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STATE OF WYOMING

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DEPOSITION OF ANDREW KEYFAUVER
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 2 Civil Procedure, the deposition of ANDREW KEYFAUVER,
 3 taken by Plaintiff, was held at 11:20 a.m., on Thursday,
 4 October 29, 2009, at 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne,
 5 Wyoming, before Jason T. Meadors, RPR, CRR, and Notary
 6 Public for the State of Colorado.

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1 ANDREW KEYFAUVER,
2 called as a witness, being first duly sworn, testified
3 as follows:

4 EXAMINATION

5 BY MS. ISSOD:

6 Q Good morning, Mr. Keyfauver.

7 A Good morning.

8 Q Can you please state your full name and
9 address for the record.

10 A It's Andrew Keyfauver. My work address is
11 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002.

12 Q And you're currently employed by the Wyoming
13 Department of Environmental Quality, correct?

14 A Correct.

15 Q And have you appeared at a deposition before?

16 A No.

17 Q This is your first. So let me go over some
18 ground rules. I'm basically just going to ask you a few
19 questions about your job and about the permit for the
20 Medicine Bow facility, the Medicine Bow Fuel and Power
21 facility. If at any time you don't hear me or if you
22 don't understand the question, then just say so. Ask me
23 to repeat the question or tell me that you don't
24 understand it, and I will rephrase it.

25 Try to state your answers clearly. A nod of

1 the head doesn't work for the record. He's going to
2 take down your response. If you need to take a break at
3 any time, please just say so. If we have a question
4 pending, I'll ask you to answer the question before we
5 take a break, but whenever you need to.

6 If you ever realize that an answer you gave
7 was inaccurate or you'd like to add something, just tell
8 me you'd like to supplement an earlier answer, that you
9 just remembered something.

10 If you don't remember the information
11 necessary to answer the question, just say so, that you
12 don't recall.

13 And please do not answer a question unless
14 you're 100 percent sure that you understand it. Okay.
15 Do you understand all those instructions?

16 A Yes, I do.

17 Q Okay. Is there anything I should know about
18 your physical health or mental state today that will
19 impair your ability to respond to questions?

20 A I'm perfectly fine.

21 Q Great. Okay. In preparation for this
22 deposition, did you review any documents?

23 A These documents I have in this folder.

24 Q Okay.

25 A It's pretty much the application, the

1 public -- the application, the public notice, the
2 decision document, some of the other -- I think -- the
3 decision document, yeah. That's -- that's as best as I
4 recall --

5 Q Great.

6 A -- is currently in here.

7 Q Great. So is everything in here, in this
8 folder, in the administrative record?

9 A I believe all but the Deseret permit. I
10 looked at that.

11 Q Okay.

12 A I don't have a decision document.

13 Q Okay. So in the notice of this deposition,
14 we asked for you to bring certain documents with you,
15 including correspondence and notes. Did you bring any
16 correspondence with you today?

17 A No.

18 MS. VEHR: I brought all the admin record
19 stuff and that.

20 MS. ISSOD: Okay.

21 Q (By Ms. Issod) Do you have any handwritten
22 notes with you, outside of what is in the administrative
23 record already?

24 A No, I do not.

25 Q Okay. Do you have any handwritten notes

1 regarding this matter since the administrative record
2 was assembled?

3 A No, I do not.

4 Q Okay. So how long have you been working at
5 the DEQ?

6 A I've been working for Air Quality Division
7 for just over nine years.

8 Q Nine years. And what is your current job
9 title?

10 A I believe it is currently program engineer.
11 It's -- it's changed like four times in the last year
12 and a half.

13 Q Oh.

14 A That job classification status.

15 Q Can you discuss your responsibilities as a
16 program engineer?

17 A I am a senior permit engineer in Air Quality
18 Division. Reviews permit applications. Typically, PSD
19 or what they call more complex technical applications,
20 such as coal mines or synthetic minor type of
21 applications in regards to NSR.

22 Q Okay. Did you have primary responsibility at
23 DEQ for review of Medicine Bow's prevention of
24 significant deterioration permit?

25 A Yes.

1 Q So we're going to call prevention of
2 significant deterioration PSD.

3 A PSD.

4 Q Can you describe your responsibilities with
5 respect to that permit.

6 A I was responsible for completing the
7 completeness review and technical analysis outside of
8 the modeling that was done.

9 Q Do you have general knowledge of the modeling
10 aspect of the permit?

11 A I have just a little bit of knowledge, but --
12 for modeling, I'll refer you to somebody else.

13 Q And who was responsible for modeling?

14 A Be Josh Nall.

15 Q If you could spell his last name.

16 A It's N-a-l-l.

17 Q Okay. Where did you work before DEQ?

18 A I was a student at the University of Wyoming.

19 Q Okay. And did you obtain a master's degree?

20 A I have a bachelor's of science in chemical
21 engineering.

22 Q Okay.

23 A That was in 2000.

24 Q Okay. And that was from the University of
25 Wyoming.

1 A Correct.

2 Q Is that your highest degree, is a master's?

3 A It's bachelor of science.

4 Q I'm sorry. Bachelor's of science. So you
5 don't have a master's or Ph.D.

6 A No, I do not.

7 Q Are you a licensed professional engineer?

8 A No, I am not.

9 Q Do you consider yourself an expert in air
10 pollution control engineering?

11 MS. VEHR: Objection. Ambiguous as to what
12 is expert.

13 A I have knowledge. I cannot say I'm an expert
14 compared to others. But I have a fair knowledge of the
15 regs in -- the PSD regs and the Wyoming air quality
16 standards and regulations.

17 Q (By Ms. Issod) At the Department -- at the
18 DEQ, would you consider yourself an expert?

19 A I am one of the senior engineers in the
20 department.

21 Q Okay. What is the meaning of the term
22 "potential to emit"?

23 A As I recall the definition, it is a maximum
24 capacity of a unit to emit, taking into account the
25 operational and physical limitations of the unit. If

1 those limits are Federally enforceable.

2 Q Is it true that you have said the facility's
3 emission -- you assess a facility's potential to emit to
4 determine whether it's a minor or major source of
5 pollutants for PSD purposes?

6 A You base your determination on the potential
7 to emit during normal operations of a facility.

8 Q You base your determination on whether it's a
9 minor or major source based on -- let's go back. Strike
10 that.

11 Do you base your determination on whether
12 it's a major or minor source on the potential to emit?

13 A During normal operations of the facility.

14 Q So you're saying that you base your
15 determination on whether it's a major or minor source of
16 emissions based on the potential to emit under normal
17 operations.

18 A Correct. As a company defines normal
19 operations of the facility.

20 Q So you take the definition of potential to
21 emit, and you add "under normal operations" as the
22 facility defines it; is that correct?

23 A I don't think we add it. We follow what EPA
24 has done or provided as guidance for potential to emit.
25 And one of the documents we looked at was the Deseret

1 permit and how they also applied for potential to emit.

2 Q Well, earlier you said potential to emit is
3 the maximum capacity of a source -- I'm paraphrasing
4 you -- a maximum capacity to emit within these
5 limitations. And then when I asked you about
6 determining minor and major source, you added this
7 normal operations clause. So I'm trying to understand
8 the difference between the two.

9 A Like malfunctions, we would consider not a
10 normal event. We would consider them under the Waxford
11 to fall under Chapter 1. And that is something our
12 district engineers would review and determine whether
13 that would subject the company to some sort of
14 provisions. Startup and shutdown; that is dependent on
15 how a company defines what is in their process. Is it
16 something routine or not.

17 Q Okay. So let's go back to potential to emit.
18 Basically, you're estimating a source's potential
19 emissions, correct?

20 A Correct.

21 Q Basic. And this estimate is used to
22 determine whether or not the source has to meet certain
23 permitting requirements; is that correct?

24 A Whether it's subject to PSD requirements or
25 not. That would be correct.

1 Q Are you generally conservative with
2 estimating and verifying the potential to emit estimate?

3 MS. VEHR: Objection. In terms of
4 "conservative." It's not defined.

5 A We will verify the emission estimates that
6 the company provides and determine whether we agree with
7 what the company has estimated or not, based on what
8 they've provided in their application.

9 Q (By Ms. Issod) Do you try to take a
10 conservative approach to reviewing this estimate?

11 MS. VEHR: Same objection.

12 Q (By Ms. Issod) Let me ask it this way:
13 Would you be concerned if an applicant overestimated
14 their potential to emit?

15 A We try and narrow down what the company
16 estimates based on engineering judgment with other -- or
17 similar facilities that we've permitted.

18 Q Would you be concerned if a facility
19 underestimated their potential to emit?

20 A Yes, we would.

21 Q Do you give the estimate a closer scrutiny if
22 it's closer to the 40 tons per year threshold?

23 A Yes, we do.

24 Q Do you recall what the potential to emit
25 sulfur dioxide is for the Medicine Bow facility?

1 A I do not recall exactly, but I believe it was
2 around 36 tons.

3 Q So it's pretty close to the 40 tons per year
4 threshold.

5 A Yes, it is.

6 Q So did you give this estimate a closer
7 scrutiny?

8 A We reviewed their emission calculations and
9 what they -- what Medicine Bow considered part of normal
10 or routine operations at the plant.

11 Q Did you consider all potential emissions from
12 the source?

13 A Yes, we did.

14 Q Do you believe that potential to emit
15 estimate for Medicine Bow is accurate?

16 A To the best of my knowledge, I believe it is
17 accurate.

18 Q Okay. Let's go back to the definition of
19 "potential to emit." Do you agree that emissions from
20 normal or routine operations should be included in the
21 potential to emit?

22 A Yes, I do.

23 Q So what is a normal operation of the Medicine
24 Bow facility?

25 A As far as I understand it from EPA -- I don't

1 recall all the guidance documents -- but it's events
2 that are foreseeable and known on an annual basis.

3 Q There are EPA documents that define potential
4 to emit as events that occur on an annual basis?

5 A There are guidance documents out there. I do
6 not recall if they explicitly state that, but there are
7 guidance documents out there.

8 Q So there are guidance documents, but you're
9 not sure whether they say potential to emit is on an
10 annual basis.

11 A The documents themselves may not directly say
12 that, as I recall. But PSD regulations are on an annual
13 basis.

14 Q Which PSD regulations are you referring to?

15 A EPA. Everything is done on a ton per year.

16 Q So emissions estimates are done on a ton per
17 year basis.

18 A Correct.

19 Q Does the definition of "potential to emit" --
20 strike that. Is "potential to emit" defined on an
21 annual basis?

22 A I do not recall that specifically being in
23 the definition, but then I refer back to, PSD regs are
24 done on an annual -- the significance levels and
25 everything are on a ton-per-year basis.

1 Q So in contrast with the normal operation of
2 the Medicine Bow facility, what would you consider to be
3 not normal operation?

4 A I would probably -- based on other
5 applications we reviewed, they do shutdowns every --
6 every five, ten years for replacement of equipment that
7 may require large expenditures, would not fit in the
8 definition of routine.

9 Q Okay. Anything else?

10 A Not that I recall.

11 Q Okay. The potential to emit includes
12 normal -- includes emissions from normal operations,
13 correct?

14 A That's been the Division's policy.

15 Q Okay. So let's explore that. Are monthly
16 events normal?

17 A I believe we would consider it normal if the
18 company says they do them on a routine basis. And based
19 on experience from other facilities or -- it's known
20 that it's done on a monthly basis, I'd say yes.

21 Q Yes, monthly events would be normal?

22 A If they have -- if they can demonstrate that
23 this is routine for that type of facility.

24 Q Are annual events normal?

25 A Typically, there are planned events that --

1 based on my experience in permitting, typical events
2 that companies usually do on an annual basis, such as
3 turnarounds.

4 Q And those would be considered normal events
5 for purposes of potential to emit.

6 A If that's how the company represented
7 operation of the facility over -- over that year.

8 Q Okay. So what if -- what about emissions
9 from events that occur once every two years?

10 A That -- that would probably factor in, as I
11 recall, because there is a -- at least on an existing
12 facility, there is a projected actual and baseline
13 actual -- or baseline actual factors are average to over
14 a two-year period. Over a ten-year time frame for
15 non-EGEs.

16 Q Okay. So what about emissions from events
17 that occur once every three to four years?

18 A Those get harder to define. Because without
19 documentation or prior experience from -- maybe that
20 facility category, I would -- I would probably have to
21 review some regulations to be able to more specifically
22 answer that.

23 Q Well, what regulations would you review?

24 A I would probably look at guidance documents
25 EPA has out there on the PSD rules.

1 Q And what would you be looking for,
2 specifically?

3 A How they define routine -- say, routine
4 maintenance and repair.

5 Q Okay. What's the purpose of the flares at
6 the Medicine Bow facility?

7 A The flares, as I recall they were represented
8 in the application, were for startup, shutdown, and
9 malfunction.

10 Q So the planned operation and the flares is
11 during startup, shutdown, and malfunction events,
12 correct?

13 A They would be a control device during those
14 periods.

15 Q So would you say that the normal operation of
16 the flares includes operation during startup, shutdown,
17 and malfunction?

18 A Assuming it does not include commissioning
19 activities, yes.

20 Q Emissions from the flares during startup,
21 shutdown, and malfunction events were not included in
22 Medicine Bow's potential to emit, correct?

23 A As I recall, they were represented during the
24 cold start or commissioning activity: Here's what
25 represents worst-case from the facility.

1 Q But the emissions from the cold start events
2 were not included in the potential to emit estimate.

3 A Not during normal activities. Or routine
4 activities.

5 Q Let's talk about your experience with PSD
6 permits. How many permits have you worked on in your
7 career?

8 MS. VEHR: Object. Could you clarify
9 "permits"? PSD or minor source permits?

10 Q (By Ms. Issod) Yes, let's start with PSD
11 permits. How many PSD permits have you worked on?

12 A As I recall, I could probably think of five.

13 Q Were they for coal plants?

14 A Oh, I recall one was, but it was never
15 finalized. The applicant withdrew the application.

16 Q Have you ever seen a PSD permit application
17 for a plant expected to have no malfunctions?

18 MS. VEHR: Objection in terms of what's
19 expected.

20 A I do not recall.

21 Q (By Ms. Issod) Do you recall if the PSD
22 permit applications you've reviewed discuss facility
23 malfunction?

24 A The one that I know that was withdrawn had
25 addressed it in a startup/shutdown malfunction plan

1 before they decided to withdraw the application.

2 Q Are you aware of any operating PSD plant that
3 has never had a malfunction?

4 A I'm not an expert in that, so I don't know.

5 Q Based on your education and experience, do
6 you think it would be possible to operate a large
7 facility without malfunction?

8 MS. VEHR: Objection.

9 MR. COPPEDE: Calls for speculation.

10 A I'm -- I'm not an expert. I suppose
11 anything's possible, but I'm not an expert. I'd just be
12 guessing.

13 Q (By Ms. Issod) Will malfunctions occur at
14 the Medicine Bow facility?

15 MS. VEHR: Objection.

16 MR. COPPEDE: Speculation.

17 A Again, I'm not an expert. It's possible, but
18 I'd just be guessing.

19 Q (By Ms. Issod) But you have primary
20 responsibility for reviewing the PSD application for the
21 Medicine Bow facility, correct?

22 A Correct.

23 Q And it would still be speculation to answer
24 the question whether or not the facility will
25 malfunction.

1 MS. VEHR: Objection. He's already answered
2 the question.

3 A Again, I'm not an expert, but companies do
4 permit equipment for malfunctions.

5 Q (By Ms. Issod) Is one of your
6 responsibilities as a permit engineer to determine
7 whether or not a facility will malfunction?

8 A I'm not an expert, but companies do permit
9 equipment for that event.

10 Q Is that one of your responsibilities, to
11 determine whether or not the facility might malfunction?

12 MS. VEHR: Objection. He stated he was
13 permitting engineer, not on the enforcement side.

14 A I do not know.

15 Q (By Ms. Issod) Are you aware of any design
16 details of the Medicine Bow facility that would prevent
17 malfunctions from occurring?

18 A I do not know, because I have not seen
19 Medicine Bow's final design drawings. Just simplified
20 bulk flow diagrams that they've provided to us.

21 Q Okay.

22 (Deposition Exhibit 1 marked.)

23 Q (By Ms. Issod) I've placed in front of you
24 what we've marked as Exhibit 1. Can you tell me what
25 this document is?

1 A It appears to be Medicine Bow's application
2 submittal from December 31st, 2007.

3 Q I believe this is the most current copy of
4 the permit application. The permit application was
5 dated December 31st, but there's a few pages in front of
6 it that incorporate page changes. And I believe this is
7 the last update.

8 Can you roughly take a look at those revision
9 dates and tell me if you think they're pretty close to
10 the latest update?

11 A (Examines an exhibit.) I believe there was a
12 revision provided during the public notice period by
13 Medicine Bow Fuel and Power's consultant.

14 Q What would the approximate date of that
15 revision be?

16 A I do not recall in the file, but the
17 application was on notice for July to August 4th, I
18 believe.

19 Q July 31st update.

20 A Yeah, that -- I'd have to look at the full
21 record, but that July 31st could probably be the --

22 Q Yes.

23 A -- the last update.

24 Q Right. And I will confer with Nancy to
25 confirm that the last application update is --

1 MS. VEHR: Did you print this out from the
2 CD?

3 MS. ISSOD: From the CD.

4 MS. VEHR: Okay.

5 MS. ISSOD: It was -- I want to say it was 70
6 or 78.

7 MS. VEHR: The Bates number for the CD?

8 MS. ISSOD: Yes. I might be wrong.

9 MS. VEHR: Okay.

10 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. Let's assume we have a
11 pretty close-to-final application here. Does that sound
12 okay?

13 A Just part of the application?

14 Q Yes. That is correct. It is just part of
15 the application. Trying to save paper. So do you think
16 this is pretty close to final part of the application?

17 MS. VEHR: I think we'll have to just take a
18 look at what's on --

19 THE WITNESS: I'd have to go through the
20 record.

21 MS. ISSOD: Okay.

22 MS. VEHR: And we'll get you a Bates-stamped
23 copy of what's on the CD, if that would help.

24 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. Well, let's see if you
25 can answer the question and go from there. Can you turn

1 to Page 3-7. And take a look at the table of the top of
2 the page, Table 3.6. Can you read the title of this
3 table?

4 A Title is, Table 3.6, Criteria Pollutant
5 Emissions Resulting from Malfunctions and Other Events.

6 Q Do you recall reviewing this table?

7 A Yes, I do.

8 Q At some point? Okay. Does this table
9 contain an estimate of emissions for sulfur dioxide from
10 the flare storing malfunctions, correct?

11 A I believe -- Medicine Bow Fuel and Power has
12 represented them in this application, but I'm not sure
13 that this is the final. I'd have to look at the record
14 to verify that.

15 Q Okay. But this is an estimate of emissions
16 from malfunctions from the Medicine Bow facility,
17 although it might have been tweaked in a final
18 application.

19 A It might have. I do not recall.

20 Q Okay. So why would Medicine Bow estimate
21 emissions from malfunctions if they will never occur?

22 MR. COPPEDE: Objection. Calls for
23 speculation. And the question lacks foundation.

24 MS. ISSOD: Is this your witness? I'm
25 confused. I've never had more than one attorney retain

1 objections.

2 MR. COPPEDE: I'm here -- I'm making
3 objections on behalf of our client.

4 MS. ISSOD: Is Mr. Keyfauver your client?

5 MR. COPPEDE: No. Medicine Bow is, and I'm
6 making objections on behalf of Medicine Bow.

7 A I'd have to review the record, but I believe
8 I recall these emissions that were in the table as being
9 part of the cold startup emissions.

10 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. So I asked you a
11 question: Why would Medicine Bow estimate emissions
12 from malfunctions if they will never occur?

13 MR. COPPEDE: Same objection.

14 MS. VEHR: Objection.

15 A I'm not an expert, but I guess any -- any
16 company can estimate the malfunctions if they believe
17 they would occur.

18 Q (By Ms. Issod) I'll have you take a quick
19 look at another document, and then we'll take a break.

20 (Deposition Exhibit 2 marked.)

21 Q (By Ms. Issod) Mr. Keyfauver, I'm giving you
22 what we've marked as Exhibit 2. Can you read the title
23 of this document for me?

24 A Response to Plaintiff's First Set of
25 Discovery Requests to Medicine Bow.

1 Q Have you ever seen this document before?

2 A Yes, I have.

3 Q Okay. I'm going to have you turn to Page 3.
4 Under the title Request for Admissions, can you read
5 Request Number 1 and response out loud to us?

6 A Request Number 1. Please admit that
7 malfunctions of the Medicine Bow facility will
8 occasionally occur. Response is: Medicine Bow Fuel and
9 Power objects to this request as "occasionally" and
10 "malfunction" are vague and ambiguous and the request
11 calls for speculation. Without waiving these
12 objections, Medicine Bow Fuel and Power admits that
13 malfunctions may occasionally occur, as with any
14 operating facility.

15 Q Do you have any reason to disagree with this
16 response?

17 MS. VEHR: Objection. No foundation for
18 this.

19 A I'm not an expert, but --

20 MS. VEHR: The State already provided an
21 answer on this request for admission, and that speaks
22 for itself.

23 Q (By Ms. Issod) Do you have any reason to
24 disagree with Medicine Bow's response?

25 A I'm not an expert. Malfunctions may or may

1 not occur. I don't know.

2 Q So it sounds like you have no reason to agree
3 or disagree.

4 MS. VEHR: Objection. He's already answered
5 the question. The State already provided its response
6 in the answer to admissions. I don't appreciate you
7 badgering him. He worked on the permit --

8 MS. ISSOD: Okay, okay, Nancy. Thank you.

9 Q (By Ms. Issod) Are malfunctions a normal
10 event?

11 MS. VEHR: Objection. He's already answered
12 the malfunctions.

13 MS. ISSOD: I don't believe he answered this
14 question. This particular question.

15 MS. VEHR: There's -- in terms of "normal,"
16 you haven't defined "normal." He previously answered
17 "normal," and he previously answered about malfunctions.

18 MS. ISSOD: We can move on more quickly if
19 you allow your witness to answer a simple question.

20 MS. VEHR: If you ask the question
21 appropriately, I won't object to it.

22 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. Are malfunctions a
23 routine event?

24 MS. VEHR: Objection. It's undefined as to
25 what malfunctions are, as to what is routine, as to what

1 universe you're looking at.

2 Q (By Ms. Issod) You testified that potential
3 to emit includes emissions from the normal operations of
4 the source, correct?

5 A Correct.

6 Q Is malfunctions included in this normal
7 operations of the source?

8 MS. VEHR: Objection. As to this source or
9 any source out there?

10 Q (By Ms. Issod) In general.

11 A One has to look at the emission inventories
12 for existing facilities to see if malfunctions are a
13 routine event, as they would show up in emission
14 inventory. For a facility that's not constructed, I --
15 I would only be guessing if it's routine or not.

16 Q In your experience with the other PSD permits
17 that you've worked on, were malfunctions normal events?

18 A I'm not an expert. You'd have to talk to
19 district engineers.

20 Q Okay. So you're saying you're not sure
21 whether malfunctions are routine events before a
22 facility is constructed.

23 A For that source category, I do not know. For
24 existing facilities, I'd have to refer to district
25 engineers.

1 Q Okay. And you only take into account
2 emissions from malfunctions if they're provided by the
3 company in the permit application.

4 A As I recall, yes. I'm not -- we will ask as
5 part of the application and review process if what they
6 represent is what they can consider to be normal
7 operations. I'll apply our best engineering judgment to
8 what their response is.

9 Q Did you ask Medicine Bow if their potential
10 to emit estimate represents normal operations?
11 Represents emissions from normal operations?

12 A As I recall, we did.

13 Q Did you ask them whether malfunctions were
14 included in that estimate?

15 A We had -- as I recall, we had them address it
16 as a response to comment after the public comment period
17 to ensure that all known events were included in their
18 emission estimate.

19 Q Did you ask Medicine Bow whether cold starts
20 were included as part of their potential to emit
21 estimate?

22 A I believe that's reflected in the analysis of
23 what cold start emissions are for the facility.

24 Q DEQ's permit analysis --

25 A Our technical analysis, which is based on

1 Medicine Bow Fuel and Power's application.

2 Q Did you ask whether emissions from cold
3 starts are included in the potential to emit estimate?

4 A I do not recall asking them, as we did not
5 consider them routine events for normal operations.

6 Q Do you recall that EPA commented on Medicine
7 Bow's trap permit that cold starts should be included in
8 the potential to emit estimate?

9 A Yes, I do.

10 MS. ISSOD: Do you want to take a short
11 break?

12 MS. VEHR: Sure.

13 THE WITNESS: Sure.

14 (Recess from 12:10 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

15 MS. ISSOD: Let's go back on the record.

16 Q (By Ms. Issod) Mr. Keyfauver, when I was
17 asking you about whether or not malfunctions should be
18 included in the potential to emit estimate, I believe
19 you responded at one point that I needed to talk to a
20 district engineer? Do you remember that response?

21 A I do recall mentioning district engineers.

22 Q Okay. Did you talk to any of your district
23 engineers during the course of your review of the
24 Medicine Bow permit?

25 A Not that I recall.

1 Q Okay. You don't recall talking to the
2 district engineer about what should or shouldn't be
3 included in the potential to emit estimate.

4 A I did not talk to the district engineer
5 regarding potential to emit.

6 Q Okay.

7 A As they deal with compliance issues.

8 Q You testified that the definition of
9 potential to emit is the maximum capacity of a source to
10 emit a certain pollutant, subject to certain enforceable
11 limitations. Is that more or less accurate?

12 A As I recall, yes.

13 Q Okay. So do you believe the maximum capacity
14 of a source to emit would include startup, shutdown, and
15 malfunction events?

16 A They could if the company defines -- defines
17 them as happening on a routine basis.

18 Q Okay.

19 (Deposition Exhibit 3 marked.)

20 Q (By Ms. Issod) Mr. Keyfauver, I'm giving you
21 what we're marking as Exhibit 3. Can you read the title
22 of this document?

23 A Report of Katrina Winborn, PE.

24 Q Have you seen this document before?

25 A Yes, I have.

1 Q Can you turn to Page 6 and read the first
2 sentence under the title Unintended Consequences of
3 Including Cold Start Emissions and PTE.

4 A A very practical and environmentally
5 beneficial reason exists for an agency to emit coal
6 startup emissions from a facility's PCE. If such
7 emissions are included in the PTE, then those emissions
8 have been permitted, and the facility is then allowed to
9 emit up to that level established as the PTE.

10 Q Do you agree with that statement?

11 A Not as it's written.

12 Q Why?

13 A Because our -- our permit -- our technical
14 analysis modeled emissions up to the levels that Katrina
15 is referring to, but our emission -- but the emissions
16 we permitted were based on normal, routine operation.

17 Q Okay. I'm a bit confused by your response,
18 and I'm going to try to break down questions so I can
19 try to understand. Do you agree, if the cold start
20 emissions are included in the PTE, then the facility is
21 allowed to emit up to that level?

22 A I disagree with that statement.

23 Q Can you tell me why you disagree with that
24 statement.

25 A Because their emission limits were based on

1 normal operation. If they were to exceed those limits,
2 it would be up to a district engineer to determine what
3 those issues were.

4 Q Okay. Let me ask it this way: Is potential
5 to emit an emissions limit?

6 A Only if Federally enforceable standards or
7 conditions have been applied.

8 Q Is it true that the emission limits for
9 Medicine Bow are all contained in the final permit?

10 A To the best of my recollection, yes.

11 Q Okay. Can you tell me generally what makes
12 an emissions limit an emissions limit?

13 MS. VEHR: Objection.

14 MS. ISSOD: Yes, that was -- I strike the
15 question.

16 Q (By Ms. Issod) Can you tell me what -- if
17 I'm a citizen interested in the amount of pollution that
18 will be emitted from the Medicine Bow facility, where
19 would I go to find this information?

20 A You'd look -- you would go to the final
21 permit for the facility.

22 Q Okay. Does the final permit contain all the
23 emissions limits for the facility?

24 A As best as I recall, it does.

25 Q So is the potential to emit an enforceable

1 limit in the permit?

2 A If a permit condition has been established
3 for -- for that pollutant. Because a potential to emit
4 can be the same as an allowable.

5 Q Okay. Can you also read for us the second
6 sentence in the second paragraph, starting, During cold
7 startup years?

8 MS. VEHR: Are you on Page 6?

9 MS. ISSOD: Yes. On Page 6.

10 Q (By Ms. Issod) So the second paragraph under
11 unintended consequences and then the second sentence
12 starting, During cold startup years.

13 A I do not see where you're . . .

14 Q Okay. So do you see the paragraph that
15 starts, PTE levels?

16 A Okay.

17 Q And if you follow that sentence and then get
18 to the second sentence, it starts, During cold startup
19 years?

20 A Okay.

21 MS. VEHR: Did you want him to read it out
22 loud?

23 Q (By Ms. Issod) Can you read that sentence
24 out loud?

25 A During cold startup years, Medicine Bow Fuel

1 and Power will be faced with a strong incentive to
2 continually improve its cold startup procedures such
3 that it -- emissions are minimized, since emissions
4 occurring from cold startups are not permitted and must
5 be reported as excess emissions in violation of the
6 permit, subject to potential penalty.

7 Q Do you agree that -- do you agree with this
8 sentence?

9 A I do not.

10 Q Why?

11 A The cold startup emissions were represented
12 in the technical analysis, so they were, in a sense,
13 permitted.

14 Q Okay. So a -- do you want to take a drink of
15 water?

16 A No, I'm fine.

17 Q Okay. So emissions from a cold start will
18 not subject Medicine Bow to a potential penalty?

19 MS. VEHR: Objection. Permitting. Not
20 district engineer, compliance.

21 A That, I don't know. It's up to the -- or
22 subject to the district engineer's review of the cold
23 startup.

24 Q (By Ms. Issod) So would you say it's part of
25 your responsibility as the permitting engineer to make

1 sure that the source can operate within its permitted
2 limits?

3 A As a reviewing engineer, I set emission
4 limits based on BACT requirements. Since I'm not an
5 expert, I would say it's up to the district engineer to
6 determine compliance with those established limits.

7 Q Okay. So you would be comfortable issuing a
8 permit for a plant even if you thought the facility
9 couldn't comply with the permit.

10 MS. VEHR: Objection. Calls for speculation.

11 A If we thought there was going to be an issue
12 with emission limits, we would not go forward with the
13 permit until we could resolve that matter.

14 Q (By Ms. Issod) You would work with the
15 company --

16 A Correct.

17 Q -- and try to resolve it. Okay. So do you
18 believe that emissions from cold starts at Medicine Bow
19 will cause a problem with permit compliance in the
20 future?

21 MS. VEHR: Objection. Calls for speculation.

22 MR. COPPEDE: Join in the objection on behalf
23 of Medicine Bow.

24 A As a permit engineer, all I -- all I know --
25 I can say is -- just -- demonstrate a compliance with

1 the ambient air quality standards.

2 Q (By Ms. Issod) You felt comfortable enough
3 to issue the permit without discussing this matter
4 further with the company.

5 MS. VEHR: Objection. Andrew's the
6 permitting engineer on it, and the permit was issued by
7 the DEQ director and administrator. So just to clarify
8 that.

9 MS. ISSOD: Okay.

10 A The application that Medicine Bow Fuel and
11 Power submitted demonstrated compliance with the
12 standards.

13 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. I apologize if I've
14 already asked this, but did you speak -- I think I did
15 ask. Still, one more time. Did you speak with the
16 district engineer about the Medicine Bow permit at any
17 time?

18 A Regarding the application, no.

19 Q No. Did you speak to the district engineer
20 about the draft permit?

21 A The draft permit was sent to his office for
22 review. If he submitted any comments, it should be in
23 the administrative record.

24 Q When you submitted the permit to the district
25 engineer for his review, did you highlight any concerns

1 about the permit?

2 A I did not, because he got the same version
3 that went out to public comment.

4 Q Is there a way you could have drafted the
5 permit to have sulfur dioxide emissions limit during
6 normal operation and another emission limit for cold
7 starts?

8 A I'm not sure what your question is focused on
9 there.

10 Q Going back to the first sentence in the first
11 paragraph that you read. Very practical,
12 environmentally beneficial. Maybe if you could just
13 review that paragraph for yourself, and then I'll ask
14 you a question about it.

15 A (Examines an exhibit.)

16 Q Could you summarize that paragraph, in your
17 own words?

18 MS. VEHR: I was going to say objection,
19 because the last sentence talks about, "in my opinion,"
20 and he has no way to summarize somebody else's opinion.

21 A As I believe, Katrina is -- is getting at --
22 without having talked to her, I believe she's saying if
23 you -- if you set the PTE based on cold start emissions,
24 you will -- you will unintentionally have a higher
25 emission limit than you would normally establish.

1 Q (By Ms. Issod) So what I'm asking, in
2 reference to that opinion, is whether it's possible to
3 set two separate emission limits: One for routine
4 operations; and another one for cold startup events
5 only.

6 MS. VEHR: Again, objection. In terms of
7 possible, putting boundaries on it. Unlimited
8 possibilities of anything.

9 A It would -- you can establish limits during
10 what would be normal operation and startup and shutdown,
11 which I believe we did for Medicine Bow Fuel and Power,
12 with the SSM plan.

13 Q (By Ms. Issod) And you could, for
14 malfunctions also? Could you establish separate limits
15 for malfunctions also?

16 MS. VEHR: Objection. By definition, a
17 malfunction is a malfunction.

18 A I don't know on that.

19 Q (By Ms. Issod) I believe you testified --
20 you just testified that you could set separate limits
21 for startup and shutdown as part of the SSM plan. But
22 you did not say "malfunction." That's why I asked
23 whether you could set a separate limit for malfunction.

24 A Was that a question or --

25 Q Okay. Good job.

1 A Was that a question or a statement there?

2 Q Okay. Same response.

3 A (Nods head.)

4 Q Okay.

5 A Correct.

6 Q Okay. I believe you mentioned at one point
7 that you considered the cold starts in the permitting
8 process, and therefore emissions from cold starts
9 wouldn't be a violation. Is that correct?

10 A I can say they were included in the ambient
11 impact analysis and demonstrated compliance with the
12 WAAQS NAAQS.

13 Q Do you know whether, included in the ambient
14 impact analysis, an inclusion in the WAAQS and NAAQS
15 would necessarily mean that emissions from cold starts
16 are not a violation?

17 MR. COPPEDE: Objection. Foundation.

18 A I couldn't answer that. That's up to the
19 district engineer to determine.

20 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. Can you tell me why,
21 generally, sulfur dioxide is a pollutant of concern?

22 A It is one of the listed criteria pollutants
23 by EPA.

24 Q And what is a criteria pollutant, generally?
25 What makes a pollutant a criteria pollutant?

1 A That, I don't know.

2 Q Are criteria pollutants generally pollutants
3 that cause human health impacts?

4 MR. COPPEDE: Objection. Foundation. Vague
5 and ambiguous.

6 A That, I don't know. I don't know all the
7 health risks of the pollutants.

8 Q (By Ms. Issod) Is 250 tons per year a large
9 amount of sulfur dioxide?

10 MR. COPPEDE: Objection. Foundation.

11 A I -- I guess it depends on what you're
12 comparing it against. For PSD purposes, I assume, yes,
13 because it's one of the thresholds.

14 Q (By Ms. Issod) Again, I apologize if I've
15 asked this question before, but to refresh my memory, do
16 you recall whether emissions from startup were included
17 in Medicine Bow's potential to emit?

18 A They were reflected in the cold startup
19 table, in the analysis.

20 Q Were they included in the potential to emit
21 estimate for sulfur dioxide?

22 A They were not reflected in the table that
23 showed normal operations, as I recall.

24 Q Okay. Do you recall whether malfunction
25 events were included in that table?

1 A I do not recall.

2 Q Okay. Do you recall approximately what the
3 total potential to emit for sulfur dioxide was?

4 MS. VEHR: Objection. In what?

5 Q (By Ms. Issod) Do you recall approximately
6 what Medicine Bow's sulfur dioxide potential to emit
7 was?

8 A As I believe I said earlier, I believe it was
9 around 36 tons.

10 Q Do you recall looking at the estimate of how
11 much sulfur dioxide emissions would occur during
12 malfunction in one of the exhibits that I gave to you
13 before the break?

14 A I do not recall the number of that, no.

15 Q Okay. So which exhibit was that. I believe
16 it's Exhibit 1, and it's Page 3-7 at the very end.

17 A (Examines an exhibit.)

18 Q Let me know when you've had a chance to look
19 at it.

20 MS. VEHR: Andrea, I've got a question. Were
21 you talking about normal operations or malfunctions?
22 I've lost track of your question.

23 MS. ISSOD: Well, both.

24 MS. VEHR: Okay. So the normal operation
25 SO2. I just lost track of your question.

1 MS. ISSOD: I'll ask more questions after
2 he's answered this.

3 MS. VEHR: Okay.

4 MS. ISSOD: Yes.

5 MS. VEHR: I didn't know if you needed to
6 look back at Page 3-3, which talks about normal
7 operations or --

8 MS. ISSOD: No.

9 MS. VEHR: No. Okay.

10 MS. ISSOD: Just 3-7.

11 MS. VEHR: 3-7. Okay.

12 A Okay.

13 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. So after reviewing
14 this table, do you know whether emissions -- whether
15 sulfur dioxide emissions from malfunctions were included
16 in the sulfur dioxide potential to emit?

17 MS. VEHR: I'm just going to object to the
18 form of the question.

19 A (Examines an exhibit.) I don't recall.

20 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. This table estimates
21 emissions associated with malfunctions, correct?

22 A As the table is labeled, yes.

23 Q Can you tell me the total amount of sulfur
24 dioxide that's estimated in this table?

25 A Approximately 164 tons.

1 Q Tons per year?

2 A I would assume tons per year. That does not
3 specify.

4 Q Okay. I believe you previously testified
5 twice that you believe the total potential to emit
6 sulfur dioxide permit for the Medicine Bow is
7 approximately 36 tons per year; is that correct?

8 A As I recall, yes.

9 Q Okay. So therefore, were sulfur dioxide
10 emissions from malfunctions included in Medicine Bow's
11 sulfur dioxide potential to emit?

12 MS. VEHR: I'm going to object that he
13 already answered that he doesn't recall, and there may
14 be a document that would help his recollection. I don't
15 know. But he stated he doesn't recall, based on looking
16 at this table.

17 A I'll just reiterate that I do not recall. I
18 mean, it's -- with the document in front of me, there
19 is -- since it's not complete, I would assume there's
20 other information available that I could potentially
21 review. I notice it refers to appendices and everything
22 else, and missing calculations, and without those, it's
23 hard to give an answer without all the information.

24 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. So what documents
25 would you need to review to respond to this question?

1 A I would look back at the appendices where the
2 emission calculations and references are.

3 MS. ISSOD: Do you have a copy, Nancy, of the
4 permit application?

5 MS. VEHR: I have the admin record.

6 MS. ISSOD: Can we get a copy of the permit
7 application?

8 MS. VEHR: If you can tell me what Bates
9 numbers and stuff. I've got the whole -- the whole
10 record there.

11 MS. ISSOD: Okay. Well, let's do that after
12 the next break, then.

13 MS. VEHR: Okay.

14 Q (By Ms. Issod) Would you prefer to see a
15 hard copy or electronic copy? Which would be easier for
16 you?

17 A Hard copy.

18 Q Move on to a different topic, then. I'd like
19 to talk about the best available control technology
20 analysis, or BACT analysis. It's my understanding that
21 Wyoming has a BACT analysis that's different from the
22 PSD's BACT analysis; is that correct?

23 MS. VEHR: I'm just going to object to in
24 terms of PSD BACT analysis. Are you talking about
25 Federal or State PSD?

1 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. It's my understanding
2 that Wyoming has a BACT analysis that differs from the
3 Federal five-step top-down BACT analysis; is that
4 correct?

5 A I'd say we typically follow the NSR puzzle
6 book which describes the five-step analysis.

7 Q Is there another name for the NSR puzzle
8 book?

9 A I do not recall the name of it. I was just
10 using the -- the common language for that book.

11 Q Is it -- is it the 1990 New Source Review
12 Draft Workshop Manual?

13 A I -- I believe that is correct. I'm not
14 absolutely certain about it.

15 Q Okay. Does this EPA document describe the
16 five-step top-down BACT analysis?

17 A Yes, it does.

18 Q Okay. So the Wyoming BACT analysis follows
19 the EPA's five-step top-down BACT analysis?

20 A We typically follow the five-step process.

21 Q Okay.

22 A To the best of our ability, where it fits
23 appropriately.

24 Q And what do you do where it doesn't fit?

25 A In those cases, we're usually going to the

1 most stringent control technology.

2 Q So do you think the Wyoming BACT analysis and
3 the top-down BACT analysis would typically yield the
4 same results?

5 A I believe our Chapter 6, Section 4, and our
6 Chapter 6, Section 2, BACT analysis would obtain the
7 same control technology.

8 Q Did you review the best available control
9 technology analysis for sulfur dioxide emissions from
10 the Medicine Bow flare?

11 A The -- I guess, can you clarify, the flares
12 are a control device for the emission units. So we --
13 we apply BACT for the emission units and not the control
14 device. We can set emission limits where appropriate
15 from the control device, but we do not do BACT on the
16 control device. It is for the emission unit.

17 Q Okay. So the flares -- so you didn't
18 consider the flares to be emission sources at the
19 Medicine Bow facility.

20 A They are sources of emissions that can -- but
21 they are control devices for process units.

22 Q So you didn't consider the flares to be
23 emission sources for purposes of BACT.

24 A A top-down BACT analysis was not conducted
25 for the flares, but was for the emission units at the

1 facility.

2 MS. VEHR: When you finish this line, if we
3 could take a lunch break.

4 MS. ISSOD: How many minutes are you looking
5 for?

6 MS. VEHR: It's been about 40 minutes, so
7 sometime in the next 10 minutes, 15 minutes.

8 MS. ISSOD: Okay.

9 MS. VEHR: Whenever you come to a breaking
10 point.

11 MS. ISSOD: Okay. Yes.

12 MS. VEHR: Unless you needed to break
13 earlier.

14 THE WITNESS: I'm fine.

15 MS. ISSOD: Yes. Let's try to finish this
16 section.

17 MS. VEHR: Appreciate it. Thank you.

18 Q (By Ms. Issod) Did you consider any other
19 control options for the flares, other than the
20 startup/shutdown emission minimization, or SSEM plan?

21 MS. VEHR: And I'm just going to object on
22 "control option." I'm not sure what you mean by
23 "control option."

24 A I believe SSM plan is one of the options
25 allowed under BACT for applying some sort of work

1 practice standards.

2 Q (By Ms. Issod) Did you consider any other
3 option for the flares?

4 A Not that I recall.

5 Q Did you consider strengthening the plan in
6 any way?

7 A We reviewed that plan with our best
8 engineering judgment. That plan could be addressed in
9 the future, if a district engineer sees something, but
10 that's beyond my expertise at this point in time.

11 Q Okay. Did you determine whether the plan was
12 enforceable?

13 MR. COPPEDE: Objection. Foundation. But go
14 ahead and answer.

15 A As part of reviewing that SSM plan, we
16 reviewed it to ensure that there were areas where the
17 district engineer could look at it and say, Did you meet
18 the time frame in the SSM plan, or other thresholds that
19 were established in the plan.

20 Q (By Ms. Issod) Did you consider making it
21 more -- the plan more enforceable?

22 A I don't understand.

23 Q Okay. Did you consider limiting the number
24 and durations of startups each year?

25 A As I understand it, that would be a judgment

1 call for the district engineer. If it's -- if it's not
2 as represented in the application. In the permit.

3 Q So is it your primary responsibility to
4 review the control options and the BACT determination in
5 the permit application?

6 A As part of my job duties is to go through and
7 evaluate the BACT as proposed by Medicine Bow Fuel and
8 Power.

9 Q Okay.

10 A And make a determination based on all
11 available information.

12 Q And if you're satisfied that the BACT
13 controls and the application is proper, the draft permit
14 then goes to the permit engineer for review. Is that
15 accurate?

16 A No. I would review the BACT analysis
17 provided, make a determination, and then it would go to
18 the program supervisor and manager for their review.

19 Q Okay. So if at some point in the process,
20 you weren't satisfied with an aspect of the BACT
21 analysis or the control chosen, what would you do?

22 A We would go back to the company with our
23 comments and concerns, with their BACT analysis, whether
24 they need to address additional control technologies or
25 evaluate additional control thresholds with the chosen

1 technologies.

2 Q Okay. So does part of your review of this
3 SSEM plan includes a determination whether or not it was
4 enforceable?

5 MS. VEHR: Objection as to the portion
6 dealing with compliance. He's in permit, not in
7 compliance.

8 A We reviewed the plan as provided by Medicine
9 Bow Fuel and Power using our engineering judgment. And
10 included that as part of our draft permit, which went to
11 public notice. And as far as I recall, the district
12 engineer did not make any comments regarding the
13 startup/shutdown plan.

14 Q (By Ms. Issod) In terms of your
15 responsibilities, is there something different about a
16 work practice plan from a control -- from a BACT control
17 option?

18 A It's just -- as far as I understand it, it is
19 an available option under BACT if it's not feasible to
20 establish an emission limit.

21 Q My understanding is, if there was a control
22 technology chosen for BACT that you didn't think was a
23 top control option, you would talk to the company about
24 that; is that correct?

25 A We would ask them why they discarded that

1 control technology under technical or economic
2 feasibility.

3 Q So I'm curious. It seems that you're
4 testifying there's a different level of review with
5 respect to this work practices plan.

6 A I disagree.

7 Q Okay. So would you say that you do the same
8 level review of this plan as you would a control
9 technology?

10 A I would say any BACT determination undergoes
11 the same scrutiny, whether it's subject to PSD or some
12 other source.

13 Q Is that you? Are you the responsible DEQ
14 official for reviewing this plan?

15 A I was one of the engineers who reviewed that
16 plan prior to public notice and permit issuance.

17 Q Okay. But you didn't review it to determine
18 whether it was enforceable.

19 A Could you repeat the question?

20 Q Did you review the plan to determine whether
21 it was enforceable?

22 A Yes, we did.

23 Q Okay. Did you determine it was enforceable?

24 A To the best of our engineering judgment,
25 there were set points that the district engineer could

1 utilize for enforceability.

2 Q Okay. And did you consider any other option,
3 like a permit condition that might limit the number of
4 startups every year?

5 A I do not recall there being multiple startups
6 in the application.

7 Q The purpose of this plan is to minimize
8 emissions during startup, shutdown, and malfunctions,
9 correct?

10 A Correct.

11 Q So my question was going to, did you consider
12 any other option besides this work practice plan for
13 limiting emissions from startup, shutdown, and
14 malfunctions?

15 A Not as I recall.

16 MS. ISSOD: Should we break now? Because
17 it's going to take a little bit longer.

18 MS. VEHR: Okay.

19 (Recess from 1:18 p.m. to 2:18 p.m.)

20 MS. ISSOD: Let's go back on the record.

21 Q (By Ms. Issod) Mr. Keyfauver, during the
22 break, did you have a chance to review some documents to
23 refresh your memory concerning the sulfur dioxide
24 potential to emit for the Medicine Bow facility?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Okay. So were sulfur dioxide emissions from
2 malfunction events included in the potential to emit?

3 A Those emissions were included in the cold
4 startup year emissions. The application represented
5 those emissions as upset events during the cold startup
6 year. In Appendix B of the application.

7 Q Okay. So are you saying that emissions from
8 malfunctions were included in cold startup emission?

9 A They were reflected in the cold startup
10 emissions as represented from Medicine Bow Fuel and
11 Power.

12 Q Okay. So are you saying there's a table in
13 the application that references emissions from cold
14 start year that includes emissions from malfunction?

15 A That includes -- yes.

16 Q Okay.

17 A That includes that table that you were
18 referencing.

19 Q Okay. My understanding was, there were two
20 separate tables in the permit application, one
21 referencing cold startup emissions and one that
22 referenced malfunction. Is that true?

23 A I believe that's also on the application.

24 Q Okay. So are you saying that -- do you
25 agree, there were two tables in the application: one

1 for cold startup year emissions and one for malfunction
2 emissions?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Okay. Are you saying that the cold startup
5 year table includes malfunction emissions?

6 A From that table, correct.

7 Q Okay. So is the malfunction emissions table
8 a subset, basically, of the cold startup year?

9 A Correct.

10 Q Okay. So does the application consider
11 malfunctions to be a type of cold startup?

12 MS. VEHR: Objection. The application speaks
13 for itself.

14 A It is representative, potentially occurring
15 during a cold startup.

16 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. Were the emissions
17 from cold startup included in the potential to emit for
18 the Medicine Bow facility?

19 A The cold startup emissions were included in
20 the ambient impact analysis for the facility, which
21 should -- which is the highest emissions.

22 Q Okay.

23 A Demonstrate compliance with the WAAQS NAAQS.

24 Q Okay. My question is about the potential to
25 emit. So let me try to define that further. We

1 discussed the potential to emit is used to determine
2 whether a source is a minor or a major source for PSD
3 purposes, correct?

4 A Correct.

5 Q And you testified that for that
6 determination, Medicine Bow sulfur dioxide emissions are
7 approximately 36 tons per year, correct?

8 A Correct.

9 Q Okay. Were emissions from cold starts used
10 in that potential to emit estimate?

11 A Those emissions were not considered part of
12 the normal or routine emissions. They were only
13 reflected in the cold startup year.

14 Q Can you give me a yes or no answer to the
15 question?

16 A Could you repeat it?

17 MS. ISSOD: Okay. Mr. Court Reporter, could
18 you repeat the question.

19 THE REPORTER: "Okay. Were emissions from
20 cold starts used in that potential to emit estimate?"

21 A For establishing emission limits, I would say
22 no. They were included in the WAAQS NAAQS analysis.

23 MS. ISSOD: Could we go off the record for a
24 second?

25 (Off the record.)

1 MS. ISSOD: We can go back on the record.

2 Q (By Ms. Issod) So you testified that
3 emissions from cold starts were not included in the
4 potential to emit for purposes of determining whether
5 Medicine Bow was a minor or major source for PSD
6 purposes; is that right?

7 A They were not considered because they were
8 not routine emissions.

9 Q So you believe it was accurate not to include
10 the cold start emissions as part of the potential to
11 emit.

12 A Correct.

13 Q Okay. Did you speak to the district engineer
14 about the Medicine Bow facility at all?

15 A As I recall, the only time I talked to the
16 district engineer regarding the facility was during the
17 public hearing process.

18 Q And what did you speak to him about,
19 generally?

20 A Just -- as far as I recall, just the
21 application and how many people we expected to attend.

22 Q A general conversation?

23 A (Nods head.)

24 Q Did he have any particular concerns about the
25 application?

1 A As I recall, he hasn't mentioned anything.

2 Q Do you consider one of your job
3 responsibilities to limit emissions of harmful
4 pollutants to protect public health and welfare?

5 MS. VEHR: Objection. Undefined terms.

6 A My job duty's to limit emissions through the
7 application of requirements under the WAAQS.

8 Q (By Ms. Issod) Do you believe one of your
9 job responsibilities is to protect the public?

10 A I believe that's an inherent duty of the job.

11 Q Can you describe, in your words, what you
12 think that duty is?

13 A I believe my job entails reviewing every
14 application to ensure protection of the environment and
15 to allow future growth for industry.

16 Q Are you aware of any large PSD facilities
17 that have never had a malfunction?

18 A That's beyond my expertise, and I don't know.

19 Q Are you aware of any? Yes or --

20 A I don't know.

21 Q You don't know whether you're aware of any?

22 MS. VEHR: Objection. He's answered.

23 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay.

24 A I don't know. I'm not in the compliance
25 field.

1 Q Okay.

2 (Deposition Exhibit 4 marked.)

3 Q (By Ms. Issod) Mr. Keyfauver, I'm placing in
4 front of you a copy of what we've marked as Exhibit 4.
5 Does this document look familiar to you?

6 A Yes, it does.

7 Q What is it?

8 A It is the permit, final permit, issued to
9 Medicine Bow Fuel and Power.

10 Q Okay. You can turn to Appendix A. It's DEQ
11 1421. At the top of the page, it's marked,
12 Startup/Shutdown Emission Minimization Plan. Do you see
13 that?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. At the bottom of the page, under the
16 term Gasifier, the first bullet under Gasifier, the one
17 gasifier will be started at a time at 50 percent design
18 flow rate. Do you see that sentence?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Can you explain how this 50 percent number
21 was chosen?

22 A I cannot.

23 Q Moving to the top of the page, the second
24 paragraph under the box reads, Specific startup and
25 shutdown operating procedures for all process units in

1 the plant shall incorporate the elements of this plan to
2 the greatest extent possible. Do you see that sentence?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Given that the plan requires Medicine Bow use
5 it to the greatest extent possible, can you explain how
6 this plan is enforceable?

7 MS. VEHR: Objection. Outside of his job
8 description.

9 A I do not know. I'd have to defer to Chris
10 Hanify, the district engineer.

11 Q (By Ms. Issod) I thought you testified that
12 part of your responsibility was review of this plan to
13 determine whether it was BACT; is that correct?

14 A Part of BACT, yes.

15 Q Okay. So as part of your BACT review, do you
16 consider whether or not the plan is enforceable?

17 A Yes. I would consider it to be enforceable.

18 Q Okay. So with respect to this particular
19 sentence, you're not sure.

20 A I'm not sure I can answer that, because I do
21 not know the extent to which Chris Hanify will apply the
22 provisions.

23 Q So you're testifying you're not sure whether
24 or not he will enforce the plan.

25 A I -- I don't know how --

1 Q Okay.

2 A -- how he is -- how he does his compliance
3 job.

4 Q But part of your job is to ensure that he can
5 do his compliance job.

6 A I'd say that was part of my job, is to set
7 conditions that he can enforce.

8 Q Okay. In the third bullet under Gasifier, it
9 reads, A low pressure and normal operating pressure
10 check are required. Do you see that sentence?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Is there any numerical specificity in the
13 plan regarding this pressure check?

14 A I'd say no, there is not.

15 Q Okay. How are the pressure checks
16 enforceable if there's no numerical specificity?

17 A I am not an expert, but I would -- I could
18 only guess that the pressure checks are part of a safety
19 procedure prior to sending the gas down to other units.

20 Q But if there's no limit on the outcome of
21 those pressure checks, how is that -- is that an
22 enforceable requirement of this plan?

23 A I believe the plan is to be reviewed in its
24 entirety, not in pieces.

25 Q Okay.

1 A To arrive at whether it's practically
2 enforceable.

3 Q Okay. So some aspects of the plan might not
4 be enforceable; some aspects might be enforceable.

5 MS. VEHR: Objection.

6 MR. COPPEDE: Misstates his testimony.

7 A When it comes to certain line items like this
8 well pressure, probably say that would be hard to
9 enforce.

10 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. Move on to another
11 subject. How do you estimate emissions from fugitive
12 component leaks?

13 A Using -- the applicant used AP 42
14 emissions -- either AP 42 emission factors or SOCMI, as
15 they're sometimes referred to.

16 Q What does SOCMI stand for?

17 A Synthetic -- I do not recall exactly, but
18 synthetic organic chemical manufacturing industry, or
19 something like that.

20 Q Okay. So what -- what does the applicant do
21 with these emission factors to estimate fugitive
22 component leaks?

23 A Could you reword . . .

24 Q Okay. In order to calculate fugitive
25 component leaks, don't you need a count of the number of

1 components in the facility?

2 A As I recall, the applicant provided counts
3 for components.

4 Q Is it true to estimate fugitive component
5 leaks, you generally need three things: a component
6 count; information about the design of each component;
7 and emission factors for each component?

8 A I'd ask for clarification what you mean by
9 "design."

10 Q Okay. Details about each component.

11 A I would say that there are multiple factors
12 that go into fugitive emission calculations, such as the
13 type of service that the component is in. Is it a
14 valve, a flange. The emission factors is just one piece
15 that comes in that AP 42.

16 Q Okay. So can you fully describe all the
17 pieces that you need to calculate fugitive component
18 leak emissions?

19 A I'll try and recall all of them. But you
20 need a count of the equipment. Whether it be pumps.
21 Need to know if it's a pump, a valve, a flange. What
22 type of service it's in, whether it's gas service,
23 liquid service, gas and liquid service. The VOC
24 constituent. Based on the type of valve and service,
25 you can use the AP 42 factors to arrive at emission

1 factors -- or emissions based on counts.

2 Q Okay. Do you recall the number of components
3 Medicine Bow used to estimate its fugitive component
4 leaks?

5 A No, I do not.

6 Q Is there a document that you could quickly
7 look through to refresh your memory?

8 A It would be in the application. Probably in
9 Appendix B where all the emission calculations were.

10 Q Okay. Well, regardless of the number, how
11 did you verify this number?

12 A I verified the emission factors that they
13 used, based on what they say is the service and the EOC
14 content and compared those with the known EPA factors.

15 Q How did you verify the number of components?

16 A That was provided to us by the applicant,
17 based on their -- their latest design drawings.

18 Q Did they provide to you their latest design
19 drawing?

20 A No.

21 Q Did you ask for their latest design drawings?

22 A No.

23 Q Okay. Are emissions from fugitive component
24 leaks a large source of volatile organic -- strike that;
25 start over -- volatile organic compounds?

1 MS. VEHR: Objection. In terms of defining
2 "large."

3 A I would say it's on a source category, by
4 source category basis.

5 Q (By Ms. Issod) Are fugitive component leaks
6 the primary source of hazardous air pollutants from the
7 Medicine Bow facility?

8 A As I recall, a -- HAPs were from fugitives.

9 Q So let's agree to use the term VOCs for
10 volatile organic compound and HAPs for hazardous air
11 pollutants. Is that okay?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Do you recall the final estimates of total
14 HAP emissions from the plant?

15 A After public comment, I believe that it is
16 around 24 total.

17 Q So that's pretty close to the 25 ton per year
18 threshold?

19 A One of the thresholds.

20 Q Yes. So isn't it true that 25 tons per year
21 is a threshold to be a major source of HAPs?

22 A It's one of the thresholds.

23 Q Right. For total HAPs.

24 A Total.

25 Q Okay. Do you recall the estimate of methanol

1 emissions at the Medicine Bow plant?

2 A I believe it was less than 10 tons. After
3 the permit was -- after public comment.

4 Q Do you recall that it's close to the ton --
5 the 10 ton per year threshold?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Okay. Given that the total HAPs number and
8 methanol number were both close to the thresholds to be
9 a major source, did you apply a closer scrutiny to the
10 assumptions in the estimate of the fugitive component
11 leaks?

12 MR. COPPEDE: Object to the form of the
13 question as vague, ambiguous. Calls for a legal
14 conclusion.

15 A After they submitted their revised
16 information, after the public comment period when we
17 were going back and forth, we went through that further
18 and then established additional conditions based on
19 their proposed estimates.

20 Q (By Ms. Issod) Have you permitted PSD
21 facilities that are minor sources of HAPs previously?

22 A Did you mean PSD?

23 Q Yes.

24 A Yes, I permitted PSD facility for minor
25 sources of HAPs.

1 Q Okay. Have you permitted coal facilities
2 that are minor sources of HAPs?

3 A It depends on how you define "coal
4 facilities." By permit -- I've permitted coal mines,
5 and you could call those coal facilities.

6 Q Okay. Were they minor sources of HAPs?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Have you permitted any other coal facility
9 besides coal mines?

10 A I had a coal facility that was going to be
11 PSD'd when they went through the application.

12 Q Were they going to be a minor source of HAPs?

13 A As far as I recall, yes.

14 Q Are you aware of any facilities that are
15 permitted as minor facilities of HAPs that turn out to
16 have larger actual HAP emissions --

17 MS. VEHR: Objection.

18 Q (By Ms. Issod) -- once operating?

19 MS. VEHR: Objection. In terms of each.

20 Q (By Ms. Issod) Just, if you're aware.

21 A I'm not aware, but then I'm not in
22 compliance, so I don't know what tests results have
23 been.

24 Q Okay. Have you testified there was a number
25 of factors that go into estimating fugitive component

1 leaks -- did you independently verify the assumptions
2 using the estimates?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Can you describe, generally, what you -- what
5 you did to verify the assumptions?

6 A We review all the information the applicant
7 provides to make sure they've demonstrated adequately
8 that those assumptions are valid for the process that
9 they're using.

10 Q Okay. Does being a major source of HAPs
11 generally require additional controls and costs?

12 MR. COPPEDE: Objection. Vague and
13 ambiguous.

14 A NESHAPs standards are independent of costs
15 for controls, but it depends on the source category,
16 whether any additional costs would be incurred or not,
17 but I am not an expert on what costs are incurred.

18 Q (By Ms. Issod) Before the final estimate of
19 HAP emissions, previous estimates of HAP emissions from
20 the facility estimate emissions over the minor source
21 threshold; is that right?

22 A The analysis we went to public notice with
23 showed them as being a major source of HAPs.

24 Q Right. And after the public comment period,
25 you worked with Medicine Bow, and there was a

1 reevaluation of a number, and I believe, some design
2 changes, to get that number under the major source
3 threshold. Is that --

4 A The additional information they supplied
5 showed that they were minor -- would be a minor source.

6 Q Okay. So it seems Medicine Bow was
7 interested in coming in under the major source
8 threshold.

9 MS. VEHR: Objection. No knowledge of
10 Medicine Bow's plans.

11 A I don't know.

12 MR. COPPEDE: Calls for speculation.

13 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. Did you have a
14 conversation with anyone at Medicine Bow regarding this
15 issue after the public comment period?

16 A I believe I discussed the matter with Bob
17 Moss, that they would need to address the major source
18 question.

19 Q Okay.

20 A From the public comments.

21 Q Okay. And did he write you a letter in
22 response to that conversation?

23 A I believe we wrote him a letter, and then
24 they responded.

25 Q Okay.

1 A As I recall.

2 Q If you could turn back to Exhibit 3. At the
3 bottom of Page 14. I think it's about the fourth
4 sentence down. There's a sentence that starts, In this
5 case, the WDEQ has taken a special interest. Do you see
6 that sentence?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Can you read that sentence out loud?

9 A In this case, the WDEQ has taken a special
10 interest in the equipment leak emission estimate due to
11 the HAP emission rates, discussed later in this report,
12 and has written a specific condition requirement of
13 Medicine Bow Fuel and Power to conduct a final as-built
14 component count following facility construction but
15 prior to facility initial commissioning.

16 Q Do you agree with that statement?

17 A I would disagree with the "special interest,"
18 but the rest of it, I would agree.

19 Q Okay. Can you explain the specific permit
20 condition that statement is referring to?

21 MS. VEHR: If you're looking from a certain
22 document, if you could identify it just for the record.

23 A (Examines an exhibit.) In Exhibit 4,
24 Condition 19.

25 MS. VEHR: What page are you on?

1 THE WITNESS: It is DEQ Bates number -- or
2 Bates number DEQ 001415.

3 Q (By Ms. Issod) Can you explain that permit
4 condition?

5 A That -- okay. That Medicine Bow Fuel and
6 Power is supposed to demonstrate, when safe completed
7 construction of the facility, that based on the as-built
8 component count, they are to essentially estimate their
9 HAP emissions to ensure that they're a minor source.

10 Q Okay. So how would DEQ verify the final
11 equipment count?

12 A I don't --

13 MS. VEHR: Again, I'm going to object, just
14 on, he's the permit engineer, not the person --

15 A I don't know -- I don't know what the
16 district engineer decided he would do, but he could go
17 to the plant and . . .

18 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. So is the permit
19 essentially out of your jurisdiction at this point?

20 A I'd pretty much say yes, once it's finalized.

21 Q Okay.

22 A Unless they need to come in and do an
23 amendment to it.

24 Q Okay. Well, this permit condition seems
25 to -- it's a requirement prior to startup. It sounds

1 like you're saying that someone else is responsible for
2 that review.

3 A That would be the district engineer.

4 Q Okay. Might the district engineer pass that
5 responsibility to you?

6 MS. VEHR: Objection. Speculation.

7 A I would say it's entirely possible, but I
8 don't know.

9 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. Would that be normal,
10 if he passed this back to you to do some final review
11 before startup?

12 A I don't know on that.

13 Q Okay. If he passes it to you, how would you
14 verify?

15 MS. VEHR: Objection. Calls for speculation.
16 Assumes all sorts of things.

17 MS. ISSOD: Well, he said it was a
18 possibility, so . . .

19 A I would -- I would probably verify the --
20 probably component counts by asking for a P and IDs from
21 the facility. They should be finalized by the time it
22 is built.

23 Q (By Ms. Issod) What are P and IDs?

24 A Piping and instrument diagrams.

25 Q Would you give the public an opportunity to

1 review those documents?

2 MS. VEHR: Objection. Again, he's the permit
3 engineer. Not the head of the department.

4 A Once Medicine Bow would be empowered to
5 submit those documents, it's public record.

6 Q (By Ms. Issod) What would happen if the
7 final component count results in HAP emissions above the
8 minor source threshold?

9 A If they were -- if they were a major source
10 based on the documentation required under this
11 condition, we would see if they needed to do a 112
12 analysis.

13 Q Would it be too late to add on additional
14 controls once the facility is already constructed?

15 A I don't know on that aspect.

16 Q Okay. If you can go back to Exhibit 3. Now
17 I'm going to read from the very bottom of Page 14. Does
18 everyone have the page? If the final exponent count
19 results? Do you see that sentence at the bottom of Page
20 14?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Okay. If the final component count results
23 in VOC or HAP PTE emission rates that are larger than
24 those presented in the Medicine Bow Fuel and Power PSD
25 permit application and WDEQ, CT-5873 decision document,

1 Medicine Bow Fuel and Power will be required to obtain a
2 revised permit application and possibly conduct a MACT
3 analysis prior to startup. Do you agree with that
4 statement?

5 A Yes, I do.

6 Q Okay. How did you determine that the
7 emission factors Medicine Bow used to estimate fugitive
8 component leaks were appropriate?

9 A Since they used a -- the EPA emission
10 factors, you look at the gas -- or the composition, the
11 service. If it's gas service or liquid service, look
12 through those tables, and you can come to the emission
13 factors.

14 Q Did you verify the components for which the
15 emission factors were developed resembled the components
16 that will be used at Medicine Bow?

17 A I do not have sufficient knowledge to know
18 what EPA used to develop those.

19 Q Okay. Did you verify the components at the
20 Medicine Bow facility, and the components used to
21 develop the emission factors have the same number of
22 fugitive emission points?

23 A Component count doesn't factor into, I
24 believe, what you're asking.

25 Q Okay. My understanding is there's different

1 emission factors for different components? Is that
2 right?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Okay. So the emission factors were developed
5 by looking at actual emissions from specific types of
6 components; is that right?

7 A As I understand it, emission factors were
8 generated for pumps, valves, flanges, if that's what
9 you're asking.

10 Q So EPA would look at some pumps to develop
11 the emission factors for pumps; is that right?

12 MS. VEHR: Objection, in terms of foundation,
13 what knowledge he has of how EPA estimates.

14 A To the best of my engineering judgment, I
15 would assume that's what they do, but I do not know.

16 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. So there's one
17 emission factor for pumps, period. There's not -- let
18 me strike that question.

19 Are there different emission factors for
20 different types of pumps?

21 A As I recall, yes.

22 Q Okay. So what criteria do you need to look
23 at to determine which pump emission factor you can use?

24 A Type of service -- type of service.

25 Q Okay?

1 A Light liquid, heavy liquid.

2 Q Okay. Is there any other characteristic that
3 differentiates emission factors like number of possible
4 fugitive emission points from a pump?

5 A Not that I recall.

6 Q Okay. Are you aware that EPA has determined
7 that actual emissions from fugitive sources can be
8 significantly greater than estimates from these 1995
9 factors?

10 A Not that I'm aware of.

11 Q Okay. Are you aware that the State of
12 California has determined that actual emissions from
13 fugitive sources can be significantly greater than
14 estimates from these 1995 factors?

15 A Not that I'm aware of.

16 Q Okay. Did you conduct or review a BACT
17 analysis for the fugitive component leaks?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. Did you conduct a top-down analysis?

20 A That was the modified analysis. Because it's
21 difficult to do a top-down BACT analysis for fugitive
22 emissions.

23 Q Why is that?

24 A Because there is typically only one control
25 strategy for fugitive emissions, as I understand, for

1 VOC emissions, VOC HAP emissions.

2 Q And what is that control strategy?

3 A An LDAR program.

4 Q And LDAR is leak detection and repair?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Is that modified analysis in the records?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Where would that be found?

9 A The BACT analysis for VOCs in the division's
10 technical analysis.

11 Q Does that analysis include consideration of
12 other control options?

13 A You mean besides an LDAR?

14 Q Uh-huh.

15 A No.

16 Q Okay. Did you consider a more stringent
17 plan?

18 MS. VEHR: Objection to what you mean by
19 "stringent."

20 A Can you rephrase that?

21 Q (By Ms. Issod) So did Medicine Bow propose
22 an LDAR plan?

23 A Yes, they proposed an LDAR plan.

24 Q And did you have any concerns about that
25 original proposal?

1 A With the December 2007 submittal?

2 Q Yes.

3 A No.

4 Q No. Did you have any concerns about a
5 subsequent submittal?

6 A The original submittal that Medicine Bow Fuel
7 and Power submitted, we did have concerns with, but that
8 was superseded by the December '07 application.

9 Q And what were the concerns with the original
10 submittal?

11 A Reusing 10,000 ppm emission rates for VOC
12 fugitive emissions.

13 Q And what was your concerns about that number?

14 A That those emission rates did not reflect
15 BACT.

16 Q Okay. So would -- the December 2007
17 submittal was your final determination that that plan
18 represents BACT?

19 A Correct.

20 Q Okay. Did you conclude that the chosen LDAR
21 levels are BACT because they are consistent with new
22 source performance standards?

23 A They were consistent with both new source
24 performance standards and NESHAPs.

25 Q Is that why you determined the plan would

1 represent BACT?

2 A Correct.

3 Q Okay. I'm going to use NSPS to refer to new
4 source performance standards. Is that okay?

5 A That's fine.

6 Q Is NSPS used so they can be met by all new
7 sources in the category?

8 MS. VEHR: And are you talking about Wyoming
9 or EPA NSPS?

10 Q (By Ms. Issod) Let's talk about both, and if
11 you think there's a difference, then let me know.
12 Are -- so I'll repeat the question. Are new source
13 performance standards selected so they can be met by all
14 new sources in the category?

15 MS. VEHR: And again, are you asking him why
16 he knows EPA chose new source performance standards? I
17 mean --

18 MS. ISSOD: I'm asking if he's aware.

19 A I would assume that most new sources would be
20 able to beat -- meet NSPS standards.

21 Q (By Ms. Issod) Don't all new sources need to
22 meet NSPS standards?

23 A If they trigger the applicability for that
24 standard.

25 Q Right. So isn't it true that individual

1 sources can achieve lower emissions than NSPS?

2 MR. COPPEDE: Objection. Calls for
3 speculation. And foundation.

4 A I don't know if I have enough knowledge to
5 say all new sources can.

6 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay.

7 A Because EPA is constantly revising their --

8 Q Okay. Let me repeat the question. My
9 question was, isn't it true that individual sources can
10 achieve lower emissions than NSPS?

11 MS. VEHR: Same objection.

12 MR. COPPEDE: Join in the objection.

13 A I believe that some possibly can. If BACT
14 has been -- and could be lower than an NSPS estimate.

15 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. Got it. Do you use
16 NSPS to determine BACT for other emission sources like
17 boilers, for example?

18 A Do we -- I'd say no. It's not -- it's not
19 our end point for BACT.

20 Q Okay. Is it your starting point for BACT?

21 A It is typically a starting point.

22 Q What particular characteristics about the
23 Medicine Bow facility made the NSPS BACT for fugitive
24 component leaks?

25 MS. VEHR: Objection as to form of the

1 question.

2 MR. COPPEDE: Object on the grounds of
3 foundation.

4 A I believe as described in our analysis, it
5 was combination of NSPS and NESHAPs standards.

6 Q (By Ms. Issod) And what were the particular
7 characteristics of the plan that made you determine that
8 these were appropriate?

9 A The 500 ppm and the 5,000 level were
10 consistent with NSPS and NESHAPs standards. And NESHAPs
11 standards are set irregardless of costs to the company.

12 Q Was there anything about the design of the
13 facility that factored into your determination?

14 A I do not recall.

15 Q Okay. Is there anything you could look at to
16 refresh your memory on that?

17 A I do not think there is. I don't think there
18 is.

19 Q Okay. Are you aware that there are some LDAR
20 programs that control to 200 parts per million?

21 A I am not aware.

22 Q Did you research into other LDAR programs?

23 A We do look at the RBLC database that the EPA
24 keeps.

25 Q Did you look at the RBLC database to research

1 LDAR programs for the Medicine Bow facility?

2 A We -- we did look at the RBLC for the -- for
3 determinations. But there wasn't any other known -- or
4 I did not find, or recall finding, any other
5 coal-to-liquid plants entered into the RBLC.

6 Q And that's RBLC?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And do you know what that stands for?

9 A RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse.

10 Q So did you find anything in the RBLC about
11 LDAR programs that you used in your determination?

12 A I don't recall if we looked at other source
13 categories or not.

14 Q Did you consider leakless components of the
15 BACT option?

16 A I do not believe that was part of our
17 evaluation.

18 Q Okay. Did you account for HAP emissions from
19 the flares during shutdown and malfunction events?

20 MS. VEHR: Objection as to what you mean by
21 "account."

22 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. Did you account for
23 HAP emissions from the flares during SSM events in the
24 HAP potential to emit?

25 MS. VEHR: Same objection.

1 A I -- I don't recall. I'd have to look at
2 that Appendix B of the application there.

3 Q (By Ms. Issod) Would the flares destroy VOCs
4 and HAPs, including methanol?

5 A Flares are a known control device for VOC and
6 HAP emissions.

7 Q Okay. What's your understanding based on?

8 A Engineering judgment.

9 Q Okay.

10 A And that's standard practice under our oil
11 and gas BACT, but I'm not an expert in that program.

12 Q Okay. With regards to the Medicine Bow
13 facility, did you look at any documents or evidence to
14 verify that the flares will destroy VOCs and HAPs?

15 A I did not -- I did not have the design
16 specifications for the flares. But it's generally
17 assumed that flares will destroy VOCs.

18 Q Okay. What conditions are necessary to
19 destroy VOCs and HAPs via combustion in the flares?

20 MR. COPPEDE: I have to object. The
21 question's vague and ambiguous. It lacks foundation.

22 A Using engineering judgment, I would assume
23 temperature and residence time.

24 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. Would you agree
25 turbulence is also --

1 A Proper mixing. Yes.

2 Q Okay. How did you verify that the minimum
3 residence time for combustion will be achieved at
4 Medicine Bow?

5 A I do not recall that.

6 Q Did you verify that the minimum residence
7 time for combustion of VOCs and HAPs will be achieved at
8 Medicine Bow?

9 A We didn't -- we did not verify that, but I
10 believe the flare's subject to the smokeless provisions.

11 Q And what is a smokeless provision?

12 A They are requirements under Chapter 5,
13 Section 2. They require a minimum BTU content and
14 velocity.

15 Q So do these requirements -- you believe that
16 you did not have to verify some assumptions about VOCs
17 and HAPs combustion because of these provisions?

18 A I didn't verify.

19 Q Okay. Is the reason that you didn't verify
20 because of these smokeless provisions?

21 A It has been a practice of the division to
22 assume that flares will destroy VOCs and HAPs if they're
23 properly designed.

24 Q Okay. What assumptions underlie the methanol
25 estimate? The methanol emissions estimate for the

1 Medicine Bow facility?

2 MR. COPPEDE: I object. The question lacks
3 foundation. Go ahead and answer.

4 A Methanol emissions.

5 MS. VEHR: Is there something you need to --

6 A I just need to look where they came from.
7 The majority of methanol emissions were from fugitive
8 emissions, so they would follow the same methodology
9 used to estimate the VOC estimate from emissions using
10 the EPA's emission factors.

11 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. Would a minor change
12 in any of the assumptions underlying this estimate
13 increase methanol potential to emit over 10 tons per
14 year?

15 MS. VEHR: Objection as to what you mean by
16 "minor." Calls for speculation. Facts not in evidence.

17 A I don't know. It would depend on what has
18 changed.

19 Q (By Ms. Issod) Are any of the assumptions
20 underlying the emission calculation enforceable?

21 MR. COPPEDE: Object to form of the question.
22 Vague and ambiguous.

23 MS. VEHR: I'll join in that.

24 A My guess is they could use Condition 2 of
25 Exhibit 4.

1 Q (By Ms. Issod) Condition 2 of the final
2 permit?

3 A Yes. It all has descriptions set forth in
4 the application.

5 Q Okay.

6 A Then we also do have that Condition 19, of
7 Exhibit 4, what I could verify.

8 MS. ISSOD: Okay. Can I take a short break?

9 THE WITNESS: Sure.

10 MS. VEHR: Yes.

11 (Recess from 3:18 p.m. to 3:33 p.m.)

12 Q (By Ms. Issod) Did you get a chance to
13 review some documents during the break?

14 A (Shakes head.)

15 Q No.

16 A No.

17 MS. VEHR: He didn't come around to look at
18 your computer. I'm sorry.

19 MS. ISSOD: Sure. Can we go off the record.

20 (Off the record.)

21 Q (By Ms. Issod) Did you have a chance to
22 review documents during the break?

23 A Yes, I did.

24 Q Can you answer the question now? Did you
25 account for HAP emissions from the flares during SSM

1 events?

2 A No.

3 Q Why not?

4 A The applicant didn't provide any emissions
5 during those events.

6 Q Do you recall asking for emissions during
7 those events?

8 A No. As far as I recall, we did not, because
9 the gasifiers and stuff did not -- the syn gas had not
10 made it down to the other processes, which would have
11 gone back to the flares. As I recall.

12 Q Is the syn gas -- if it did make it down to
13 the flares, does that mean there would be no HAP
14 emissions?

15 A The syn gas hadn't made it through the
16 process to BACT which -- say the MPG process or the
17 methanol process, where it would be sent to the flares.

18 Q I'm just trying to understand the response,
19 being a nonexpert myself. So if you could try to
20 explain again why --

21 A As I recall -- as I recall during startup,
22 syn gas from the gasifiers will go to the flares, until
23 downstream units are able to accommodate the syn gas.
24 And syn gas is primarily composed of CO and hydrogen.
25 And possible amounts of hydrogen sulfide, but that's

1 not . . .

2 Q Okay. So are you saying that you didn't
3 account for HAP emissions during the flares because you
4 don't believe there will be any HAP emissions?

5 A I do not recall there being HAP emissions
6 during startup and shutdown from those emission units.

7 Q And the reason you believe there's no HAP
8 emissions is because of where the syn gas --

9 A Where the streams are coming from, the
10 process streams.

11 Q So what stream is going to the flares during
12 SSM events?

13 A I -- I would need to look at the simplified
14 process flow diagram that was in the analysis. It was
15 reflected there.

16 Q In the DEQ permit analysis?

17 A Yes, and the application.

18 (Deposition Exhibit 5 marked.)

19 Q (By Ms. Issod) Giving you a copy of
20 Exhibit 5. Is that the DEQ permit application analysis?

21 A Correct.

22 MS. VEHR: Can I interrupt for just a second
23 while Andrew is looking at this. In the back of this,
24 Appendix A and Appendix B, and there's something that
25 looks like Section 4? I don't know if that's part of

1 the permit application or not.

2 MS. ISSOD: Okay. There might be some extra
3 pages --

4 MS. VEHR: Okay.

5 MS. ISSOD: -- in the exhibits that
6 correspond to the Bates numbers.

7 MS. VEHR: Okay.

8 MS. ISSOD: Yes.

9 MS. VEHR: I just wanted to reflect that on
10 the question.

11 MS. ISSOD: Okay.

12 Q (By Ms. Issod) Did you have a chance to
13 refresh your memory?

14 A Yeah.

15 MS. ISSOD: Could the court reporter read
16 back the pending question.

17 (Testimony read.)

18 Q (By Ms. Issod) What streams are going to the
19 flares during SSM events?

20 A As I recall, the streams from the GE
21 gasification block and potentially the syn gas-up as it
22 reflects acid and gas removal.

23 Q (By Ms. Issod) Does that change your
24 previous understanding that there won't be HAP emissions
25 from the flares during SSM events?

1 A No.

2 Q Okay.

3 A No, it doesn't change my understanding.

4 Q Okay. So those streams don't contain HAP
5 emissions?

6 A I do not know the exact composition of those
7 streams, but those -- they primarily consist of carbon
8 monoxide -- carbon monoxide, hydrogen, with some CO2 and
9 hydrogen sulfide, and hydrogen sulfide is not considered
10 a HAP.

11 Q Okay. Are VOCs a HAP?

12 A That is difficult to answer, because HAPs are
13 a subset of VOCs.

14 Q Okay. That's a good answer. All right. Did
15 you account for VOC emissions from the flares during SSM
16 events?

17 A I do not recall.

18 Q Okay. And you would need to look --

19 A Appendix B.

20 Q -- Appendix B again. Okay. Are you aware
21 of, Medicine Bow modeled short-term fugitive emissions
22 of particulate matter?

23 A If we can go back to the previous one.

24 Q Sure.

25 A Because I'm looking at --

1 Q Sure.

2 A -- the analysis. In the cold startup table
3 with VOCs from the high pressure and low-pressure flare,
4 so, yes, we did account for.

5 Q Okay. Did you account for VOC emissions from
6 the flares in the potential to emit estimate?

7 A I'd say the VOC emissions are as reflected in
8 the cold startup.

9 Q Okay. Are you aware if Medicine Bow modeled
10 short-term fugitive emissions of particulate matter?

11 A To the extent of which I know of, they had
12 fugitive emissions in the annual model.

13 Q And not in the short-term model.

14 A As far as I understand, but I would defer
15 that to Josh Nall.

16 Q Do you know why they wouldn't model
17 short-term fugitive emissions of particulate matter?

18 MS. VEHR: Objection. It's argumentative.

19 A I'd defer to Josh.

20 Q (By Ms. Issod) All right. Were you involved
21 in the permitting process for the Dry Fork generating
22 facility?

23 A No, I was not.

24 Q Okay. Does the record contain a BACT
25 analysis of PM 2.5?

1 A No, it does not, because we use a PM 10
2 surrogate policy.

3 Q Does the record contain a modeling analysis
4 of PM 2.5?

5 A Not that I'm aware of, but you'd have to talk
6 to Josh.

7 Q Does the record contain an analysis of why
8 PM 10 is a reasonable surrogate for PM 2.5 at the
9 Medicine Bow facility?

10 MS. VEHR: Objection. Modeling. He already
11 said that he needs to talk to -- the question would have
12 to be directed to Josh.

13 MR. COPPEDE: We will object on foundation
14 grounds.

15 A I do not believe that it does, but I have to
16 defer to Josh.

17 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay.

18 A It's outside my area of expertise.

19 Q Did you conduct an analysis of why PM 10 is a
20 reasonable surrogate for PM 2.5 at the Medicine Bow
21 facility?

22 A No, I did not.

23 Q Did you review an analysis of why PM 10 is a
24 reasonable surrogate for PM 2.5 at the Medicine Bow
25 facility?

1 A I do not recall that being in the
2 application.

3 Q Okay. Did you analyze the relationship
4 between PM 10 and PM 2.5 emissions from Medicine Bow?

5 A No, I did not.

6 Q Did you determine that the control
7 technologies selected for PM 10 is at least as effective
8 as the technology that would have been selected if a
9 PM 2.5 BACT analysis were conducted?

10 MS. VEHR: Objection to form of the question.

11 A Would you repeat that? Was that "review" or
12 "conduct"?

13 Q (By Ms. Issod) Okay. Well, let's say
14 "conduct."

15 A No.

16 Q Did you review?

17 A No.

18 Q Can you explain why the PM 10 control at the
19 Medicine Bow facility will control PM 2.5?

20 A I cannot.

21 Q Do you believe the PM 10 control at the
22 Medicine Bow facility will control PM 2.5 emissions?

23 A I do not know.

24 Q Do you know of any controls that are
25 available for PM 2.5 emissions at the Medicine Bow

1 plant?

2 A I do not, because I'm not familiar with
3 PM 2.5 controls.

4 Q Do you know whether PM 2.5 is a separate
5 pollutant from PM 10 under the Clean Air Act?

6 A I know it has a separate NAAQS standard from
7 PM 10.

8 Q Okay. Anything else?

9 A No.

10 Q Okay. Do you think there's technical
11 impediments to conducting a PM 2.5 BACT analysis at the
12 Medicine Bow plant?

13 A That, I don't know, because I'm not familiar
14 with the controls or the emission estimates for the
15 plant. So it would be guessing.

16 Q Do you know whether there's PM 2.5 monitoring
17 stations currently in operation?

18 A In Wyoming, there is a PM 2.5 network. I do
19 not know their precise locations. I'd have to defer to
20 the monitoring program.

21 Q Do you know whether there's PM 2.5
22 measurement methods available?

23 A Not that I'm aware of. It's -- I have not
24 done an analysis of PM 2.5.

25 MS. ISSOD: Okay. Take a quick break.

1 (Recess from 3:52 p.m. to 3:56 p.m.)

2 MS. ISSOD: So I have no further questions,
3 Mr. Keyfauver. Thank you for your time today.

4 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

5 EXAMINATION

6 BY MS. THRONE:

7 Q Mr. Keyfauver, I just have a couple of
8 questions. I don't have this printed as an exhibit, but
9 I'll represent to you that I'm showing him Section 3.1
10 of the decision document.

11 MS. ISSOD: I handed you that as an exhibit.

12 MS. THRONE: The decision document? I don't
13 think so. You had the permit --

14 MS. ISSOD: I might have it, if you want it.

15 MS. THRONE: If you have a hard copy.

16 MS. ISSOD: It includes the public hearing in
17 the front but then it has the decision document.

18 MS. VEHR: I don't think this one has the
19 decision --

20 MS. THRONE: That's not the decision
21 document.

22 MS. ISSOD: That's not the one you're talking
23 about.

24 MS. THRONE: No, I'm talking about the March
25 12th, 2009 decision document that we issued with the

1 permit.

2 MS. ISSOD: This (indicating).

3 MS. VEHR: Yes.

4 MS. ISSOD: Yes. Page 30. Not in the copy?

5 MS. VEHR: Not in this.

6 MS. ISSOD: Well, I have it. I have a hard
7 copy, if you want to use it. Either way. I don't mind
8 either way. If you want to show it on the computer
9 screen.

10 MS. ISSOD: What page are we looking at?

11 MS. THRONE: I'm not sure of the page number.
12 Page 37? No, that's not right. It's Section 3.1 of the
13 decision document. P of FC, applicability for SO2.

14 Q (By Ms. Throne) Mr. Keyfauver, earlier in
15 the deposition, you were asked to testify regarding what
16 emissions were included in the potential to emit or PTE
17 for sulfur dioxide. If I could just give a second to
18 review this paragraph, then I'll ask you a few
19 questions.

20 A (Examines a document.) Okay.

21 Q I believe earlier, you were asked about
22 whether cold start emissions were included in the PTE
23 for sulfur dioxide, and I believe your answer was no.
24 Is that correct?

25 A Correct.

1 Q In this table, it refers to planned
2 maintenance emissions for the gasifiers. Do you know
3 what those emissions are?

4 A As I recall, the planned emissions were
5 emissions from when they had to take down the gasifier
6 change out nozzle or replace in the factory, and
7 during -- when they bring that gasification unit back on
8 line, those emissions would go over to the flare until
9 it met specifications.

10 Q So are these emissions included in the PTE,
11 the gasifier change-out emissions?

12 A Planned maintenance, yes.

13 Q And do you know those were included?

14 A Because they identified those as routine,
15 foreseeable emissions happening during a year.

16 Q And would this involve any startup or
17 shutdown for the gasifier?

18 A Those involve startup for the gasifiers.

19 Q So is it fair to say that routine startup
20 emissions are included in the PTE for sulfur dioxide?

21 A Yes.

22 MS. THRONE: I don't have any more questions.

23 MS. VEHR: Did you guys have any more
24 questions?

25 MR. COPPEDE: No.

1 EXAMINATION

2 BY MS. VEHR:

3 Q Okay. I just had a couple of questions on PM
4 2.5. Are you familiar with the term PM 2.5 precursors?

5 A Yes, I am.

6 Q And would you tell me what a PM 2.5 precursor
7 is?

8 A As I understand, EPA has identified PM 2.5
9 precursors as SOX and NOX emissions which can form
10 sulfates and nitrates downstream in a facility.

11 Q Okay. And does the Medicine Bow permit
12 account for SOX emissions?

13 A It -- yes.

14 Q And does the Medicine Bow facility account
15 for NOX emissions?

16 A Yes, it does.

17 Q And the permit contains emission limits for
18 those precursor pollutants?

19 A Yes, it does.

20 Q You were handed today five exhibits. Are
21 there other documents that you reviewed in processing
22 this permit?

23 A Yes, there were.

24 Q Okay. And when you were asked questions,
25 that was based on your best recollection as of today?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay. And are there any points you want to
3 clarify in responses to any of the questions you've been
4 asked today?

5 A I think I'm good.

6 Q Okay. Could you just generally explain who
7 else would have been involved in the permitting process
8 for this --

9 A Permitting process? I was involved as the
10 application reviewer. Josh Nall was involved as the
11 modeler for the application. Darla Potter and Chad
12 Schlichtmeier were involved as the NSR program
13 supervisor and manager. Let's see. Kimberly Metz was
14 involved, as she is the NSR program administrative
15 assistant, so she was involved with the public notice
16 and assigning AP numbers, put the final permit together.
17 And Dave Finley and John Corra were involved in
18 assigning final permits.

19 Q So somebody reviewed your work before the
20 final permit got issued?

21 A There were a couple layers of review prior
22 to.

23 MS. VEHR: That's all the questions I have.
24 Thanks again.

25 MS. ISSOD: Dan?

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SPEAKER: Yes.
MS. ISSOD: Redirect? Anything?
SPEAKER: No, I'm fine.
MS. ISSOD: Great.
MS. VEHR: Thank you.
(The deposition adjourned at 4:05 p.m.)

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