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TUESDAY
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The Oak Ridge Hospital Work Group meeting convened via teleconference at 2:00 p.m., James E. Lockey, Chairman, presiding.

PRESENT:

JAMES E. LOCKEY, Chairman ROBERT W. PRESLEY, Member GENEVIEVE S. ROESSLER, Member PHILLIP SCHOFIELD, Member

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ALSO PRESENT:

TED KATZ, Designated Federal Official ISAF Al-NABULSI, DOE HANS BEHLING, SC&A ZAIDA BURGOS, NIOSH OAMS ROGER CLOUTIER, ORAU (retired) SARA CUMMINGS, Public LARRY ELLIOTT, NIOSH OCAS EMILY HOWELL, HHS LARA HUGHES, NIOSH OCAS ARJUN MAKHIJANI, SC&A JIM NETON, NIOSH OCAS LAVON RUTHERFORD, NIOSH OCAS

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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	2:05 p.m.
3	MR. KATZ: Okay. So let's begin
4	with roll call. We begin with the Board
5	Members, starting with the Chair.
6	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: James Lockey,
7	Chair.
8	MEMBER ROESSLER: Gen Roessler,
9	member of the Work Group.
10	MR. KATZ: Okay. Do we have Bob
11	Presley on the line?
12	MEMBER ROESSLER: He is probably on
13	mute. He was on.
14	MR. KATZ: Yes, I thought so. Bob
15	Presley, are you with us?
16	MEMBER ROESSLER: He was here loud
17	and clear a little bit ago.
18	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Well, in his
19	email, it looked like he was going to have to

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- 1 go someplace because of a fire alarm.
- 2 MR. KATZ: Oh.
- 3 MEMBER PRESLEY: This is Bob
- 4 Presley. I'm back on. Something happened.
- 5 It knocked me off line.
- 6 MR. KATZ: Okay. Well, welcome
- 7 back, Bob.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Bob, do you have
- 9 a fire alarm to go to?
- 10 MEMBER PRESLEY: We are having a
- 11 plant-wide drill. But I'm in an area where
- 12 you don't have to worry about it.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay, good.
- MR. KATZ: Okay. So we have Bob.
- 15 And then do we have Phil Schofield? Phil, are
- 16 you with us? Has anybody heard from Phil?
- 17 MEMBER PRESLEY: No, I haven't even
- 18 seen an email from him.
- 19 MR. KATZ: Okay. I didn't have an

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- 1 email saying he wouldn't be with us.
- Zaida, are you on the line? Or
- 3 Nancy Adams?
- 4 MS. BURGOS: I am on the line. And
- 5 he said he was going to be on.
- 6 MR. KATZ: Okay. Did you just hear
- 7 that recently? Or --
- 8 MS. BURGOS: Yes.
- 9 MR. KATZ: Okay.
- 10 MS. BURGOS: He asked me for the
- 11 pass code.
- 12 MR. KATZ: Okay. So -- and then
- 13 let me just check for John Poston.
- 14 (No response.)
- 15 MR. KATZ: Okay. While we're
- waiting for Phil, why don't we go through the
- 17 rest of the roll call. By the way, this is
- 18 Ted Katz. I am the DFO, Designated Federal
- 19 Official for the Advisory Board on Radiation

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- 1 Worker Health. And this is the Work Group on
- 2 Oak Ridge Hospital.
- And let me go to then the NIOSH
- 4 ORAU Team. And please state conflicts if you
- 5 have any.
- 6 MR. ELLIOTT: This is Larry
- 7 Elliott, the Director of NIOSH's Office of
- 8 Compensation Analysis and Support. I have no
- 9 conflict with this particular site.
- 10 MR. RUTHERFORD: This is LaVon
- 11 Rutherford, Special Exposure Cohort, Health
- 12 Physics Team Leader for NIOSH. And I have no
- 13 conflicts with this site.
- MS. HUGHES: This is Lara Hughes.
- 15 I'm a health physicist with NIOSH. And I have
- 16 no conflicts for this site.
- 17 MR. KATZ: Okay. Anyone else from
- 18 the NIOSH ORAU Team?
- 19 Okay, then, how about the SC&A

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- 1 Team?
- DR. BEHLING: This is Hans Behling,
- 3 SC&A. No conflict.
- DR. MAKHIJANI: This is Arjun
- 5 Makhijani. No conflict.
- 6 MR. KATZ: John Mauro, are you with
- 7 us?
- 8 DR. BEHLING: No, he's actually on
- 9 travel while we're actually here talking. So
- 10 he's probably not going to join us.
- MR. KATZ: Okay. Thanks, Hans.
- Then let's go to other federal
- officials or contractors, HHS or otherwise.
- 14 MEMBER SCHOFIELD: Ted, this is
- 15 Phil Schofield, Board Member.
- MR. KATZ: Oh, welcome.
- 17 MEMBER SCHOFIELD: No conflict,
- thanks.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Hey, Phil, is

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1	that you?
2	MEMBER SCHOFIELD: Yes, it is.
3	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Welcome.
4	MEMBER SCHOFIELD: Thanks.
5	MS. AL-NABULSI: Isaf Al-Nabulsi,
6	DOE, no conflict.
7	MR. KATZ: Welcome.
8	MS. HOWELL: Emily Howell, HHS. No
9	conflicts.
10	MR. KATZ: Okay. It sounds like
11	that's it for federal employees.
12	And then is there members of the
13	public?
14	MS. CUMMINGS: Sara Cummings.
15	MR. KATZ: Sara Cummings, welcome.
16	MS. CUMMINGS: Thank you.
17	MR. KATZ: And then Roger, do you
18	want to identify yourself for the record?
19	MR. CLOUTIER: Roger Cloutier,

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- 1 retired from ORAU 17 years ago. Started work
- 2 in 1959.
- MR. KATZ: Welcome.
- 4 Any other members of the public?
- 5 (No response.)
- 6 MR. KATZ: Okay. Then just let me
- 7 say for everyone on the line, please there is
- 8 a lot of background noise. So if you have a
- 9 mute button, please use it. Mute the phone
- 10 except for when you are speaking to the group.
- 11 If you don't have a mute button,
- 12 please use *6, which will do the same thing.
- 13 Press *6 and it will mute your phone. When
- 14 you want to rejoin to speak, press *6 again.
- 15 And if you need to leave the call, please hang
- 16 up. Don't use your hold. Hang up and dial
- 17 back in. And that's it.
- 18 Thank you, Jim.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay. Well,

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- Sara and Roger, welcome to you both. 1 welcome. 2 This is a follow-up meeting of the one we had last additional 3 week. And we had some questions we wanted to address. 4 And Gen and John were going to be taking some of the leads 5 on those questions. 6
- What we had sent out -- and I sent
 out just a couple of hours before the meeting,
 the JAMA article by Marshall Brucer that was
 actually referenced in the NIOSH report. And
 I found it an interesting read.
 - And just to point out that the actual table from this JAMA article, which is Table 2, which is on page 1748, was included by Lara in her review. So it is an interesting review of what was going on at that time.
- 18 Also, Gen had sent out some 19 information regarding her conversation with

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- 1 Roger. And Lara also sent out some additional
- 2 information regarding her conversation with I
- guess it is Kapolka, is that right? Is that
- 4 spelled correctly?
- 5 MS. HUGHES: Yes, I believe so.
- 6 I'm not sure how to pronounce it.
- 7 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Kapolka?
- 8 Kapolka? Mr. Kapolka.
- 9 So maybe we should start. Gen, do
- 10 you want to start?
- 11 MEMBER ROESSLER: Yes, I can start.
- 12 I had -- is my mute off?
- 13 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: You're doing
- 14 good.
- 15 MEMBER ROESSLER: Okay. I offered
- 16 to look at some publications that Marshall
- 17 Brucer in the `50s. I thought -- he had a
- 18 series of vignettes -- and I thought perhaps
- 19 in one or more of those we would find

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- something about radiation safety in the facility. I did not.
- He talked a lot about the research
 that they were doing there. And it was quite
 clear that he is very knowledgeable about
 radiation and the things he was working with.
- 7 So since I didn't find anything there, then I called Roger Cloutier, who is on 8 9 the phone with us. And we talked for quite a 10 while. And I sent you a summary of what I 11 thought I gleaned from his talk --12 talking with him.
- And then I guess Ted decided to invite him to participate in our call today in case I didn't ask all the pertinent questions.
 - And I guess I'll just make one final comment is that after talking to Roger, who was there, who started there in `59, which is about the end of the period we're

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- interested in, but he knew Marshall, worked 1 2 with him, knows about his habits of working and all. 3 My conclusion to all of this and 4 after reading the JAMA article, too, is that 5 6 the laboratory there, the work there was certainly -- and my view is that there was a 7 lot of concern about radiation safety however 8 9 I don't know -- and my feeling is that there 10 were no significant exposures at the hospital, the adjoining community hospital. But I don't 11 12 know how we go ahead and prove that. So I think we're in a bit of a bind 13 14 there. And that's really all I have to say, 15 you know, at this point. CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Gen, thanks. 16 17 Roger?
- CHAIRMAN IOCKEV: Ca
- 19 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Can you hear us

MR. CLOUTIER:

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2	MR. CLOUTIER: Yes, at the moment.
3	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: I think a few of
4	us at least I have a few questions I'd like
5	to ask you. And if I'm not speaking loud
6	enough or too fast, because originally I was
7	from Philadelphia and people in Philadelphia
8	speak very fast for some reason, just stop me.
9	One of the things I wanted to ask
10	you, and I appreciate your joining us on the
11	phone, when you looked at the Oak Ridge

е Hospital and the Nuclear Research Center that 12 was set up in a wing of the hospital, one of 13 14 our concerns is how much did the staff 15 potentially go back and forth between the two facilities? 16

Was there -- do you have any recall of that or recollection of that or any insight in that?

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Well, let me ramble 1 MR. CLOUTIER: 2 a little if I may. The period of time you are talking about is 1950 to `58 or `59. 3 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: 4 Correct. MR. CLOUTIER: I didn't come until 5 `59. So whatever I have during that period of 6 time -- know about that period of time comes 7 from people I knew or from records I happened 8 9 to examine. Now the first thing that caught my 10 attention was in the report it talks about how 11 12 there were adjoining buildings and things like And the hospital was there when I came 13 that. but it consisted of a military hospital that 14 15 had lots of wings, starting with A, B, C, D. And by the time they got to Wing E, 16 which was quite a ways from the main part of 17 the hospital, that's the part that was turned 18

over to ORAU, or ORINS at that time, to become

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1 the	Medical	Division,	in	1948	Ι	think	it	was.
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Now initially there was just a
walkway, an open walkway with a cover over it,
that connected it from E to D. And so the
only connection to the hospital was through
that walkway initially. Later on when they
put in the LR therapy units, they built a
section, a wooden structure, that connected
the two buildings. But there was still only
that one entrance.

So there wasn't an awful lot of traffic between the two hospitals because the main part of the hospital was way back in A, B, C, and so on. So that's the first thing.

Now just so I can throw something else in and then I'll let you ask some more questions, as I was thinking about this, I remembered that the Abbott Radiopharmaceutical Laboratory, which was --

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- 1 MS. CUMMINGS: This is Sara
- 2 Cummings. I can't hear anything of what Roger
- 3 is saying.
- 4 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: I'm sorry. Is
- 5 that Sara?
- 6 MS. CUMMINGS: It is.
- 7 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Roger, can you
- 8 speak up a little bit louder.
- 9 MR. CLOUTIER: I'll try it.
- 10 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay.
- MR. CLOUTIER: As I was looking at,
- 12 you know, what was in different things, I was
- 13 reminded that the Abbott Laboratory
- 14 Radiopharmaceutical Distribution Group was
- 15 located just down the street and not much
- 16 further from ORAU to the hospital than ORAU
- was to the hospital. And they processed all
- 18 the iodine that came out of the Oak Ridge
- 19 Hospital Ridge National Lab and then was sent

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- all over the country.
- 2 And what prompted that was that I
- noted that there is a great deal of concern
- 4 about iodine vapors. And if I were looking at
- 5 the situation today, I suspect I'd be looking
- at what the situation was with regard to the
- 7 Abbot Pharmaceutical.
- Now I'm not trying to shift
- 9 responsibility. I'm simply mentioning that
- that's something else that was adjacent to the
- 11 Oak Ridge Hospital.
- 12 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: So your concern
- is the iodine vapors that were given off from
- 14 the Abbott Laboratory exhausted out of the
- 15 facility?
- 16 MR. CLOUTIER: That's a
- 17 possibility.
- 18 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay. And that
- 19 was close to the Oak Ridge Hospital as was the

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- 1 ORINS. Is that right?
- 2 MR. CLOUTIER: It was almost as
- 3 close but not physically connected. And the
- 4 physical connection I already told you was
- 5 strictly a walkway initially. And then
- 6 became, you know, a covered in walkway that
- 7 became part of a building.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay.
- 9 MR. CLOUTIER: I don't know if
- 10 you've seen the aerial photographs of the Oak
- 11 Ridge Hospital.
- 12 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Yes, I have. I
- 13 think -- Bob, you gave me a copy of that when
- 14 I was down at the meeting -- when we had the
- 15 meeting last week.
- 16 MEMBER PRESLEY: That's correct.
- 17 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: All right. So I
- 18 have seen that.
- 19 MR. CLOUTIER: So if you look at

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- it, you can see where the walkway was if
 you're looking at the early photograph.
- 3 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Roger, let me go
- 4 back then to one other question. How much did
- staff go back and forth between, I guess, Oak
- 6 Ridge Hospital and the D Wing?
- 7 MR. CLOUTIER: Yes. I have managed
- 8 to talk now to several people, including
- 9 [indentifying information redacted], who was
- here in the middle 1950s. And he corrected me
- 11 because he said he had a joint appointment
- between the Oak Ridge Hospital and ORAU. He
- 13 was part-time there and part-time -- I keep
- switching ORAU and ORINS so if I use one or
- the other, just imagine it is the same -- but
- 16 he was half time Oak Ridge Hospital and half
- 17 time ORINS.
- 18 He mentioned one other person that
- 19 I've never heard of or knew, an

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anesthesiologist [identifying 1 named 2 information redacted]. But those are the only two people he could think of that normally 3 made the exchange. 4 5 Now occasionally surgeons would be And after 1945 -- excuse me, 1955, they 6 used. 7 did their work in the ORINS surgery. Prior to that, they did it in the Oak Ridge Hospital 8 9 surgery. 10 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: So prior -- and that was in the NIOSH report also. So prior 11 12 to `55, surgery was done in Oak Ridge and after that, it was done in the ORINS facility. 13 14 MR. CLOUTIER: That's mу 15 understanding at the moment. LOCKEY: [identifying 16 CHAIRMAN information redacted], I see, Lara, that you 17 18 had tried to contact him but were

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Was that correct?

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unsuccessful.

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- 1 MS. HUGHES: Yes, I tried to leave
- 2 a message and his answering machine kept
- 3 cutting off. And I was not able -- I have not
- 4 reached him to this day.
- 5 I talked to him briefly when I did
- 6 -- when NIOSH did the original evaluation.
- 7 And he declined to be interviewed at that
- 8 time. He said he didn't think he could be of
- 9 help and didn't want to talk to me. So --
- 10 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. This
- 11 is the Court Reporter. Was that Lara
- 12 [identifying information redacted]?
- 13 MS. HUGHES: No, my name is Lara.
- 14 I'm with NIOSH.
- 15 COURT REPORTER: I wanted to make
- 16 sure.
- 17 MS. HUGHES: We are talking about
- 18 [identifying information redacted], who is a
- 19 former physician at the Oak Ridge Hospital.

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1	COURT REPORTER: Okay. Thank you.
2	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: It is
3	[identifying information redacted].
4	But he actually worked at Oak Ridge
5	Roger, he actually worked at Oak Ridge
6	Hospital during the 1950s and worked in both
7	facilities, is that correct?
8	MR. CLOUTIER: He came in the mid-
9	`50s, as I understand it, and he had an
10	appointment where he had part-time work at the
11	Oak Ridge Hospital and part-time work at
12	ORINS.
13	He later moved directly to ORINS
14	and I knew him when I worked at ORINS. And I
15	still know him because he now lives in Oak
16	Ridge again. He left Oak Ridge, I've
17	forgotten, in the `60s to join IAEA. And then
18	went into private practice after that
19	appointment was over. So after he retired, he

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- 1 came back to Oak Ridge.
- 2 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: And who is
- 3 [identifying information redacted]?
- 4 MR. CLOUTIER: Well, I've come
- 5 across that name and [identifying information
- 6 redacted] also gave me that name. And my
- 7 understanding from [identifying information
- 8 redacted] is that he and [identifying
- 9 information redacted] were the, as I think he
- 10 phrased it, the only two that had joint
- appointments between the two hospitals.
- 12 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Was it
- 13 [identifying information redacted]?
- MR. CLOUTIER: I believe it is
- 15 [identifying information redacted].
- 16 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Does [identifying
- 17 information redacted know whether
- 18 [identifying information redacted] is still
- 19 living?

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I did not ask him 1 MR. CLOUTIER: 2 that because I was on some other subject. And so, 3 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay. Roger, your knowledge about people moving back 4 5 and forth, obviously [identifying information redacted] said that he actually did move back 6 7 and forth and perhaps [identifying information redacted] did. Do you have any information 8 custodial 9 about nursing staff or staff, maintenance, administration, whether there was 10 any 11 movement in regard to those cross 12 professions in the two facilities? My understanding is 13 MR. CLOUTIER: 14 that there was two separate groups, that the 15 hospital did not provide maintenance people. The ORINS people provided the maintenance for 16 the ORINS Hospital. And that's also mentioned 17 18 in the report that was prepared by people. 19

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With regard to food, I'm told and 1 2 it consisted or continued when I was at the hospital, that the Oak Ridge Hospital would 3 bring food over in a wagon. And they'd drop 4 5 it off at the loading dock. And at that 6 point, it was picked up and taken up to the 7 patients. Now there is a statement in one of 8 9 the reports and in your report that says that 10 Dr. Ray Hayes, who is now dead, but Ray Hayes back in 1951 11 was concerned or about SO 12 contamination getting on the silverware. look at that as 13 And I а -- you 14 know, somebody paying attention to 15 going on and trying to correct a potential problem as opposed to a real threat. 16 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: But that would 17 18 indicate that the silverware perhaps would go

back and the dishes perhaps would go back to

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- 1 Oak Ridge Hospital for sanitation.
- 2 MR. CLOUTIER: I suspect that
- initially that is what happened. But by, you
- 4 know, very early in the game, and I've
- forgotten what the date of the memo is, but it
- 6 was in the early `50s, Hayes was concerned
- 7 that the silverware would go back and I assume
- 8 somebody took care of that.
- 9 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay. Hold on a
- 10 second. Surgery -- so, Roger, the other
- 11 question I would have is in the D Wing, which
- is ORINS Wing, they were not able to do
- 13 surgery there until 1955. So if anybody
- 14 needed surgery, they would be taken over to
- 15 the Oak Ridge Hospital. Is that your
- 16 understanding?
- 17 MR. CLOUTIER: I have to conclude
- 18 that, yes.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: And as far as x-

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- 1 ray procedures, if somebody needed a chest x-
- 2 ray, again, would that be done -- would that
- 3 have been done at Oak Ridge Hospital?
- 4 MR. CLOUTIER: By the time I
- 5 arrived at ORINS, they had their own x-ray
- 6 group. So I don't know when they got the
- 7 first x-ray unit.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay. So when
- 9 you arrived in 1959, ORINS had its own x-ray
- 10 group?
- 11 MR. CLOUTIER: Correct.
- 12 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: But you don't
- 13 know when that was put in?
- MR. CLOUTIER: No.
- 15 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay. And you
- 16 think the construction and maintenance was
- 17 done -- was kept separately in the two
- 18 buildings?
- MR. CLOUTIER: Yes.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay. Trash 2 collection was separate? I would assume so 3 MR. CLOUTIER: but I have no facts to prove it one way or the 4 5 other. 6 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: What about 7 postmortem evaluations, the morque? Initially I would MR. CLOUTIER: 8 9 assume based on what Ι now know that the morgue at the Oak Ridge Hospital probably was 10 time 11 used. But at the same that the 12 connecting structure was made, ORINS opened up So I would say early in the 13 its own morgue. `50s, it probably was done over in the Oak 14 15 Ridge Hospital and late `50s done at ORINS. CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: 16 Okay. Those were questions. 17 Roger, you did great. Ι 18 appreciate it. Let's just go around the people on 19

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- the conference and see who else will have some additional questions to ask.
- MR. CLOUTIER: Let me add one more
 thing only because it is on my mind at the
 moment. Late in I believe it was `58, there
 was a leak in a teletherapy source and your
 report lists what the surface contamination
 was.
- And I went back and looked at the report and at one point, it talks about like 400 -- no, I've forgotten the number but it was a large number of millicuries and it implied it was released to the area.
 - But as best as I can figure out from information and including a paper I wrote with Dr. Brucer, that was material released the οf it contained from source but most within the teletherapy unit, which was later polyethylene enveloped know, in, you

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whatever you used at that time. And the whole 1 2 source head was taken back to 0ak Ridge National Laboratory. And in a hot cell, they 3 slowly cleaned it up. 4

And I believe the big number comes from that measurement, not from activity actually released into the rooms at ORINS. I think the better measure of what contamination existed was the surface contamination levels measured.

And that led to another question that I had. If I were doing that back at that time, I'd quickly look at what was the maximum permissible body burden for old timers that permitted at that time and calculation showed that someone would have to eat an awful lot of floor or lick a lot of floor before they could take the maximum permissible body burden into their body. But

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this is, you know, speculative just like a lot 1 2 of other things have to be at this late in the 3 day. CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: So you're saying 4 that the high level was actually in the head 5 of surface 6 the unit and the actual 7 contamination was substantially less? Well, the surface MR. CLOUTIER: 8 contamination on the floor of the building --9 10 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Right. MR. CLOUTIER: -- and part of that 11 from the fact that the detection was 12 first picked up because of surface smears that 13 14 were taken around the building as part of the monitoring program. 15 And contamination was recognized as being some place or being in 16 various places. 17 18 And then the teletherapy technician

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happened to walk up close to a sodium iodide

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- crystal and caused it to go and, you know, 1 2 circulate as it's supposed to do but it was recognized that the individual had picked up 3 some contamination. And that's what led them 4 5 back teletherapy to the room where discovered the source of the contamination. 6 7 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: So it was
- 8 actually picked up because of the routine
 9 surface monitoring looking for contamination?

 10 MR. CLOUTIER: Well, routine check
 11 of the building, which was done all the time
 12 when I was there.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay, Gen? 14 Robert?
- MEMBER ROESSLER: I have a couple
 of questions. I remember seeing this aerial
 photograph. I think Lara showed it in her
 presentation.
- 19 But what I'm trying to -- what date

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- 1 was on that photograph?
- MR. CLOUTIER: I'm sorry, Gen, I
- 3 didn't hear that.
- 4 MEMBER ROESSLER: Okay. But, in
- fact, I'm directing it to whoever had this
- 6 aerial photograph. What date is on that
- 7 photograph?
- 8 MS. HUGHES: This is Lara. The
- 9 photograph that was shown in the presentation
- 10 at the Board meeting, that was a photograph
- 11 from the early or mid 1940s. And it did not
- show the two-story structure that was added to
- the D Wing of the hospital before the ORINS
- 14 Hospital was opened. And it was opened in May
- of 1950 I believe.
- 16 MEMBER ROESSLER: So then it is
- 17 probably Roger, you're talking about an aerial
- 18 photograph that showed how the buildings were
- 19 connected?

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Well, if 1 MR. CLOUTIER: Lara, I 2 caught her name properly, is right that the first picture is one -- there are two aerial 3 photographs I know of. And the first one in 4 5 1943. And it shows the E Wing connected to the D Wing by a walkway. 6 MEMBER ROESSLER: 7 Okav. MR. CLOUTIER: That's in `43. 8 9 Now -- I'm trying to reach my other 10 photograph -- there's one taken later in the `50s, I believe, `54, I think but I'll have to 11 12 find the picture, and by then, the connection had been made into the section that would 13 14 include the teletherapy sources. 15 MEMBER ROESSLER: I quess what I'm trying to picture is with these two facilities 16 connected by some sort of a walkway, did the 17 18 people in ORINS have to go through this walkway into the Oak Ridge Hospital to get out

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of their building? Did they have a separate entrance? Or was all of the traffic through this walkway?

No.

MR. CLOUTIER:

- ORINS or the E Wing and including the D Wing, 5 which was taken over later, empty out onto a 6 forgotten 7 I've its street name there's no reason for them to go the other 8 9 direction because that would have taken them 10 into this long building.
- 11 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Roger, did you
 12 say that initially they were in the D Wing and
 13 then later they took over the E Wing?
 14 MR. CLOUTIER: No, they started out
- in the E Wing.
- 16 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: The E Wing.
- MR. CLOUTIER: Yes.
- 18 MEMBER PRESLEY: Jim?
- 19 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Yes.

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1	MEMBER PRESLEY: It's Bob Presley.
2	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Hi, Bob.
3	MEMBER PRESLEY: If you'll look at
4	those pictures I gave you, you can see where
5	they are connected. There is a three-story
6	unit and then it is connected in a shorter
7	walkway to the other one-story unit that he's
8	talking about there in those pictures.
9	And one picture was made oh, from
10	looking at the trees, sometime late `43. And
11	then the other one was made in `44. And then
12	I've been able to get my hands on another
13	picture that I've got to find that shows this
14	other building being built.
15	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Bob, is the
16	three-story building the D Wing?
17	MEMBER PRESLEY: Yes.
18	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: And is the one-
19	story building the E Wing?

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1 MEMBER PRESLEY: Yes. That's my 2 understanding. Is it, Roger? Yes, that's right. 3 MR. CLOUTIER: 4 MEMBER PRESLEY: Okay. CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: All right. 5 6 it. And the walkway between the D Wing and the main hospital is, on your picture, Bob, is 7 it just looks covered but like a 8 covered 9 walkway with windows along the side? 10 MEMBER PRESLEY: Right, a short 11 walkway. 12 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Right. 13 MEMBER PRESLEY: Now, Roger, let me ask you a question. This is Bob Presley, by 14 15 the way. How are you doing? MR. CLOUTIER: 16 Good. When they did the 17 MEMBER PRESLEY:

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experiments on the patients and everything,

all of that was done on the bottom floor of

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- the three-story building back underground in
- 2 special cubicles that they had made down
- 3 there. Is that not correct?
- 4 MR. CLOUTIER: Well, I'm not sure
- that I can even follow what you're saying only
- 6 because it depends on what time we're talking
- 7 about. Remember the D Wing was not taken over
- 8 until 1960 or so because it was taken over by
- 9 ORINS after I came to Oak Ridge. So the D
- 10 Wing, that's the three-story structure, was
- 11 not part of ORINS until after 1960.
- So everything else that was done
- 13 prior to that time was done in the one-story E
- 14 Wing. But before ORINS moved into the E Wing,
- they had constructed a two-story building on
- the we'll say the left side of the building if
- 17 you were standing in the street looking at the
- 18 front of the E Wing.
- 19 MEMBER PRESLEY: That's correct.

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So does that clear 1 MR. CLOUTIER: 2 up what you were saying? 3 MEMBER PRESLEY: Yes, yes. CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Well, let me --4 then I need to follow up on this. 5 So, Roger, you're saying that ORINS occupied the E Wing, 6 7 Edward Wing, first, right? MR. CLOUTIER: 8 Correct. And that's the 9 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: 10 one-story wing? 11 MR. CLOUTIER: One-story wing. 12 MEMBER PRESLEY: And away from everything. 13 Well, it's sort 14 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: 15 of perpendicular to the D Ring, right Bob? MEMBER PRESLEY: It's off 90 16 degrees to D Wing. 17 18 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Right. But how was it connected to the D Wing? 19

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1 MR. CLOUTIER: Ву means of a --2 initially by means of an open walkway that was kind of covered over. If you happen to have 3 that `43 picture, if you look at it, the thing 4 5 right in front of you is the A Wing of the Oak And to the far right of that 6 Ridge Hospital. 7 picture, the structure that's one-story high with four, we'll call them vents on the top, 8 9 that's the E Wing. And E connects to D by 10 means of that walkway. 11 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Roger, was the 12 ORs -- when you were there, were the operating 13 rooms and the morque and the labs in the D 14 Wing then? 15 MR. CLOUTIER: D Wing wasn't occupied until the `60s. 16 until 17 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Not the 18 `60s. And what was in the D Wing? I don't know what 19 MR. CLOUTIER:

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- the hospital had in the D Wing but something else that plays into this, Oak Ridge, when it got started had a population of about 70 or 80,000 people. And after the war ended, the population dropped to about half.
- And at that point, the Oak Ridge 6 7 Hospital was abandoning wings and that's the reason why ORINS was able to get the E Wing. 8 9 don't. remember what was in the D Wing because soon after I arrived it was turned 10
- 12 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay. And when
 13 that happened, Roger, what were they doing in
 14 the D Wing? When you took it over or ORINS
 15 took it over, what was put in the D Wing?
- Well, MR. the first 16 CLOUTIER: thing 17 they did was to move the hospital 18 patients to the D Wing. They also -- that's where the surgery, a new surgery was created. 19

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- There were lots of laboratories that were established in that wing.
- Let's see, equipment repair and things like that were on the bottom floor along with administrative people. But that's 1960s.
- 7 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: I quess my next question is in the D Wing, that 8 was new 9 construction in the D Wing or did they 10 actually just take over surgery rooms that were already existing in the D Wing? 11 12 may not know.
 - MR. CLOUTIER: Well, I don't know for sure but I do know that the whole thing had to be gutted. That is everything pulled out of it, including the roof, in order to meet the standards for hospital-type building.
- And so the first thing it was gutted. And I don't recall going into that

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- building until somebody was gutting, you know,
- in the business of tearing everything out. So
- I don't know if surgery was in that wing or
- 4 not.
- 5 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay.
- 6 MEMBER PRESLEY: Hey, Jim?
- 7 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Yes?
- 8 MEMBER PRESLEY: We've got time on
- 9 this. I can talk to -- I didn't even think
- 10 about talking to [identifying information
- 11 redacted]. He came in the early years. And
- then there's another children's doctor that is
- 13 still living. If I can get my hands on his
- 14 number, his name is [identifying information
- 15 redacted].
- 16 MS. HUGHES: This is Lara. I'd
- 17 like to add that I already interviewed
- 18 [identifying information redacted] for when we
- 19 prepared the evaluation report.

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Did he give 1 MEMBER PRESLEY: Okay. 2 you any inclination as to where things might be located? 3 No, he just said he 4 MS. HUGHES: was -- that he was a surgeon or pathologist at 5 6 the Oak Ridge Hospital. And that he would occasionally perform services 7 at the ORINS facility. 8 9 MEMBER PRESLEY: Yes, because he 10 sewed me up when I was about six or years old two or three times. 11 12 MS. HUGHES: Okay. 13 MEMBER PRESLEY: And that would have been in `51, `52. 14 15 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay. Any other questions for Roger? 16 This is 17 MS. CUMMINGS: Sara 18 Cummings. I would like to ask Roger what his

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role was when he was employed there.

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a couple of questions. 1 What year -- he was 2 employed in `59 and then was it true that in 1960, January or so, ORINS moved out of there 3 and then became the Associated 4 а part of 5 Universities? I'm having a little 6 MR. CLOUTIER: 7 trouble hearing you. But that's probably my But would you speak up a little? problem. 8 9 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Sara? 10 MS. CUMMINGS: Yes? CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: He had a little 11 12 trouble hearing you. Can you repeat it a little louder? 13 MS. CUMMINGS: Roger, this is Sara 14 15 Cummings. And I was wondering what month and you were employed there and what your 16 role was. it is understanding, 17 And mУ I 18 thought in 1960 ORINS moved out of there and

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2	MR. CLOUTIER: Well, I'll take the
3	two parts the last part first. ORINS was
4	created as ORINS in 1946. And it stayed with
5	that name until the mid-1960s when it changed
6	its name to Oak Ridge Associated Universities.
7	And the principle reason for changing was
8	that NASA had money this is my opinion
9	but NASA, National Aeronautic and Space
10	Administration, had money. And they would
11	provide money to all kinds of people but they
12	liked to give it to people who had names that

Now I came in 1959, I came in May I believe it was, I was hired from Westinghouse in Pittsburgh Atomic Power Group. And came to Oak Ridge because it looked like an

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So that's one of the reasons they

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- 1 interesting job.
- I intended to stay for only two
- years. And two years has now become over 50
- 4 years. Does that fill you in?
- 5 MEMBER PRESLEY: Hey, Roger, this
- 6 is Bob Presley. Can you tell her what you did
- 7 at ORINS?
- 8 MR. CLOUTIER: I'm sorry I forgot
- 9 that was part of the question. I forgot it.
- 10 I was hired as radiation safety officer.
- MS. CUMMINGS: Okay.
- 12 MEMBER PRESLEY: Thank you.
- 13 MS. CUMMINGS: Roger, are you aware
- of nursing staff going from one area of the
- 15 Oak Ridge Hospital over to ORINS and ORINS
- 16 staff going back into the Oak Ridge Hospital
- 17 area where patients were cared for?
- 18 MR. CLOUTIER: To my knowledge in
- 19 my period of time, there was very little

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- transit between the two hospitals. The only
 time we got to see Oak Ridge Hospital doctors
 was on a Thursday night seminar that many of
 the doctors would come over to listen to the
 seminars. And they were, you know, interested
 in what was going on.
- But other than that, I don't know of many, you know, cross visits. It wasn't a common thing.
- And with regard to nurses, I've asked several people and they say ORINS always had its own nurses. And so I don't know of any time where there was a big transfer of nurses.
- I did note in the report that it
 says they could be called if needed. But I
 didn't experience that.
- MS. CUMMINGS: So how many months
 in `59 did you work there?

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Well, I started in 1 MR. CLOUTIER: May and I continued to work until 1992. 2 I've been with ORINS all the time -- ORINS and 3 ORAU. 4 MS. CUMMINGS: 5 Okay. But you were physically located there from May of `59 until 6 7 And then it was -- ORAU was relocated 1960? at that point, is that right? 8 9 MR. CLOUTIER: I'm not quite sure I relocated but 10 follow the I'11 answer the When I first came to ORINS, I was 11 question. 12 actually located in а different building 13 because that's where space was available. When the D Wing became available in 14 15 about 1960-something, and the something meaning `60 or `61, I was then given space in 16 the medical division. 17

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- information from nursing or from physicians on the movement of healthcare providers going
- from one area to the other.
- And it's my understanding, I
- thought in like January of 1960, a lot of the
- 6 use of the radioactive materials that were
- 7 going on with ORINS was discontinued and
- 8 became ORAU and they moved to another location
- 9 away from this area. Is that correct?
- 10 MR. CLOUTIER: I'm not sure who the
- 11 they are that you --
- 12 MS. CUMMINGS: Well, ORINS became
- 13 ORAU. Did they not move ORAU then to another
- 14 location in 1960?
- MR. CLOUTIER: Well, they didn't --
- 16 MEMBER PRESLEY: What's she's
- talking about is when moved their office down
- 18 next to the museum and built a new building
- but their medical facilities still remained up

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- 1 at the old hospital location.
- 2 MR. CLOUTIER: That is correct,
- yes. The ORAU original building and, in fact,
- 4 the building I had my original office in, was
- 5 the building that sits on Illinois Avenue.
- 6 It's now occupied by Atmospheric Turbulence --
- 7 something or other -- Fusion Laboratory. But
- 8 that was originally the administration
- 9 building.
- 10 About 1960, and I don't know the
- 11 date exactly, they built a new building for
- 12 administrators on what is now called the ORINS
- 13 campus or ORAU campus, which is up behind the
- 14 municipal building. But the medical division
- has always been at the same location with one
- 16 addition. Very early in the game, a building
- 17 that was part of the University of Tennessee
- 18 Agricultural Research Station, operated by the
- 19 Atomic Energy Commission, that's located at

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- the old Scarboro School, and don't confuse it
- with the Scarboro Community, because it's a
- different location, ORINS occupied a small
- 4 animal laboratory out at that location.
- 5 MEMBER PRESLEY: That's correct.
- 6 And I think the fellow that ran that out there
- 7 is still living. I'm not sure.
- 8 MR. CLOUTIER: Well, are you
- 9 talking about the Scarboro -- or I mean the
- 10 Agricultural Research Station?
- 11 MEMBER PRESLEY: Yes. One of the
- 12 fellows that used to run that out there I
- think is still living around Oak Ridge if I'm
- 14 not mistaken.
- 15 MR. CLOUTIER: Because the man who
- 16 was originally in charge of it out there, a
- 17 chemist interested in rare herbs, he is dead.
- 18 MEMBER PRESLEY: Right, yes. This
- 19 fellow's name is Joseph Gray. And he worked

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- with the animals and all out there. He was in charge of the animals.
- MR. CLOUTIER: Okay. Did I answer your question?
- MS. CUMMINGS: I just think we need some additional information. Before 1960, you know, you were employed from May through the end of 1959 for, you know, say seven months or so.
 - And it though we seems as need from staff information nursing and/or physicians who were there prior to 1960 when all of the information related to radioactive effect. material use was in And that's according to Lara's report, you know, of those radioactive we've seen that most materials there were in use were from 1960 -well, the end of `59 and on back.
- 19 And it seems as though we need some

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- additional information from someone nursingwise or physician-wise to answer the question
 as to whether staff moved from one area of Oak
 Ridge Hospital into ORINS and, you know, back
 and forth.
- 6 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Sara?
- 7 MS. CUMMINGS: Yes?
- 8 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Was that you
- 9 talking?
- MS. CUMMINGS: I was, yes.
- 11 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay.
- 12 MS. CUMMINGS: I'm finished I hope.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: I think your
- 14 point is well taken.
- I wanted to back off a little bit
- 16 and, LaVon, let me ask you this question or
- 17 Larry. If we assumed that there was no cross-
- 18 contamination between Oak Ridge Hospital and
- 19 ORINS, not zero, zilch, would that change the

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1	status of what we're being asked?
2	MR. RUTHERFORD: Well, I think the
3	better person to ask would be Lara herself on
4	the end feasibilities defined in her report.
5	I think the major end feasibilities that were
6	defined were these associated solely with the
7	cross contamination with the Oak Ridge
8	Institute of Nuclear Studies but the Cancer
9	Research Hospital. But Lara may recall if
10	there was anything else.
11	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Well, let me
12	interject here. As I recall, Lara, you could
13	not find any monitoring badges from Oak Ridge
14	Hospital during that time frame, right?
15	MS. HUGHES: That is correct.
16	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: And so that's the
17	question I'm trying to ask. If, in fact,
18	there is no monitoring information and
19	these were AEC employees, right?

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LOCKEY:

1 MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes, they are 2 covered employees, that's correct.

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if there monitoring 4 employees, and is no information available in that cohort of people 5 who worked in that hospital, and solely worked 6 7 in that hospital and assuming there is no contamination or movement with 8 cross cross 9 ORINS, then would this not have to be -- would 10 we not have to say yes, we can't reconstruct 11 dose. We know those are the upper limits? 12 am I wrong in that? Well, I think what 13 MR. RUTHERFORD: -- and Lara can actually add to this -- I 14 15 think the only thing we could do would be to look at general hospital practices 16

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- individuals like that and try to come up with
- 2 a model to actually do the dose
- 3 reconstructions.
- 4 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Sort of surrogate
- 5 exposure is what you're saying.
- DR. NETON: LaVon, this is Jim
- 7 Neton. I joined the call a while ago.
- 8 MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes.
- 9 DR. NETON: I'm working in the
- 10 background. I think the ER does address that
- 11 issue.
- 12 MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes, it does. I
- 13 thought it did.
- DR. NETON: It talks about a paper
- 15 that was done. It's essentially that, a
- 16 surrogate -- Dr. Lockey's right -- a surrogate
- analysis that could be used.
- But if you remember in 83.14, it is
- 19 set up such that we continue only insofar as

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- identify what can't be done definitively 1 2 and then we create the class. And, LaVon, 3 correct me if I'm wrong, but I don't think that we completely evaluate the rest of the 5 issues. 6 MR. RUTHERFORD: Actually this was 7 an 83.13. DR. NETON: Oh, it was? 8
- 9 MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes, it was.

DR. NETON:

- MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes, we did.
- DR. NETON: So --
- MR. RUTHERFORD: And I think Lara
 can hop in here on this, the discussion on
 those exposures.

Then we have it.

MS. HUGHES: Well, we stated in the report that the external doses from the source being the radiology department, the diagnostic and therapeutic x-rays, we could use surrogate

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- data from other hospitals. 1
- 2 We also have an internal exposure
- component at the Oak Ridge Hospital because 3
- they had their own fairly small radioisotope 4
- 5 lab where they did radioiodine -- they used
- radioiodine for thyroid uptake studies. 6
- 7 The only source term that we have
- to go with for that would be the information 8
- 9 that is on the license that Oak Ridge Hospital
- We only have license information from 10 had.
- 1956 on although we do know that they started 11
- this radioisotope lab somewhere around 1953. 12
- think 13 Ι they had other
- 14 radioisotopes as well. I'd have to look.
- 15 It's actually in the report.
- So we're not just looking at the 16
- external exposure potential. There's also an 17
- 18 internal source term.
- CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: 19 So, Lara, what

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- 1 you are saying is then just looking at Oak
- 2 Ridge alone, assuming there's no cross
- 3 movement between the two facilities --
- 4 MS. HUGHES: Well, may I add
- 5 something? You just sent out this JAMA
- 6 article this morning. If you look at this
- 7 article, there is the section in there that
- 8 talks about exposures received during surgical
- 9 procedures.
- 10 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Yes.
- 11 MS. HUGHES: That article was
- 12 written in 1951.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Right.
- MS. HUGHES: Which means that ORINS
- 15 did not have an operating room. So if you
- 16 look at the amount of radioactivity in these
- 17 patients, and that was clearly cross
- 18 contamination because these patients would
- 19 have been in the Oak Ridge Hospital.

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No, I understand 1 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: 2 that. 3 MS. HUGHES: I'm not sure, you if going 4 know, we were to make this 5 assumption, we'd probably --6 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: I'm not going 7 there yet. I'm just --8 MS. HUGHES: Okay. What I'm trying 9 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: to do is I'm trying to work this through my 10 If we could assume that the hospital is 11 mind. completely separate, it very well -- for this 12 13 hospital we perhaps may be able to do dose reconstruction by using what is available and 14 15 using surrogate models. Okay? That's sort of where I wanted to put that into a box. 16 17 MR. CLOUTIER: May I interrupt? 18 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Then there is

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morgue activities and for surgery activities, 1 2 based on the article I sent out this morning 3 based on your report, that there back and forth 4 movement between the facilities, especially in relationship 5 to

certain patient care activities.

7 MR. CLOUTIER: Can I say one thing about what I think I heard Lara say? 8 And I 9 don't envy you people because I know the 10 problem you have trying to sort everything 11 out.

But the patients did not stay in the Oak Ridge Hospital, as I understand it, because in the E Wing is where the patients were kept. And the reason I know that is when I moved in to have my office there, my office was in a patient's room because they had vacated it to move it into -- the patients into the D Wing. But I moved into a patient's

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2 And what was unique about that room was it had marble walls. And when I asked 3 about it, it turns out that Dr. Brucer had 4 convinced a marble supplier to provide marble 5 extra shielding for the patients' 6 7 So that building had, you know, for rooms patients that had marble walls, East Tennessee 8 9 marble to be exact.

CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: the Roger, question that Lara is asking or has stated is piece such а question but as а information is in the 19 ___ in the 1940s, when a person needed surgery and they in the E Wing, okay, but they needed surgery, they would have to be taken to Oak Ridge Hospital for the surgery.

MR. CLOUTIER: Well, keep the dates right because it wasn't until the 1950s that

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- the E Wing became available to --
- 2 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: I'm sorry, 1950s.
- That's what I meant, 1950s.
- 4 MR. CLOUTIER: And at that point,
- 5 you are correct if you change it to 1950s.
- 6 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: So in the 1950s,
- 7 if somebody needed surgery, they were brought
- 8 to Oak Ridge Hospital. And in the early
- 9 1950s, if somebody died, the autopsy was done
- 10 at Oak Ridge Hospital.
- 11 MR. CLOUTIER: That would be my
- 12 assumption also.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay. All right.
- 14 Okay.
- 15 And now I'm trying to find fast
- 16 forward here. So one fact is that if Oak
- 17 Ridge was a standalone institution, we might
- 18 be able to do dose reconstruction. But we
- 19 have patients moving back and forth, at least

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- in the early 1950s.
- 2 And so the next question is besides
- 3 patients moving back and forth and the people
- 4 who were moving -- the orderlies, et cetera,
- 5 moving back and forth, how much other movement
- occurred between the two facilities? Is that
- 7 a reasonable question, Gen and Bob?
- 8 MEMBER PRESLEY: Yes. This is Bob.
- 9 But now I want to make one thing straight.
- 10 What Roger is talking about, Lara made the
- 11 statement that the patients were in Oak Ridge
- 12 Hospital. They were in, so to speak, Oak
- 13 Ridge Hospital but the wing where the cancer
- 14 patients and the experiments were done was not
- 15 part of the physical hospital where the
- 16 regular sick people were.
- 17 MS. HUGHES: I'd like to add to
- 18 that. The statement that Bob is referring to
- 19 I believe is in the ER. And this information

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- is based on the contracts that we located that
- 2 existed between ORINS and the Oak Ridge
- 3 Hospital.
- 4 And in the contract, it
- 5 specifically stated that in an overflow
- 6 situation or in a situation where a patient
- 7 could not be cared for adequately in ORINS, a
- 8 patient could be moved to the Oak Ridge
- 9 Hospital given that the patient was not
- 10 restricted because of radioactivity.
- Now I have no proof whether or not
- this ever actually happened. I just base this
- information on the contracts that existed.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: So in the
- 15 contract it said that if ORINS was full, it
- 16 would go to Oak Ridge Hospital?
- 17 MS. HUGHES: Well, it's not so much
- ORINS is full. It's -- I think it stated that
- 19 if a patient could not be cared for

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- 1 adequately. I'm not sure what that means.
- 2 Maybe if the patient needed an intensive care
- 3 unit or -- I'm not sure.
- 4 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Right. Okay.
- Well, any other comments?
- 6 MEMBER ROESSLER: Jim, this is Gen.
- 7 I'm not sure where we'd go with the
- 8 information if we got more information but it
- 9 seems if we're going to spend some more time
- 10 and Bob is going to pursue some contacts and I
- think the physician he talked about would be a
- 12 good one, then I'd also suggest that we try to
- 13 look for this [identifying information
- 14 redacted who has been mentioned.
- 15 When I do a search on the internet,
- 16 I find two [identifying information redacted]
- 17 living in Oak Ridge. They are probably
- 18 different. I can't tell, you know, anything
- 19 about them. But that might be worth

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- 1 exploring.
- 2 Then something I brought up the
- other day. There's another name mentioned in
- the petition and I don't know, Emily, whether
- I can say the name or not but anybody can see
- 6 it. It's in the petition. Let me see if I
- 7 can find that now. Well, it's in some of the
- 8 handwriting, kind of about three-quarters of
- 9 the way through the petition.
- 10 MS. HOWELL: It's probably better
- 11 just to not use the name but if you can
- reference a page number for the Board members.
- 13 MEMBER ROESSLER: Yes, this thing
- doesn't have page numbers that I can see.
- 15 Well, yes, it's on I think it is page eight in
- the petition. In the handwritten part of it,
- 17 it talks about somebody who -- it mentions the
- 18 name and it says she was a resident of Oak
- 19 Ridge, confirmed she was also -- I can't read

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- this -- but it appears she might have some 1 information if she's still available.
- 3 MR. RUTHERFORD: Doctor -- or Gen,
- this is LaVon Rutherford. There is 4 another
- 5 individual who we interviewed during the Oak
- Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies 6 SEC and
- 7 that was a nurse from `51 to `53. And we
- didn't ask them at that time whether they, you 8
- 9 know, moved back and forth. And I'm not sure
- 10 this or not if we Lara can answer re-
- 11 interviewed that person or not.
- 12 MEMBER ROESSLER: Well, since
- that's what we're really talking about is to 13
- 14 try and determine the extent that people moved
- 15 back and forth.

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- May I introduce a 16 MR. CLOUTIER:
- different 17 reason to WOTTY about something?
- People from Oak Ridge National Lab Y-12 and K-18
- 25 also visited the Oak Ridge Hospital. 19

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Т don't 1 And want to that say 2 happened frequently but on occasion I would get called because someone had managed to pick 3 up contamination on their feet. And they had 4 ended up at the hospital for one reason or 5 6 another. Now -- so that's another source of 7 activity.

And the other thing back in that
period of time was a lot of radioactive
fallout from the nuclear weapons and so on.
So there was fallout all over.

And, in fact, when the Abbott Laboratories went out of business, was responsible for having the area monitored and we had to call off the monitoring not because the levels in the building were so high but because Chinese fallout had reached the area, the 0ak Ridge area, and it raised our background so high that we couldn't detect the

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- low levels we were trying to detect inside the building.
- 3 So there are other sources of radiation have radioactive 4 that may or5 materials that may have made their way into the hospital as opposed to focusing solely on 6 7 the, know, connecting physicallyyou connected building. 8
- 9 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Other comments?
- 10 (No response.)
- 11 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Thank you, Roger.
- 12 Dr. Ralph -- is it --
- 13 MR. CLOUTIER: [identifying
- information redacted].
- 15 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: -- [identifying
- 16 information redacted], [identifying
- information redacted], it would be -- in know
- 18 we haven't been able -- I know, Lara, you
- 19 haven't been able to get a hold of him but

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- 1 maybe -- Roger, would you be willing to work
- with Lara and maybe perhaps Bob to arrange a
- 3 time to interview [identifying information
- 4 redacted]?
- 5 MR. CLOUTIER: Yes. I don't know
- 6 why he won't talk. I mean --
- 7 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Sometimes seeing
- 8 familiar faces, it helps.
- 9 MR. CLOUTIER: Well, I've talked to
- 10 him about it because I know him personally,
- 11 yes.
- 12 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Bob and Lara, do
- 13 you think that would be a feasible thing to
- 14 do?
- 15 MEMBER PRESLEY: Yes but I won't be
- 16 able to do it until we get back from
- 17 Brookhaven.
- 18 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Oh, I understand
- 19 that. It's not going to take place next week.

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But, you know, I think we just need to get a 1 2 better handle on somebody -- and physicians and nurses who worked there in the 3 specifically going back asking them how much 4 5 cross activity really took place, not only for their own professions but do they have any 6 7 recollection about the paramedical people, the custodians, the orderlies, the technicians, 8 the administrative people, and all the rest of 9 10 the support staff. Yes. And if I can 11 MEMBER PRESLEY: 12 do some digging, maybe I can find some more 13 names and contacts that are still because like Roger said, they had their own 14 15 facilities up there in the later years, where took food in 16 know, they from the Now whether that food was brought 17 hospital. 18 you know, on trays, it went back on

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- 1 containers and used on the same trays that
- 2 might have been washed in ORINS. And they
- 3 could have done the same thing with
- 4 silverware. And the silverware might not have
- 5 gone back and forth.
- We just have to see if we can't dig
- 7 and find that.
- 8 MR. RUTHERFORD: Bob, this is LaVon
- 9 Rutherford. I just wanted to point out that -
- 10 I mean some of the things that we know,
- we've got documented and we've got information
- here. The `50 to `55 period, the surgeries
- 13 that took place, and the morgue, I just -- I
- mean right now me, I'm not hearing things that
- are going to change what we've already come up
- 16 with.
- 17 MEMBER PRESLEY: Well, that's true.
- 18 MR. RUTHERFORD: And I don't know.
- 19 You know, and I -- I mean we'll do whatever

- you guys want to do but I'm just bringing the question here, you know, I mean how hard are we going to -- how much harder are we going to push.
- 5 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: It raises a good I guess what it is coming down to, 6 question. 7 LaVon, is if there was -- does it mean that everybody worked in Oak Ridge Hospital? 8 9 it mean that everybody is included in the 10 cohort? Or could that be narrowed down to 11 people that worked in the OR, people that 12 worked in the morque. I don't think that's going to be possible. But --13
- MR. RUTHERFORD: Even on top of
 that, I think that even if you tried to narrow
 it down to that level, is the Department of
 Labor going to be able to administer it? And
 then are you going to be able to -- because
 you're going to get down to the situation

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- 1 where you are going to try to define
- 2 individuals specifically -- or occupations
- 3 specifically.
- 4 And we have seen in the past from
- 5 an SEC perspective is if -- the DOL cannot
- 6 administer that because of the fact that names
- or different job titles change over time. And
- 8 it makes it very difficult for them to
- 9 administer.
- MR. CLOUTIER: Ted?
- 11 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Who is that?
- 12 Roger?
- 13 MR. CLOUTIER: Yes. This is Roger,
- 14 I'm sorry. If you don't need me any more
- 15 because you are now down to nitty gritty, I
- 16 will get off the phone. I can't say I'm
- 17 envious of the task you have but I'm sure glad
- 18 I don't have it. So if you don't need me,
- 19 I'll get off the phone.

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1 MEMBER PRESLEY: Roger, thank you 2 very much. 3 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Thank you, Roger. Thanks. 4 MR. CLOUTIER: Well, let's just 5 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: 6 talk to the Working Group and see where we 7 stand on this. Gen? 8 9 MEMBER ROESSLER: Well, I guess one of my questions is, and I think LaVon is going 10 in that direction, do we have any other site 11 12 like this? Do we have any precedence? 13 something that we've dealt with in the past or foresee in the future? 14 15 MR. **RUTHERFORD:** Well, you remember T'll 16 back even start with Mallinckrodt. 17 When we started with 18 Mallinckrodt class definition, we started out with all -- or I think it was Mallinckrodt or

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- was it Y-12 -- Y-12 early years -- I'm getting
- 2 my -- yes, Y-12 early years, we started out
- with all employees that worked in the uranium
- 4 enrichment -- I think Uranium Division or
- 5 whatever.
- 6 MEMBER PRESLEY: The Calutron
- 7 Division.
- 8 MR. RUTHERFORD: Well, yes, we
- 9 started out with -- yes, uranium, it was a
- 10 specific division of employees. And what we
- 11 found out was that the Department of Labor
- 12 could not administer that class as written.
- 13 We were getting cases sent back to us for not
- 14 being in the SEC for individuals who we
- 15 clearly felt should have ended up in the SEC.
- 16 Ultimately we ended up doing an
- 17 83.14 to add or to change that class
- definition to all employees. And I think that
- 19 what we've seen from that point and through

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- 2 identifying job titles would be very hard to administer 3 because job titles change over time, job, you know, what some person may call 4 a -- for example, may call pipefitter today 5 may have been a steamfitter 30 years ago, you 6 7 know. And those the 8 names and 9 descriptions change and so identifying job titles is difficult to administer for them. 10 11 At least this is what we've seen in the past. 12. Τ don't want to put anything in the 13 Department of Labor. 14 that -- ultimately after that
 - locations down as a morgue or, you know, operating room and so on, again, that's going to be very difficult for them to separate

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1	individuals out as well because then you're
2	going to say well, did the maintenance staff
3	go into the operating room at the Oak Ridge
4	Hospital? Should they be included as well?
5	Because I'm sure that the maintenance staff
6	for Oak Ridge Hospital had to go in there.
7	Did the orderlies have to go in there?
8	MEMBER PRESLEY: LaVon, it's Bob
9	Presley.
10	MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes?
11	MEMBER PRESLEY: If you got a nurse
12	that works in pediatrics
13	MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes.
14	MEMBER PRESLEY: for 30 years
15	MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes.
16	MEMBER PRESLEY: She's never even
17	come close to working over in ORINS. Is that
18	fair?
19	MR. RUTHERFORD: Well, I totally

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- understand what you're saying, Bob. I really
- 2 do. Do I think that everyone that worked at
- Oak Ridge Hospital, you know, got the same
- 4 exposure -- had the same exposure potential as
- 5 the people that worked at the Oak Ridge
- 6 Institute of Nuclear Studies? No, I don't.
- 7 But administering this and
- 8 separating people out from a dose
- 9 reconstruction feasibility, it's very
- 10 difficult.
- DR. NETON: LaVon, this is Jim
- 12 Neton. I'd like to say a couple of things if
- 13 I could.
- MR. RUTHERFORD: Sure.
- DR. NETON: One is I think we have
- 16 to remember that on average, I'm not sure if
- this still holds, but on average, the last
- 18 time I looked about 50 percent of our
- 19 claimants were survivors, not the actual

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2 And so then you put a real burden on the survivors to try to, you know, a lot of 3 them might not even have known what 4 5 parent or spouse, you know, their official job title was or that sort of thing. 6 7 So it sort of creates inequities from that situation. 8

Secondly, I think the precedent was set a long time ago at Bethlehem Steel for just such a scenario where everyone that worked at Bethlehem Steel is covered even though we knew that probably no more than a few dozen people ever worked in the ten-inch bar mill with radioactive material.

So there are precedents for covering a large population where we can't identify job titles or we don't believe the survivors could identify them either.

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1	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Gen?
2	MEMBER ROESSLER: Well, I think Jim
3	just added to the information. I think out of
4	curiosity, I'd like to see some more
5	information procured. But I don't know if it
6	is going to get us anywhere. And probably in
7	fairness, if we don't think we're going to
8	make any progress, then we ought to wrap it
9	up.
10	MEMBER PRESLEY: Gen, I feel the
11	same way you do but is Larry still there?
12	MR. ELLIOTT: I am online.
13	MEMBER PRESLEY: Larry, why don't
14	you tell us about the law.
15	MR. ELLIOTT: The law? In the
16	context of this particular petition?
17	MEMBER PRESLEY: Yes, sir.
18	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Wait a minute,
19	Larry, I want to get my notes out and take

- 1 notes on this.
- 2 MR. ELLIOTT: First of all, I'm not
- a lawyer. Maybe Emily could do us a better
- 4 service here overall but what do you
- 5 specifically want me to opine about, Mr.
- 6 Presley?
- 7 MEMBER PRESLEY: Okay. What we're
- 8 doing may be a total effort in futility since
- 9 the way that the law is written if we can't do
- 10 -- if we don't come up with dose
- 11 reconstruction or stuff like that, then it's
- 12 got to be given. Is that not correct?
- 13 MR. ELLIOTT: The law and our
- 14 regulation prescribed for situations where a
- dose cannot be reconstructed with sufficient
- 16 accuracy, and in our regulation we defined
- 17 that as being our ability to provide a
- 18 bounding dose or a maximum level dose or a
- 19 more precise dose than a maximum level, then a

- 1 class would be added.
- 2 A class can only be added for a
- 3 facility that is designated as a covered
- 4 facility. It cannot go across facilities.
- Is that helpful?
- 6 MEMBER PRESLEY: That's helpful.
- 7 Then this is a covered facility?
- 8 MR. ELLIOTT: It is a covered
- 9 facility. It is a standalone situation as a
- 10 facility though yes what happened in the
- 11 hospital that perhaps contributed to -- or
- 12 what happened in ORINS that perhaps migrated
- or environmentally found its way into the
- 14 hospital situation becomes a problem in the
- 15 hospital situation. Is that clear?
- 16 MEMBER PRESLEY: That's clear.
- 17 Then I don't think that us spending any more
- time and money is going to help the situation
- 19 because I don't think we can prove anything

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- one way or the other.
- 2 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: I -- Jim Lockey -
- 3 I guess I concur with that. I do concur
- 4 with that. I'm curious to hear what
- 5 [identifying information redacted] would have
- to say about his recollection but I don't
- 7 think it is necessarily going to change
- 8 anything because I think there is going to be
- 9 enough unknowns that it won't change anything.
- 10 But I think it would be interesting
- to know his recollection of what went on back
- in the mid-1950s. But I'm not sure it's worth
- 13 holding everything up.
- So I'm ready for a motion. Who
- wants to make it? Any other comments?
- 16 MS. CUMMINGS: Can I ask a
- 17 question. This is Sara Cummings.
- I have a question. Has any one
- 19 individual previously been approved for the

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- cohort where they were an employee of the Oak
- 2 Ridge Hospital?
- 3 MR. RUTHERFORD: It sounds like
- 4 we're waiting for somebody to answer. This is
- 5 LaVon Rutherford.
- 6 MEMBER PRESLEY: One of you all
- 7 will have to answer that.
- 8 MR. RUTHERFORD: I do not -- you
- 9 know, from my knowledge, I do not know. I
- 10 know there was -- when I originally worked on
- 11 the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies,
- there were two or three individuals, or it may
- 13 have been four individuals who I felt were
- 14 identified as Oak Ridge Hospital that should
- have been identified as Oak Ridge Institute of
- 16 Nuclear Studies employees.
- 17 But I do not know if anyone, you
- 18 know, if -- let's put it this way, if
- 19 Department of Labor kept their employment at

- Oak Ridge Hospital, they would not have covered them under the SEC. Does that make -- do you understand what I'm saying?
- 4 MS. CUMMINGS: Repeat that again.
- Ιf the 5 MR. **RUTHERFORD:** Okay. 6 Department of Labor came down with the determination that an individual worked at Oak 7 Ridge Hospital and not Oak Ridge Institute of 8 they would not have 9 Nuclear Studies, then covered them under the Oak Ridge Institute of 10 Nuclear Studies SEC. 11
- 12. MR. ELLIOTT: Let me answer question -- this is Larry Elliott -- a little 13 14 bit more -- beyond what was LaVon was able to. 15 looking at our database statistically looking for those claims that had employment 16 at Oak Ridge Hospital. 17 There's only two of 18 which that have been found to be -- that have a final decision on them. And both of those 19

- had time at Oak Ridge Hospital but they had time at several other covered facilities, several of which have a class associated.
- So without getting into the details
 of each of the two claims, I can't tell what
 really triggered the compensation decision for
 those two claims but I can tell you it wasn't
 because of Oak Ridge Hospital situation.
- 9 Does that answer your question? Only two claims that have Oak Ridge Hospital 10 employment have been compensated -- have been 11 12 given a decision by DOL to be compensated. 13 Those are not based upon the employment specifically at Oak Ridge Hospital. 14 They are 15 based upon employment at other facilities.
- MEMBER PRESLEY: What you're saying
 then, Larry, is that nurse or whoever that
 might have been, that employee could have been
 employed at Oak Ridge Hospital and then gone

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- to Y-12 or K-25 or Hornell or some other covered facility.
- 3 MR. ELLIOTT: That's correct.
- 4 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: All right. So
- 5 anybody else have any more comments?
- 6 (No response.)
- 7 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: LaVon or maybe it
- 8 was Jim -- last time we spoke, the definition
- 9 of the cohort was going to be changed,
- 10 correct?
- 11 DR. NETON: Yes, I think LaVon was
- 12 going to take care of that.
- MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: LaVon, can you
- 15 send me that -- the new definition by email?
- 16 MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes. Either -- I
- 17 think Lara is the one that's got it so --
- MS. HUGHES: Yes, I can do it.
- MR. RUTHERFORD: Okay.

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1	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Lara, because
2	I'll need that. And then what I hear us, the
3	Working Group, saying is that the new
4	definition of who is going to be in accord,
5	we're going to pretty much we're going to
6	accept what we've been provided about our
7	recommendation is that we do grant this as a
8	special exposure cohort. Anybody have any
9	comments on that statement?
10	MEMBER PRESLEY: I don't like it
11	but I am going to have to vote for it.
12	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Well, the
13	question is that we don't really think that
14	there is really life endangerment but that's
15	not something that we can really work with
16	because we can't establish the upper limits,
17	right?
18	MR. ELLIOTT: I think you have
19	correctly characterized the situation, Dr.

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- 1 Lockey.
- 2 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: That must be Dr.
- 3 Elliott.
- 4 MR. ELLIOTT: Well, it's Mr.
- 5 Elliott. And yes, I would like to speak to
- 6 this issue.
- 7 On behalf of the 12 claimants or 12
- 8 claims that have been completed and denied but
- 9 yet have had time, work time, employment time
- 10 at Oak Ridge Hospital, I don't know if some of
- these will find their way to become eliqible
- 12 under this class definition if you vote in
- 13 favor of it. And would find themselves in a
- 14 compensable status because of that. I
- 15 appreciate your taking this action on their
- behalf.
- 17 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: All right. So
- 18 we're going to -- not necessarily a life
- 19 endangered situation but because we cannot

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- 1 calculate dose, we don't -- we can't calculate
- the upper limit. And, therefore, as a Working
- Group, we're supportive of the granting of the
- 4 SEC.
- 5 I'll make that as a motion. A
- 6 second?
- 7 MEMBER PRESLEY: I'll second it.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: All in favor?
- 9 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 10 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Okay. I think
- 11 we're done unless there are any other
- 12 comments.
- 13 MEMBER PRESLEY: I appreciate
- 14 everybody's effort. We'll see you all in New
- 15 York.
- 16 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Ted, are we okay
- 17 with this?
- 18 MR. KATZ: Yes, I think we are. I
- 19 mean the only thing is everybody said -- I

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- think the transcript, it's hard to reflect --
- 2 I think you just need a statement that it was
- 3 unanimous because it's hard to reflect that in
- 4 the transcript given that there were just a
- 5 number of ayes. And I don't think the Court
- 6 Reporter --
- 7 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: I think it was
- 8 unanimous. John Poston wasn't on the --
- 9 wasn't available to vote.
- 10 MEMBER ROESSLER: You could do roll
- 11 call if you wanted.
- 12 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: All right. Let's
- do roll call.
- 14 Gen?
- 15 MR. KATZ: Jim, why don't you do
- that just as a formality.
- 17 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Gen?
- 18 MEMBER ROESSLER: Aye.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Robert?

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1	MEMBER PRESLEY: Aye.
2	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Phil?
3	(No response.)
4	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: I think he hung
5	up. Phil?
6	(No response.)
7	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Ted? Ted?
8	MR. KATZ: Yes?
9	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: Can you Jim
10	Lockey, I say aye. Can you talk to maybe
11	get a verbal from Phil. I think he hung up.
12	MR. KATZ: Right. Let me send him
13	an email and get him to respond by email.
14	That will be fine.
15	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: That would be
16	great.
17	All right. We'll present this next
18	week.
19	Thank you everybody for your time

1	and consideration.
2	And Ted or somebody, can somebody
3	send Roger a thank you note?
4	MR. KATZ: Yes, certainly, I'll be
5	happy to do that.
6	CHAIRMAN LOCKEY: That would be
7	nice. All right, I appreciate that.
8	Take care everybody.
9	MEMBER PRESLEY: See you all next
10	week.
11	MEMBER ROESSLER: See you soon.
12	MR. KATZ: Good bye. Thank you
13	everybody.
14	(Whereupon, the above-entitled
15	matter was concluded at 3:30 p.m.)
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