition as the cause of Mr. Howard's kidney cancer?
- A. One, he did not have any formal genetic analysis bearing any weight on his development of kidney cancer. And, two, he had no family history for kidney cancer. And he had other risk factors that beared more weight than genetic predisposition or genetic susceptibility.
- Q. You ruled out genetic predisposition as a cause of Mrs. Tukes' kidney cancer in your differential diagnosis; right?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. In fact, you conclude that Mrs. Tukes was genetically more susceptible to exposure to toxins; right?
- A. Based on the report that I read from Dr. Allen and her extensive genetic profile and the fact that she had two formal genetic evaluations well before this case was ever brought forward, the normal routes of genetic development by known gene

lines, let's say Von Hippel-Lindau gene lines or other genetic factors that have been implicated to kidney cancer, which she did not have, I beared weight that she had an environmental exposure as a primary cause for the development of kidney cancer.

And as -- and Dr. Allen has stated her genetic alterations in two different cell lines may have made her more susceptible to develop these cancers based on lower levels of environmental exposure.

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And just to circle back, you relied on Dr. Irving Allen's report to reach your conclusion regarding the role of genetics in Mrs. Tukes' case; correct?

- Α. Yes.
- Do you have an independent opinion about Ο. the role of genetics in Mrs. Tukes -- in the cause of Mrs. Tukes' kidney cancers?
- Α. Yes. Prior to reading that report, I was interested in knowing whether genetic evaluation had been performed when I first reviewed her chart. surprisingly, given the fact that she had two formal evaluations and both of those evaluations did not contribute any known genetic cell lines, I ruled out

- a genetic or hereditary cause as the principal factor for her development of kidney cancer.
  - Q. And when we talk about the genetic testing that Mrs. Tukes underwent, we're referring to the first one being 2012 for Von Hippel-Lindau syndrome; correct?
- A. That was included in it. Yes.
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And the other one is a genetic assessment conducted in 2018; right?

- A. Correct.
- Q. And regarding the first test, the Von
  Hippel-Lindau syndrome, that test was negative;
  right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- MR. MARQUINA: What number are we on?
- 17 THE REPORTER: 13.
- 18 (Exhibit 13 was marked for
- identification and attached hereto.)
- MR. MARQUINA: 13? Thank you.
- 21 BY MR. MAROUINA:
- Q. Dr. Josephson, I've handed you a collection
- 23 of documents which were used as Exhibit 1 in
- 24 Ms. Garbarini's deposition regarding Mr. Tukes'
- 25 | case. If you could turn to what's been

Bates-stamped at the bottom as page 517. If you see there, this is the result of the test we were just discussing for -- excuse me -- Von Hippel-Lindau syndrome; correct?

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- Would you agree with me that the testing includes language that says, "Rarely individuals may have a mutation or deletion in the genes tested that is not identified by the described testing methodology"? You can find that about five lines from the bottom of the center.
  - Α. Yes.
- And would you agree with me that this testing also includes language that says, "In addition, the phenotype observed and the individual tested here may be due to a variant in a gene not analyzed by this test"?
  - Α. Correct.
- Regarding the genetic test that Mrs. Tukes underwent in 2018, that test evaluated a panel of 30 genes; right?
  - Α. Correct.
- Would you agree with me that the test was Q. limited to that panel of 30 genes?
  - That's what it states. Correct. Α.

- 1 Q. Would you agree that hereditary renal cancer is often multifocal? 2
  - Α. Yes.

- Would you agree that hereditary renal 4 cancer is often bilateral? 5
- Α. 6 Yes.
- Would you agree that Mrs. Tukes had Q. multifocal disease? 8
- 9 Α. Yes.
- Would you agree that Mrs. Tukes had 10 Ο. 11 bilateral disease?
- 12 Α. Yes.
- What literature did you rely upon to 13 14 conclude that genetic predisposition was not a cause 15 of Mrs. Tukes' kidney cancer?
- 16 I didn't rely on any literature.
- 17 MR. MARQUINA: I think this is a good time 18 for a break. Can we go off the record.
- 19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. The camera time 2.0 is 12:11.
- 21 (Recess from 12:11 p.m. to 12:22 p.m.)
- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on record. 22
- 23 time is 12:22 p.m.
- 24 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- 25 Q. Dr. Josephson, would you agree that the

1 standard of care is to refer a patient to genetic counseling if they have a renal malignancy when they 2

- are age 46 and younger? 3
- 4 Α. Yes.
- Or when they have multifocal renal masses? 5 Ο.
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- Or when they have bilateral renal masses? Q.
  - I think that's a soft call, but it's prudent or a good idea to do that.
  - Or whenever there is a personal family history that suggests a familial renal neoplastic syndrome?
  - Although I do feel like a lot of Α. Yes. clinicians do fall below the standard of care and don't refer patients.
  - Or when there is a first or second degree Ο. relative with the history of renal malignancy?
  - Again, I think it should be standard but Α. usually omitted.
- 2.0 Ο. You'd agree that Mrs. Tukes was diagnosed 21 younger than age 46?
- 22 Α. Yes.
- 23 Q. And she had multifocal renal masses?
- 24 Yes. Α.
- And she had bilateral renal masses? 25 Q.

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And there was at least some indication that Ο. her mother had a renal malignancy.

> MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I believe there's some documentation in the records that she may have died with a known renal mass. But based on the deposition testimony, I think it's questionable whether it was a primary renal cancer or maybe a spec from another site or if she even had kidney cancer.

## BY MR. MARQUINA:

- Even if Mrs. Tukes' mother did not have a Ο. renal malignancy, the standard of care would be to refer to genetic counseling; right?
  - Correct. Which she had. Α.
- And that's because hereditary renal cell Ο. carcinoma typically presents at a younger age?
  - Α. Yes.
- Would you agree with me that you did not address race or ethnicity as risk factors in your differential diagnosis for Mrs. Tukes?
- I didn't spell them out. I just didn't think they had as much substantial weight as other risk factors.

- Q. And I think we mentioned earlier that you agreed with me that African Americans have an increased risk of kidney cancer; right?
  - Α. Yes.
  - And Mrs. Tukes is African American; right?
- Α. 6 Yes.

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- In your report, you also didn't address Q. gender or sex as risk factors in your differential diagnosis; correct?
- Α. Correct.
- Would you agree that men are diagnosed with Ο. kidney cancer at higher rates than women?
- 13 Α. Yes.
  - Mr. Howard is male; correct? Ο.
- 15 Correct.
  - In your reports you identified Ο. environmental risk factors as a principal risk factor for kidney cancer; correct?
  - Α. Yes.
    - And so obviously you considered Ο. environmental risk factors in your differential diagnosis for both Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes.
      - Absolutely. That's why we're here today.
- 24 Ο. Right.
- What scientific literature -- and the 25

environmental risk factors you -- strike that.

And specific to Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes' case, the environmental risk factor you referred to and you considered in their cases is the -- their exposure to toxins in the Camp Lejeune water; right?

- Α. Correct.
- What scientific literature did you rely on Ο. to rule in Camp Lejeune water as a risk factor for both Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes?
- It's exactly what we talked about before. My Google -- my PubMed search regarding TCE and PCE and kidney cancer, the publications that I've provided in my declarations, and the list of documents that are provided to me for review prior to this deposition.
  - Have you ever -- strike that. Ο.

Would you agree that it's possible Mr. Howard would have developed kidney cancer even if he had never been exposed to Camp Lejeune water? MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Yes, it's possible. But now we're getting into theoretical possibility. think I'm relying more on objective data that has been obtained.

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Ο. Sure.

Same question for Mrs. Tukes. Would you agree it's possible that Mrs. Tukes would have developed kidney cancer even if she had never been exposed to Camp Lejeune water?

MR. WILMOTH: Same objection.

THE WITNESS: Again, I think this is theoretical. I'm more basing on objective data. BY MR. MARQUINA:

Can you say whether Mr. Howard would have Ο. lived his life cancer-free if he had never been exposed to Camp Lejeune water?

MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: He was exposed, and he's still leaving cancer-free today. So I'm not sure -is that another way of you asking if he could have developed kidney cancer if he wasn't exposed to the water?

BY MR. MARQUINA:

I'll withdraw that question. 0.

Can you say how much less likely Mr. Howard would be to develop cancer if he had never been exposed to Camp Lejeune water?

MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.

1 THE WITNESS: I can't.

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- Ο. Same question for Mrs. Tukes.
- MR. WILMOTH: Same objection. 4
- THE WITNESS: I can't. 5
- BY MR. MARQUINA: 6
- You don't have any opinions regarding the Q. reasonableness of Mr. Howard's kidney cancer 8 9 treatment; correct?
  - The reasonableness meaning in terms of was Α. he treated appropriately?
- 12 Ο. Yes.
- 13 I think he was treated appropriately. No.
- 14 Same question for Mrs. Tukes. You don't Ο. 15 have any opinions for the propriety of Mrs. Tukes' 16 medical treatment for her kidney cancer; correct?
  - Α. No.
  - Ο. Mr. Howard remains disease free 15 years after his kidney cancer diagnosis; right?
  - Α. Correct.
- 21 And he would be considered in remission for kidney cancer? 22
  - Α. Yes.
- You would agree with me that Mr. Howard has 24 25 made a full recovery from his nephrectomy; right?

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- Q. Would you agree with me that Mr. Howard's postoperative care related to his nephrectomy was unremarkable?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. Would you agree with me that there is currently no evidence for any chance of recurrence for Mr. Howard?
    - A. Correct.
  - Q. Would you agree with me that there's currently no evidence of metastatic disease related to kidney cancer for Mr. Howard?
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. Since Mr. Howard's nephrectomy in 2008, he's been under surveillance for recurrence; right?
- 16 A. Correct.
  - Q. And his renal function remains normal as of his most recent available medical records?
    - A. As far as I recall, yes.
- Q. Since at least 2008, Mr. Howard had pulmonary nodules for which he received routine surveillance; right?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. But the lung nodules haven't progressed; correct?

Correct. It was originally thought that he had metastatic disease and was set up to get systemic therapy with IL-2.

But after further evaluation, it was determined that there were not metastatic disease, and it was actually just, I believe, more kind of noncancerous nodules. And he did not undergo the therapy that was planned.

- In other words, there's no malignancy as it relates to those lung nodules; right?
  - Correct. Α.
- And there's no reason to think Mr. Howard's Ο. lung nodules will become malignant; right?
  - Α. Correct.
- Mr. Howard's tumor was pT1 in size and grade 2; correct?
  - PT1b, grade 2, yes. Α.
- Ο. Right.

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- Would you agree with me that that indicates a low risk for future malignancy as it relates to his renal cell carcinoma?
- Lower risk of kidney cancer malignancy. doesn't predispose to other malignancies.

So his chances of recurrence, I'd say, are probably 5 to 10 percent, at that.

- Q. How did you arrive at that chance of occurrence?
- A. That's based on my knowledge and experience.
- Q. Would you agree with me that the only permanent injury related to Mr. Howard's kidney cancer is the loss of his right kidney?
- A. Yes, which potentially has a predisposition for younger age of death overall compared to the general population because of chronic kidney disease but not related to the cancer per se.
- Q. Well, you would agree with me there's no guarantee that Mr. Howard will experience those outcomes you mentioned; right?
- A. No. But we prefer -- when possible, we prefer to preserve as much renal function as possible. Because what we've determined over the past couple of decades is even if we cure someone of their cancer, we may be predisposing them to earlier death because of the development of chronic kidney disease because they have one less kidney.
- Q. You would agree with me that currently there's no evidence that Mr. Howard has chronic kidney disease?
  - A. Correct.

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Q. Mrs. Tukes received a renal transplant in April of 2024; right?

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- Q. And from June 2023 to March of 2024,
- 5 Mrs. Tukes was on dialysis, right?
- 6 A. Correct.
- Q. She received her kidney transplant when she was 59 years old?
  - A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And she received a deceased donor transplant; right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Would you agree that deceased donor kidney transplants are expected to last about 13 years?
  - A. Around that time, yes.
- Q. Would you agree that kidney transplants vary in lifespan?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. Would you agree that it's impossible to accurately predict the exact lifespan of a kidney transplant?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. Would you agree that as of her most recent medical records, Mrs. Tukes has not rejected her kidney transplant?

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- Would you agree that it is speculative to predict how long Mrs. Tukes' transplant will last?
- Well, you just gave me 13 years. going to speculate that it's around 13 to 15 years. But she's probably going to need some additional treatment in her lifetime, that 13 after 59 will take her to 72.

Average life expectancy for general population is well in their late 70s. So I'm not sure what's going to happen when she -- if and when her transplant fails, but that's outside the scope of my evaluation in this case.

- You don't have any opinions regarding Ο. Mr. Howard's medical billing; correct?
  - Α. No.
- You don't have any opinions about Ο. Mrs. Tukes' medical billing; right?
- Α. No.
- 2.0 You reviewed the general causation report Ο. 21 of Dr. Benjamin Hatten; right?
  - Correct. Α.
- 23 Ο. You also reviewed the general causation report of Dr. Steven Bird; right? 24
  - Α. Correct.

Q. And you relied on the reports of Drs. Hatten and Bird in rendering your opinions -strike that.

Specifically, you relied on Drs. Hatten and Bird's reports regarding the levels at which the toxins at issue are hazardous to humans and known to cause kidney cancer; right?

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Ο. Is it fair to say that you don't have independent -- or strike that.

Is it fair to say that you don't have opinions that are independent from Drs. Hatten or Bird regarding the levels of chemicals at issue in this case?

> Object to form. MR. WILMOTH:

THE WITNESS: No, I disagree. I think I've relied on their expert -- general causation experts as a framework for the concentrations and their causal link to kidney cancer.

But based on my own independent research like we've talked about, the PubMed search, my experience as a urologic oncologist treating patients, my own role as a scientist and a PI in different research trials, interpretation of the data, and the volumes of expert reports and

1 depositions, I've come up with my own independent

- 2 | interpretation of exposure in this case.
- 3 BY MR. MARQUINA:

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- Q. Do you have opinions regarding the levels at which TCE caused kidney cancer?
- A. An absolute value where you get kidney cancer?
  - O. A threshold.
- 9 A. I don't have an opinion regarding absolute 10 levels.
  - Q. Do you have an opinion about the threshold of PCE exposure that causes kidney cancer?
- A. Again, I don't have an absolute value.
- But, again, I've used the general causation as a framework to build upon.
- 16 Q. Sure. Same question for benzene.
- 17 | A. Same.
- 18 Q. Same question for vinyl chloride.
- 19 A. Same.
- 20 Q. You reviewed the --
- 21 THE REPORTER: Sorry.
- MR. MARQUINA: No. That's on me.
- 23 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- Q. You reviewed the Aschengrau study in preparing your report for Mrs. Tukes; right?

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BY MR. MARQUINA:

- Is that the Aschengrau study that I just 0. handed -- that we just handed to you?
- Α. Yes.
  - You state that this study found that 0. persons exposed to PCE up through the 90th percentile of relative dose delivered between 27.1 milligrams and 44.1 milligrams had elevated kidney cancer risk with OR 1.36.
    - Α. Yes.
    - O. Right?
  - And you conclude that Mrs. Tukes had similar levels of exposure as individuals in the 90th percentile in the Aschengrau study; right?
    - Α. Correct.
  - If you'll turn to page 289 on the Aschengrau study.
    - Α. Uh-huh.
  - On the end of the first full paragraph on Ο. the right side, you would agree with me that no kidney cancers were considered exposed to high relative delivered dose; right?

- Α. Where are you reading that? I'm sorry.
- It's the end of the first full Ο. paragraph on the right side of page 289. The last sentence in that first full paragraph. Quote, "No kidney cancer cases were considered exposed to high RDDs."
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- If you'll turn to page 290, under the last sentence in the discussion -- the last sentence in the first paragraph of the discussion section, it reads, "No kidney cancer cases were considered exposed when latency was taken into account, and no meaningful increases in the risk of kidney cancer were detected without latency; " right?
  - Α. Yes.
- You would agree with me that the Aschengrau Ο. study uses -- excuse me, measures exposure in milligrams, which is different from the units that Dr. Kelly Reynolds used; right?
  - Α. Yes.
- You would agree with me that in your report on Mrs. Tukes, you did not convert Dr. Reynold's unit into milligrams; right?
  - Α. Correct.
  - Q. You would agree with me that the Aschengrau

- 1 study did not consider race?
- 2 They didn't report on race, but it did account for race in their demographic data. 3
  - The cases and controls predominantly white Ο. and elderly -- right? -- as reflected on page 288.
  - Α. Yes. But it had -- again, it's not significant.
  - The study did not consider obesity; Ο. correct?
- 10 Α. Correct.

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- The study did not consider hypertension? Ο.
- 12 Α. Correct.
- 13 The study did not consider genetic Ο. 14 predisposition to kidney cancer; correct?
- 15 Α. Correct.
- The study did not consider family history Ο. 17 of kidney cancer; correct?
- Α. 18 Correct.
- 19 This study did not consider diabetes; 2.0 correct?
- 21 Correct. Α.
- And this study did not consider alcohol 22 23 consumption; right?
- 24 Let me just read this quickly.
- 25 Q. Sure.

- A. I don't see it. Correct.
- Q. You would agree with me that the study did not directly measure individual exposure; right?
  - A. No.

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Q. You can set that aside.

You considered and relied on the ATSDR's 2017 assessment of the evidence; correct?

- A. Can you be more specific about what evidence you're talking about?
  - O. Sure. It's in -- one moment.
- A. You're talking about the publication that I reference?
  - Q. For example, right here, in -- I think you listed in both Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes. Your references for both of those reports.
    - A. Yes.
  - Q. The ATSDR assessment of the evidence for drinking water contaminants at Camp Lejeune and specific cancers and other diseases.
    - A. Yes.
- Q. Are you aware that Dr. Frank Bove was the sole author for that study?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Would you agree that cumulative exposure to a chemical by itself does not provide full insight

into the risk associated with that exposure?

- Can you explain that in a different way?
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You would agree with me that the intensity of exposure is important for determining the risk associated with that exposure.

- So how much consumption is... Α.
- Ο. Yes.
- Α. Yes, of course.
- You would agree with me that the duration 0. of exposure is important to determining the risk associated with that exposure; right?
- 13 Α. Yes.
  - You would agree with me that the frequency of exposure to a chemical is important for determining the risk associated with that exposure; right?
  - If those variables can be accounted for and measured, yes.
  - Ο. Were you aware that the studies conducted by the ATSDR regarding exposure to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune failed to account for a marine's deployment off base?
  - Object to form. MR. WILMOTH:
- 25 THE WITNESS: I can't comment on the

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- BY MR. MAROUINA: 2
- 3 Ο. If we could go back to Exhibit 12, the Bove 2014A study. 4
  - Got it.
  - This study did not evaluate direct chemical Ο. exposure in individuals; right?
    - Like individual risk?
    - Like the study didn't evaluate how much each individual person in the study was exposed to a given chemical; right?
    - Correct. I think it was just general Α. framework.
    - Right. And the study only assessed Ο. mortality; right?
    - Yes. That's one of the limitations of the study, which if you ask me, mortality is a surrogate for more extensive disease. So if you can account for mortality where the cases were -- did happen and the patient died of kidney cancer, this would also include, which is not reported, a number of patients that would have developed kidney cancer, like Mr. Tukes -- Mr. Howard or Ms. Tukes that didn't go on to die of kidney cancer.

- 1 same relationship where there is a risk of
- 2 developing it is probably going to be more
- pronounced had they gotten data about the actual 3
- incidence of kidney cancer. 4
- Dr. Bove in his 2014A study did not 5 Ο.
- 6 consider obesity; correct?
- Α. Correct.
- The study did not consider hypertension; 8 Ο.
- 9 right?
- Correct. 10 Α.
- 11 The study did not consider genetic Ο.
- 12 predisposition to kidney cancer; right?
- 13 It's not listed as one of the assessments. Α.
- 14 This study did not consider family history Ο.
- 15 of kidney cancer.
- 16 Α. Correct.
- 17 The study did not consider diabetes. Ο.
- 18 Α. Correct.
- 19 The study did not consider alcohol Ο.
- 2.0 consumption.
- 21 Correct. Α.
- The study did not consider other potential 22
- 23 occupational exposures; correct?
- 24 Α. Correct.
- 25 Q. On page 13 of the study, you would agree

with me that Dr. Bove acknowledges that a limitation to the study was the lack of information on smoking; right?

- A. That's on page 14. Yeah, page 13.
- Q. Dr. Bove acknowledges that errors in base assignment likely occurred; correct?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. Dr. Bove also acknowledges that many stationed at Camp Lejeune spent time away from the base for training or deployment; correct?
- A. I'll take your word for it. I don't recall that part.
- Q. It would be on the -- under Limitations, if there are -- four paragraphs under that section on page 12. It's the last sentence in the third paragraph.
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And if you'll turn to page 13 of the study, on the left side at the very bottom, the study notes, "Many HR estimates lacked precision as indicated by wide confidence intervals, due to small numbers of specific causes of death; right?
- A. Correct. And I've kind of alluded to this before. This was a mortality evaluation.

Had it been a formal cancer incidence

evaluation, I believe the results would be more 1 pronounced. Because, like you said before, the 2 3 majority of people that get diagnosed with kidney cancer don't go on to die of kidney cancers. 4

- You would agree with me that the study also Ο. notes, within that same paragraph, "lack of precision in the HR estimates indicates uncertainty about the actual magnitude of the effects of the drinking water exposures on specific causes of death"; right?
  - Correct. Again, this is a mortality study. Α.
- And just to clarify, HR refers to hazard ratio; right?
  - Α. Correct.
- 15 If you'll turn to table 5 of the study on Ο. 16 page 8?
  - Table 5, page 8. Α. I'm there.
  - Ο. You mentioned in your report on Mr. Howard that the Bove study found a hazard ratio of 1.3 when comparing exposed personnel from Camp Lejeune to nonexposed from Camp Pendleton; right?
    - Yes. Α.
    - And that's in reference to table 5? Q.
- 24 Α. Yes.
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Page 128 1 was -- included ranges from 0.84 to 2.16; right? 2 Α. Yes. 3 0. That includes one; right? 4 Α. Yes. Okay. You can set that aside. 5 0. 6 (Exhibit 15 was marked for 7 identification and attached hereto.) BY MR. MARQUINA: 8 9 Ο. You've been handed a document entitled Mortality Study of Civilian Employees Exposed to 10 11 Contaminated Drinking Water at USMC Base 12 Camp Lejeune: a retrospective cohort study. 13 This is what is referred -- what you refer 14 to in your reports as Bove 2014B; right? 15 Α. Yes. 16 This study did not evaluate direct chemical Ο. 17 exposure in individuals; right? Α. 18 Correct. 19 And, again, this study only assessed 2.0 mortality? 21 Α. Yes. This study did not control for or consider 22 Ο. 23 smoking? 24 Correct. Α. This study did not control for or consider 25 Q.

Page 129 1 obesity; right? 2 Α. Correct. 3 0. Or hypertension? Correct. 4 Α. Or genetic predisposition to kidney cancer? 0. Correct. 6 Α. Or family history of kidney cancer? Q. Correct. 8 Α. 9 O. Or diabetes? Correct. 10 Α. 11 Or alcohol consumption? Q. 12 Didn't control for it, but they did mention Α. it as a cofounder. 13 14 You would agree that the study did not 15 control for other potential occupational exposures? 16 Α. Correct. 17 The study notes on page 2 that a majority Ο. of the supply wells in the HP system were not 18 contaminated, so contamination levels varied 19 2.0 depending on the wells in use at a particular time;

- That's what it states. Correct. Α.
- 23 Ο. And that's -- and HP is in reference to Hadnot Point; right? 24
  - Α. Correct.

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You would agree with me that a limitation of the study was the small numbers of most causes of death which resulted in wide confidence -- excuse me, confidence intervals for the measures of effect; right?

- A. Correct. And, again, this is a mortality study. And the limitation and extrapolating is that this is a lot more pronounced than cancer incidence. So it does not account for the development of kidney cancer cases that did not go on to die and were reported with this study.
- Q. You can set that aside. Tab 14.

  You relied on the Bove cancer incidence study; right?
  - A. Yes.

20 (Exhibit 16 was marked for

identification and attached hereto.)

- 22 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- Q. The exhibit that you've just been handed is that same study; right?
  - A. Cancer incidence study?

Page 131 1 Q. Yes. 2 Α. Yes. Were you aware that the study did not 3 Q. 4 perform any statistical significance testing? One second. 5 Α. 6 Ο. Sure. 7 They do not report any statistical Α. significance variables in their hazard ratios. 8 In this study there was no individualized 9 exposure assessment performed; right? 10 11 Α. Correct. 12 Ο. This study did not control for or consider 13 obesity; right? 14 Α. Correct. 15 And this study did not control for or 16 consider hypertension; right? 17 Α. Correct. This study did not control for or consider 18 Ο. family history of kidney cancer. 19 2.0 Α. Correct. 21 Right? Ο. 22 Or diabetes? 23 Α. Correct. 24 Or alcohol consumption? Q. 25 Α. Correct.

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If you'll turn to table 3 on page 7, this 1 Q. 2 table reflects a comparison of cancer outcomes at Camp Lejeune and Camp Pendleton among marines and 3 navy personnel who began serving active duty and 4 were stationed at either base between 1975 and 1985; 5 6 right?

Α. Yes.

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- And under this table for kidney and renal pelvis cancer, it has an adjusted hazard ratio of 1.06; right?
- 11 Α. Yes.
- 12 With a confidence interval ranging from Ο. 13 0.96 to 1.18; right?
- 14 Α. Correct.
- 15 That confidence interval includes one; Ο. 16 right?
- 17 Correct. Α.
- Oh, excuse me. Let me correct myself. 18 O. The adjusted hazard ratio confidence 19 interval includes 0.95 to 1.18. 2.0
  - Α. Yes.
- And, again, same question. That include --22 23 that confidence interval includes one; right?
  - Α. Yes.
    - The adjusted hazard ratio under -- for the Q.

1 same table under renal cell and clear cell carcinoma

- 2 is 1.03; right?
- 3 Α. Yes.
- With a confidence interval ranging from 4 Ο.
- 0.91 to 1.16; right? 5
- 6 Α. Yes.
- That confidence interval includes one; 7 Q.
- right? 8
- 9 Α. Yes.
- For papillary, under the same table, the 10 Ο. 11 confidence -- or, excuse me, the adjusted hazard
- 12 ratio for papillary is 1.18; right?
- 13 Α. Yes.
- 14 With a confidence interval ranging from Ο.
- 15 0.86 to 1.60; right?
- 16 Can you read that again? Α.
- 17 Yes, I see that.
- Yes? 18 Ο.
- 19 Α. Yes.
- 2.0 Q. Okay. That confidence interval includes
- 21 one; right?
- 22 Α. Yes.
- 23 If you'll turn to table 5 on page 10, this
- reflects the results of the cancer incidence study 24
- 25 based on duration of residency at Camp Lejeune for

1 the marine and navy cohort; right?

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- And under kidney and renal pelvis cancer, Ο. the adjusted hazard ratio for low duration at Camp Lejeune is 1.12; right?
  - Α. Yes.
  - The adjusted hazard ratio for medium Q. duration at Camp Lejeune is 1.01; right?
  - Α. Yes.
- The adjusted hazard ratio for high duration 10 Ο. 11 at Camp Lejeune is 0.94; right?
  - Α. Yes.
- These hazard ratios reflect a non-monotonic 13 trend; right? 14
  - Is that how they define it?
- 16 You can set that aside. Ο.
- You also reviewed and relied on Dr. Bove's 17 2024 mortality study in rendering your opinions for 18 both Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes; right? 19
- 2.0 Α. Yes.
- (Exhibit 17 was marked for 21
- identification and attached hereto.) 22
- 23 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- You've just been handed Exhibit 17, which 24 Ο.
- 25 is the 2000 -- Dr. Bove's 2014 mortality study;

Page 135 1 right? 2 Α. Correct. In this study there was no individualized 3 Q. exposure assessment performed. 4 Α. Correct. 5 6 This study did not assess the time-varying Q. 7 nature of exposure; right? In terms of duration? 8 Α. 9 Ο. The time-varying nature of exposure, whether exposures on any given day would go up or 10 11 down. 12 Α. No. 13 And, again, the study only assessed 14 mortality; right? 15 Α. Correct. 16 The study did not control for or consider Ο. 17 obesity; right? 18 Α. Correct. 19 0. Or hypertension? 2.0 Α. Correct. 21 Or family history of kidney cancer? 0. 22 Correct. Α. 23 Q. Or diabetes? 24 Α. Correct. Or alcohol consumption? 25 Q.

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- Q. If you'll turn to page 6 of the study under table 2.
- 4 A. Uh-huh. Yes.
  - Q. Table 2 gives the standard mortality ratio for marines and navy personnel at Camp Lejeune compared to the general population; right?
    - A. Yes.
    - Q. The standard mortality ratio for kidney and renal pelvis cancers was 1.11; right?
- 11 A. I'm seeing 1.21.
- 12 Are you on table 2?
- Q. Table 2, yeah. Under observed SMRs under the first.
- 15 A. Okay.
- 16 Q. That says for Camp Lejeune.
- A. Correct. And then 0.91 for Camp Pendleton, so the risk ratio --
- 19 0. Sure.
- 20 A. -- is 1.21.
- Q. Sure. So for the risk ratio that's 1.21,
- 22 that has a confidence interval ranging from 0.95 to
- 23 | 1.54; right?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. That includes one; right?

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It includes the same hazard ratio and confidence interval we just discussed; right?

- Α. Yes.
  - You can set that aside. Ο.

In your report for Mrs. Tukes, you relied on the Callahan study; right?

11 Α. Yes.

12 (Exhibit 18 was marked for

13 identification and attached hereto.)

14 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

- BY MR. MARQUINA:
  - The document you were just handed is the Ο. Callahan study; right?
- 18 Α. Yes.
  - You state in your report on Ms. Tukes that this study is one of the ones that demonstrated an increased risk of kidney cancer in cohorts exposed to PCE; right?
    - Α. Yes.
  - The study did not directly measure chemical exposure among participants in the study; right?

- Α. Can you be more specific?
- There's no -- the study did not quantify Ο. how much PCE each individual within the study was exposed to.
- This was a mortality study of people Α. that were -- worked in dry cleaners, worked dry cleaning.
- And if you'll turn page 5 of the Callahan Ο. study.
  - Uh-huh. Α.

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- You would agree with me that the study Ο. notes that the absence of direct exposure monitoring in subjects were placed in the lack of a specific exposure scale for tetrachlorethylene or other individual dry cleaning solvents are additional limitations of the study; right?
  - Α. Correct.
- The authors of the study note that they O. were unable to directly assess when members of the study cohort were first exposed to tetrachlorethylene; right?
  - Correct. Α.
- Ο. The study did not control for or consider smoking; right?
  - Α. No.

Page 139 1 Q. Or obesity? Nope. 2 Α. Or hypertension? 3 Q. Correct. 4 Α. Or genetic predisposition to kidney cancer? 5 0. Correct. 6 Α. Or family history of kidney cancer? Q. Correct. 8 Α. 9 O. Or diabetes? Correct. 10 Α. 11 Or alcohol consumption? Q. 12 Α. Correct. 13 The study did not control for or consider Ο. 14 occupational exposures prior to the participants 15 membership in the union. 16 Α. Correct. 17 And if you'll turn to page 6, you would agree with me that the study was limited by the 18 relatively small sample size? 19 2.0 Α. Yes.

kidney cancer were null overall in this study;

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And standard mortality ratio results for

If you'll turn to page 4, second paragraph,

- 1 A. Yes. I agree. It's mortalities, estimate.
  - Q. You also relied on the Purdue study in your report on Mrs. Tukes; right?
    - A. Which study?
    - Q. The Purdue study.
- A. Yes.

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- Q. Your report cites this as a report -- or excuse me. Your report cites this as a study -- one of multiple studies that have demonstrated an increased risk of kidney cancer in cohorts -- excuse me, cohorts exposed to PCE; right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 (Exhibit 19 was marked for
- identification and attached hereto.)
- 15 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- 16 O. That's Exhibit 19.
- 17 | Is this a Purdue study?
- 18 A. This is.
- 19 Q. If you can turn to page 7, would you agree
- 20 with me that the authors of the study note that
- 21 | analysis of perchloroethylene exposure duration
- 22 | average weekly exposure and accumulative hours of
- 23 exposure were null including all exposure
- 24 intensities?
- 25 A. Correct.

But there were detailed analysis suggestive of an association with increased risk.

- This study had a participation rate of 54 percent among the control group; right?
  - Α. Correct.

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- And the authors noted that low response Ο. rate among controls was a limitation to their study; right?
  - Α. Correct.
- And if you turn to page 10 of the study, Ο. you would agree with me that the authors of the Purdue study state that they cannot rule out the possibility that the association between PCE and kidney cancer may have arisen due to chance; right?
- That's a limitation of any study. Correct. You can't control for every variable.

Unlike the other studies, this study did account for obesity, hypertension, and smoking. there's no one perfect study out there. And, again, there's going to be limitations to a lot of studies where you're dependent on a cohort returning surveys or lack of long-term follow-up.

And these have -- you can't use them in a vacuum; right? You have to account for limitations in every kind of literature to support it.

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You would agree with me that the authors of this Purdue study noted that they cannot entirely rule out the possibility that selection bias influenced their results; right?

- A. Again, they have to identify limitations, and that's part of every research article.
  - Q. Is that a yes, though?
- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. The study did not consider genetic 11 predisposition; correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- Q. Or family history of kidney cancer?
- 14 A. Let me make sure it's not on the table.
- 15 0. Sure.
- A. Hypertension, body mass index, smoking are accounted for. Pre-genetics is not.
  - Q. The study did not consider diabetes; correct?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Or alcohol consumption?
- A. Nope.
- Q. Or other occupational exposures such as jobs held for less than 12 months?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 MR. MARQUINA: Could we go off the record

- 2 for a few minutes?
- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. Going off camera. 3
- 4 The time is 1:14 p.m.
- (Recess from 1:14 p.m. to 1:27 p.m.) 5
- 6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record. The
- 7 time is 1:27 p.m.
- 8 BY MR. MARQUINA:
- 9 Dr. Josephson, are you aware what the
- background lifetime cancer incidence rate is? 10
- 11 Can you repeat that? Α.
- Are you aware of what the background 12 Ο.
- 13 lifetime cancer incidence rate is?
- I'm not familiar with that term. 14 Α.
- 15 Is it fair to say that you do not discuss
- 16 background lifetime cancer incidence rates in either
- 17 of your reports?
- Α. 18 Correct.
- 19 Are you aware of the phrase "cancer slope
- 2.0 factor"?
- 21 Α. No.
- Are you aware of the term "inhalation risk 22 0.
- 23 unit"?
- I've seen it used in some of the reports, 24
- but I don't use it. 25

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- Q. Is it fair to say that you do not express Mr. Howard's cancer risk as a probability?
  - A. Can you be more specific?
- Q. In your reports, you did not express the likelihood of Mr. Howard developing kidney cancer following his exposure to Camp Lejeune water as a percentage; right?
- A. Correct. It's not -- it's not listed as a number.
  - Q. The same is true for Mrs. Tukes; right?
  - A. Correct.

But if you extrapolate more likely than not, I would say at least 50 percent of two factors being counted for, so it would be 51 percent.

Q. And just so I have it right, is it your testimony that both Mr. Howard and Mrs. Tukes were 51 percent likely to have developed their cancers following their exposures to Camp Lejeune water?

MR. WILMOTH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I think I'm extrapolating to give you a defined number, but I'm not using an

1 objective number. I'm using the term "more likely than not " as a general term. 2

## BY MR. MARQUINA:

- I think earlier you testified that you have had patients and you've treated patients with occupational exposures to TCE and PCE; is that right?
  - Α. Yes.
- Have you treated patients with exposure to Ο. TCE or PCE in any other context aside from occupational exposures?
- Α. Well, occupational exposure is a primary risk that I'm aware of outside of the scope of this case regarding contamination from drinking water. can't recall specifically.

MR. MARQUINA: Okay. That does it for me. No further questions for me.

MR. WILMOTH: All right. Thanks. going to have just a few questions.

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## EXAMINATION

## BY MR. WILMOTH: 22

All right, Dr. Josephson. One question I wanted to ask you about, and this is probably the only exhibit I'm going to show you, I'm going to go

1 back to the Jacqueline Tukes report. I believe it is Exhibit Number 11. 2

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- And looking on page 7. Ο. Just let me know when you get there.
- Α. I'm there.
- Okay. I just want to make sure it's clear Q. for the record. Right in the middle of that page, there's a paragraph that starts "at the time of original diagnosis."

Do you see that?

- Α. Yes.
- Can you read that paragraph and tell me about Mrs. Tukes' smoking history?
  - She was a nonsmoker.
  - For how long was she a nonsmoker? Ο.
- Lifetime. Α.
- 18 Ο. Okay. Thank you, Doctor.

You were asked some questions about the studies you considered and their limitations.

- Do you recall those?
- 22 Yes. Α.
- 23 Ο. Did you consider the limitations to each of these studies that you reviewed? 24
  - Α. Of course. I think every study has to have

some inherent limitations. There's no such thing as a perfect study which you can account for every single variable when talking about -- when you're talking about risk factors.

In the ideal world, we would be able to account for every identifiable or known risk factors. But that's just the nature of interpreting data in the published literature.

- And having considered the limitations, do you still find those studies helpful in supporting your opinions in these two cases?
  - Α. Yes.

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- And, Doctor, all the opinions in the Tukes report and the Howard report as well as the opinions you've given here today, do you hold all those opinions to a reasonable degree of medical certainty?
  - Α. Yes.
  - MR. WILMOTH: No further questions.
- MR. MARQUINA: None for me. 2.0
- 21 THE REPORTER: Counsel, did you need a copy
- 22 of the transcript?
- 23 MR. WILMOTH: Yes.
- 24 THE REPORTER: How about video?
- Let me find out because I'm 25 MR. WILMOTH:

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1	not sure what our policy is.
2	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All right. Going off
3	camera. The time is 1:32 p.m.
4	THE REPORTER: They are ordering a rough.
5	So per code, I need to offer that as well to you.
6	Did you want a rough or are you okay?
7	MR. WILMOTH: Yes, we want to get a rough,
8	and he's going to read and sign.
9	(Whereupon, at 1:33 p.m., the taking of
10	the deposition of DAVID JOSEPHSON, M.D.
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