

1 Pursuant to Notice and the Wyoming Rules of
 2 Civil Procedure, the deposition of KATRINA WINBORN,
 3 called by Sierra Club, was taken on Thursday,
 4 November 5, 2009, commencing at 9:18 a.m., at 405
 5 Mason Court, Suite 117, Fort Collins, Colorado,
 6 before Carolyn Leathers, Registered Merit Reporter,
 7 Certified Realtime Reporter and Notary Public within
 8 and for the State of Colorado.

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 (Ms. Throne was not present at the
3 commencement of the proceedings.)

4 KATRINA WINBORN,
5 being first duly sworn in the above cause, was
6 examined and testified as follows:

7 EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. GALPERN:

9 Q Katrina, would you please state your name
10 and address for the record.

11 A Yes. My name is Katrina Winborn, and my
12 address is 8181 East Tufts Avenue, Denver, Colorado
13 80237.

14 Q Katrina, have you appeared in a deposition
15 previously?

16 A No, I have not.

17 Q Okay. Have you appeared in a court case
18 at all?

19 A No, I have not.

20 Q Okay. But you understand that you are
21 required to tell the truth?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And you understand that you've been
24 designated by Medicine Bow Fuel & Power as an expert
25 witness?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And you have not been designated as an
3 expert witness by the Wyoming Department of
4 Environmental Quality?

5 A Correct.

6 Q Neither have you been designated as an
7 expert witness by the Sierra Club?

8 A Correct.

9 Q Now, are you an employee of Medicine Bow
10 Fuel & Power?

11 A No, I am not.

12 Q Have you ever been an employee of them?

13 A No.

14 Q Are you under contract with Medicine Bow?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. You are --

17 A Let me clarify that. Currently I'm under
18 contract with Hickey & Evans, but my company, URS
19 Corporation, has a contract with Medicine Bow Fuel &
20 Power.

21 Q And your company had a contract with
22 Medicine Bow Fuel & Power well prior to this
23 deposition?

24 A Correct.

25 Q Do you expect to continue to work for URS

1 Corporation on this matter subsequent to -- I'm
2 sorry -- on the Medicine Bow Fuel & Power facility
3 subsequent to this case?

4 A I don't know. It could be reasonably
5 expected, but I honestly don't know.

6 Q Now, the contested case in which we are
7 involved right now has to do with a prevention of
8 significant deterioration permit, air permit?

9 A Yes.

10 Q The facility is also required, I believe,
11 to secure an operations permit subsequent to
12 construction?

13 A Operations permit would be after
14 construction, after facility startup.

15 Q After construction has begun?

16 A Right.

17 MR. COPPEDE: Could we -- Mary is here.
18 Could we break. I apologize for interrupting.

19 MR. GALPERN: Sure. Take a break. Go off
20 the record.

21 (Recess from 9:21 a.m. to 9:22, during
22 which Ms. Mary Throne entered the room.)

23 Q (By Mr. Galpern) So, Katrina, do you
24 expect that you would work on the application for a
25 permit subsequent to construction beginning on the

1 facility?

2 A I would hope that we would be able to help
3 them prepare the application for the operating
4 permit, but I can't say that I expect it. They have
5 not asked us to do that work, nor have we proposed or
6 offered to do that work yet.

7 Q Okay. If URS were to receive that work,
8 would you be the one in charge of such -- might you
9 be the one in charge of that permit?

10 A I might.

11 Q Okay.

12 A Unless I'm on a leave of some sort.

13 Q Now, you joined URS in December of 2007?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And the initial application was filed with
16 DEQ in December 2007?

17 A The initial application was actually filed
18 earlier in 2007 --

19 Q Oh.

20 A -- before they had a design change to
21 produce gasoline products.

22 Q Initially they were going to do diesel?

23 A Yes.

24 Q So December 2007 was when Medicine Bow,
25 through URS, submitted its first version of its final

1 application --

2 A Yes.

3 Q -- for PSD permit? What was your role in
4 the December final application?

5 A I was a project team member. I worked
6 with three other people on our air team to put
7 together the application. I was not the project
8 manager on it.

9 Q Was it substantially redone in December
10 when you joined URS?

11 A Can you clarify?

12 Q There were earlier iterations of the
13 application, and you said that you were on a team of
14 three people to finalize the application that was
15 then submitted in December 2007.

16 A Yes.

17 Q Were there significant changes that you
18 were responsible for making in that first month of
19 your employment with URS?

20 MR. COPPEDE: Object to the form of the
21 question, vague. You can go ahead and answer.

22 A Yes. I would say yes, I was. They were
23 in the process of completing that application at the
24 time I joined, and I joined in December 2007 and did
25 begin doing quite a bit of work on the project.

1 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Okay. Good. John's
2 point reminds me to tell you that if you don't
3 understand a question, please ask me to rephrase
4 it --

5 A Okay.

6 Q -- or clarify it, and you need not answer
7 a question -- don't answer a question unless you are
8 sure that you understand the question.

9 A Okay.

10 Q Now, another preliminary thing, if you
11 need to take a break, let us know. I think we'll try
12 to take a break about once every hour or so.

13 A Okay.

14 Q And if you have given an answer to a
15 question that you later realize was inaccurate,
16 please let me know, and I'll give you the opportunity
17 to revise your answer.

18 A Okay.

19 Q Of course. Now, is there any reason that
20 you would feel that you are not able to give your
21 deposition today due to any mental state or health
22 issues or anything like that?

23 A No, no reason. I feel I can give my
24 deposition today.

25 Q Nothing has arisen in the last, say, 24

1 hours to throw you into a tizzy?

2 A I won't even ask you to clarify that
3 question. No, I am okay. I am very happy today and
4 very happy to give my deposition.

5 Q Okay. If for any reason you need to take
6 a break to make a phone call or anything, you can let
7 me know that as well.

8 A Okay.

9 Q Now, in preparing for this deposition, did
10 you review any documents?

11 A Yes, I did.

12 Q The notice that we sent you asked you to
13 produce those documents. Did you bring them with you
14 today?

15 A Yes. I have a hard copy in front of me of
16 many of the documents I reviewed, but I also have
17 them on a Zip drive. I don't know if you have a
18 computer with you that you are planning to take back,
19 so --

20 Q I do. I do.

21 A So I can give you this and have you
22 transfer all the files. I brought a second one just
23 in case you didn't have a computer with you.

24 Q Okay. Thank you.

25 A So I don't know when to give you that.

1 Q We can do that at a break. Thank you very
2 much.

3 A Okay.

4 Q Can you --

5 A Not a Zip drive. Sorry. It's actually a
6 memory stick.

7 Q Sorry?

8 A It's not a Zip drive. It's actually a
9 flash drive.

10 Q So they are not zipped, they are just PDF
11 files?

12 A Exactly.

13 Q That's better. I have a Mac.

14 A Okay. It should work.

15 Q How are the documents you brought today
16 identified?

17 A On the flash drive, the file names should
18 be self-explanatory -- well, most of them should be
19 self-explanatory. I have them divided into
20 subdirectories that will also be helpful --

21 Q Okay.

22 A -- as far as the topic. I must admit,
23 some of those file names might be a little hard to
24 figure out because I -- if I downloaded a document, I
25 did not rename it in some circumstances.

1 Q Okay. Do you have any idea approximately
2 how many we're talking? 15,000?

3 A No. It will take me a few minutes to
4 count. No, there's quite a few.

5 Q Okay. Who did you speak to in preparation
6 for this deposition?

7 A I spoke with Mary Throne and John Coppede.

8 Q Did you have any correspondence with them
9 that you have produced?

10 A I have actually one item of correspondence
11 from when I -- actually from when I prepared my
12 expert witness report that I have a hard copy of
13 today.

14 Q Okay. Do you have copies of e-mails that
15 occurred between you and John or you and Mary?

16 A Actually, no, I do not. We did have a few
17 e-mails, but the documents that were transferred on
18 those e-mails are on this flash drive.

19 Q Okay.

20 A And the e-mails did not have any substance
21 other than transferring the file.

22 Q So the e-mails do not reflect any comments
23 on drafts of your report, for example?

24 A No.

25 Q The e-mails don't reflect any substantive

1 discussion about the issues involved in this case at
2 all?

3 A No, they do not contain that.

4 Q Can you describe the substance of your
5 conversations with either John or -- first John --
6 about this deposition?

7 A Quite a bit of our discussion has been
8 about the deposition itself because this is my first
9 deposition, so just -- I have had a lot of questions
10 about how the deposition would proceed and what to
11 expect in the questions, what to expect in the
12 setting for today.

13 Q Okay. And how about with Nancy, counsel
14 for Wyoming?

15 A I have not had any conversations with her
16 about this deposition.

17 Q And did you answer both with respect to
18 John and Mary?

19 A Well, with both of them, yeah. Mary has
20 actually also provided information as to what to
21 expect in the deposition. I have talked to them both
22 together numerous times.

23 Q Okay. In preparing your report, your
24 expert report for this case, did you produce drafts
25 of the report?

1 A Just one, yes.

2 Q And did you produce that with the
3 documents that you are going to provide today?

4 A No, I do not have an electronic version of
5 that. I have a hard copy.

6 Q You have a hard copy?

7 A Here, yes.

8 Q Did you discuss the draft report with
9 John?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And did you discuss it with Mary?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And did you take notes on those
14 discussions?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And did you produce those notes?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And you said there was only one draft?

19 A Correct.

20 Q Were there other communications about the
21 substance of the report with John and Mary prior to
22 your crafting a draft?

23 A I have had a few verbal conversations with
24 them.

25 Q Did you take notes on those conversations

1 as well?

2 A I did not.

3 Q Okay. Did you discuss the deposition of
4 Ranajit Sahu with John?

5 A I have, yes.

6 Q And with Mary?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And did you take notes of those
9 conversations?

10 A No, I did not.

11 Q Did you discuss the deposition of Ranajit
12 with Nancy?

13 A No, I did not.

14 Q You are a senior air quality specialist
15 with URS Corporation?

16 A Yes.

17 Q URS is based in Denver?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And where is your principal location of
20 business?

21 A My principal location, I would say, is the
22 Denver office, although I do work from my home office
23 several days a week, but I base out of -- the
24 principal office is in Denver.

25 Q Now, was Medicine Bow the first industrial

1 client matter that you had since working at URS?

2 A Yes, they were the first client I worked
3 on once I joined URS.

4 Q You have worked with multiple industrial
5 clients since you've been with URS?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Can you say approximately how many?

8 A Ten or so.

9 Q Okay.

10 A Yeah. I've worked multiple projects with,
11 in some cases, the same company, and I think I've
12 given you a good count, but quite honestly, I would
13 rather write out something like that so I could count
14 them. But I've given you my best guess.

15 Q Okay. Maybe we will ask you to write that
16 out to make it easier as well in a second. Are any
17 of the clients with whom you've worked since joining
18 URS consuming nearly as much of your time as the
19 Medicine Bow project?

20 A Today, no.

21 Q So far today?

22 A Yeah, so far today. I would say that
23 varies. I have had -- I have had other clients since
24 joining URS that have taken up a tremendous amount of
25 time for a short time period, which is the nature of

1 the work I do.

2 Q Of course.

3 A Yeah. So that's a bit of a difficult
4 question to answer just from the aspect of the time
5 period that you are talking about.

6 Q Okay. But from December 2007 to present,
7 would you say that overall you have spent more time
8 on the Medicine Bow project than on other projects?

9 A No, I would not say that.

10 Q Okay.

11 A Yeah.

12 Q Now, you have a master's degree in
13 environmental policy and management, and your
14 master's, in reading from your thesis, reading from
15 your resume, had to do with development of a
16 greenhouse gas reduction strategy for a mid-sized U.S.
17 oil refinery?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Have you utilized your ideas in this
20 project?

21 MR. COPPEDE: Object, vague and ambiguous,
22 but go ahead and answer to the extent you can.

23 A That is a tricky question. In a sense,
24 yes, but there is such a difference between the
25 refinery that I looked at for this thesis and this

1 facility that I would say to a larger extent no, I
2 haven't been able to.

3 Q (By Mr. Galpern) You haven't been able to
4 fully employ your ideas?

5 A Correct.

6 Q Can you more generally describe your
7 responsibilities with URS?

8 A Yes. I work as an air quality permit
9 engineer primarily. I also do compliance-related
10 work. So what I mean by that is that for most
11 clients, I am preparing an application for either a
12 construction permit, whether it be a large one or a
13 small one, a construction permit, or an operating
14 permit under the Clean Air Act. I work primarily
15 with air quality issues, so I don't work with other
16 media.

17 And when I do do compliance work, that can
18 be widely varied depending on what the client would
19 like for us to do. Sometimes it is assisting with
20 reports that have to be written and submitted.
21 Sometimes it's internal compliance-based plans to
22 help them achieve compliance with their permits. But
23 that's primarily what I do is the permitting and
24 compliance.

25 Q Okay. And all of your clients since

1 you've been with URS have been industrial clients; is
2 that correct?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. So no contracts with the Wyoming
5 Department of Environmental Quality?

6 A Correct.

7 Q Neither with the Colorado clean air
8 agency?

9 A Correct. That's not to say someone at my
10 company hasn't had, you know, some sort of contract,
11 but I have not.

12 Q Does your company have significant
13 contracts with the state clean air agencies?

14 A I don't think so. Definitely not in the
15 air group that I'm aware of right now.

16 Q Okay. And how many persons are in the air
17 group at URS?

18 A In the Denver office?

19 Q Um-hum.

20 A I'm sorry, I have to count.

21 Q Sure.

22 A Six.

23 (Discussion off the record.)

24 Q (By Mr. Galpern) So there are about --
25 you've had about eight different industrial clients

1 since December 2007 --

2 A Yes.

3 Q -- working on either air permits or --
4 either preconstruction or operating air permits?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And is one of those clients Motiva
7 Enterprises?

8 A No.

9 Q So that was prior to coming to URS?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Was that when you worked for
12 McVehil-Monnett Associates?

13 A No.

14 Q Okay. That was when you worked for Motiva
15 directly?

16 A Right.

17 Q I see. At URS, have you been the person
18 who's had primary responsibility for shepherding the
19 Medicine Bow application?

20 A Not the entire time.

21 Q I'm sorry. Since you arrived in December
22 2007.

23 A I've been the primary contact for air
24 permitting for a portion of the time.

25 Q Okay. And what portion is that?

1 A Since early 2008.

2 Q Okay. So since January or February 2008
3 or . . .

4 A More like March.

5 Q Okay. And so you've been the primary
6 person dealing with the Department of Environmental
7 Quality on behalf of Medicine Bow since March 2008?

8 A Correct.

9 Q Was that an assignment that you sought or
10 reluctantly accepted?

11 MR. COPPEDE: Object.

12 MR. GALPERN: Compound?

13 MR. COPPEDE: Vague and ambiguous,
14 compound.

15 A It was a responsibility I accepted.

16 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Okay. You are also a
17 licensed professional engineer in three states, I
18 see?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Do you consider yourself an expert in the
21 air pollution control?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And also in the engineering aspects of air
24 pollution control?

25 A Yes. Although, I'm not a design engineer.

1 Q Got it. You have a bachelor's in chemical
2 engineering. In the course of that, did you have
3 occasion to take courses in mathematics?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Statistics?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Air pollution control?

8 A No, I did not. They were really not
9 offered at that time.

10 Q Atmospheric chemistry?

11 A Not specifically atmospheric chemistry. I
12 don't think anything like that was offered at the
13 time either.

14 Q And for your master's degree, did you have
15 courses specifically in air pollution control?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Atmospheric chemistry?

18 A Not specifically or solely atmospheric
19 chemistry, but there was an element of that in the
20 air pollution control courses.

21 Q Did you produce billing statements for
22 your work with Medicine Bow?

23 A Yes. We've sent invoices to Medicine Bow.

24 Q Did you provide -- are you providing me
25 with copies of those today?

1 A I can, but I don't have them with me.

2 Q Okay. That would be good.

3 A Okay.

4 Q I believe that was part of the request,
5 so . . .

6 A I apologize.

7 Q That's okay. So if you could do that,
8 that would be good. Can you tell me, because it's
9 not denoted here in any particular way, what
10 facilities you have helped secure air pollution
11 permits over the last five years?

12 A Yes. I've helped to secure air permits or
13 completed applications for this facility that we're
14 speaking about today.

15 Q Yes.

16 A Numerous oil and gas facilities, wellhead
17 operations, midstream operations, gas plants,
18 petroleum refineries, ethanol plants, cement plants,
19 chemical plants.

20 Q Have the petroleum refineries -- can you
21 tell me them by name?

22 A Yes. There's a local refinery that I've
23 worked with.

24 Q What's the name?

25 A Suncor.

1 Q Suncor. Did you say in Denver?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Any other refineries?

4 A There is a refinery in Cheyenne that I've
5 worked with. I've not helped them secure air
6 permits, though.

7 Q But you worked with them on air pollution
8 control issues?

9 A Compliance-related issues.

10 Q And what is the name?

11 A Frontier Refining.

12 Q Frontier Refining. Okay. Any other
13 refineries?

14 A No.

15 Q You said that you worked with oil and gas
16 companies with respect to air pollution control,
17 midstream processing, and what does that mean?

18 A That is, generally speaking, after the
19 wellhead, and there are various points along the
20 pipeline until you get to, let's say, a refinery if
21 we're talking about crude oil, so I worked at
22 midstream compressor stations. They are used to
23 boost the pressure of the gas. I've also worked at
24 midstream gas plants that are doing treating at some
25 point in the line before the gas or liquids are sent

1 to other customers.

2 Q So the object is to contain the methane so
3 it doesn't escape into the atmosphere and lose
4 product for the gas companies?

5 A No. The object of those facilities can be
6 varied. It can be to simply compress the gas so that
7 it can be moved farther down the line, provide the
8 force for it to be moved down the line, and then also
9 when I say it cleans the gas or cleans the liquid, it
10 simply removes impurities, brings the product in a
11 specification so that it can be sold, or brings it
12 closer to specification.

13 Q Okay. So the air pollution control
14 requirements in which you were helping facilities
15 come into compliance or stay in compliance had to do
16 with limiting venting during those processes?

17 A In a sense. These facilities have
18 permits, and the permits have numerous conditions in
19 them. So it can be any aspect of the permit, which
20 may or may not include venting emissions.

21 Q And these facilities already had the
22 permits, that you worked?

23 A In some cases, yes. In other cases, no.

24 Q And in those cases no, who are the -- who
25 are those clients where you helped secure permits?

1 A For new facilities, I've been doing work
2 with Kinder Morgan, which is a gas and energy
3 company. I believe that's the only one for new
4 facilities.

5 Q Was that a PSD permit?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Of the facilities that you have worked
8 with, or for --

9 MR. GALPERN: Sorry for the compound form
10 there, John.

11 Q (By Mr. Galpern) -- were any deemed minor
12 sources of air pollutants?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And were any deemed minor sources of
15 hazardous air pollutants?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And was sulfur dioxide a pollutant that
18 was a pollutant of concern in any of these?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Were any of these considered -- were any
21 of these, pursuant to their PTE calculations, deemed
22 minor sources of sulfur dioxide?

23 A Yes.

24 Q So I would like to -- are you doing okay?

25 A Yeah.

1 Q -- submit Exhibit 1.

2 (Exhibit 1 marked.)

3 Q (By Mr. Galpern) It's just your report.

4 Do you have a copy, or would you like another copy?

5 A I do have a copy.

6 Q I would like to go over your report in

7 some detail with you, if that's okay.

8 A Yes. I have a clarification or addition.

9 Q Yes.

10 A During our break, I thought of another

11 company that I have worked for with new facilities.

12 In addition to Kinder Morgan, I've worked with the El

13 Paso Corporation on new facilities.

14 Q What kind of facilities?

15 A Oil and gas.

16 Q Oil and gas. Okay. And the El Paso

17 Corporation oil and gas facilities are in Texas?

18 A Yes. They have more than that, but yes.

19 Q Okay. And the facilities that you worked

20 on were in Texas?

21 A Colorado.

22 Q Colorado. You've got to ask that

23 follow-up question. But you can volunteer those

24 sorts of things, if you would.

25 A I thought you were assuming El Paso from

1 the name El Paso.

2 Q I was. I was.

3 A And I don't know if they originated there
4 or what.

5 Q Yes. Yes. Feel free to elaborate if you
6 think that I'm not getting something.

7 A Okay.

8 Q So can we turn to your report --

9 A Um-hum.

10 Q -- Katrina. So this is your final report?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay. When did you work --

13 MR. GALPERN: Looking at Page 2 of
14 Katrina's report.

15 Q (By Mr. Galpern) You noted that you work
16 closely and directly with EPA's National Petroleum
17 Refinery Enforcement Initiative.

18 A Yes.

19 Q When you say that, you don't mean to imply
20 that you worked for EPA --

21 A That's correct.

22 Q -- to help enforce that initiative?

23 A That's correct.

24 Q You worked for a large oil refinery
25 on-site to stay in compliance with EPA's change in

1 requirements?

2 A That's partially correct. Yes, I did
3 that, but I was also involved in assisting the larger
4 project team as the refineries -- or the company's
5 consent decree was being negotiated with EPA.

6 Q And you helped develop that consent
7 decree?

8 A In part. I was not directly involved in
9 the negotiations.

10 Q Was the consent decree an outgrowth of an
11 EPA enforcement action against Motiva?

12 A No, not against Motiva. It was -- well,
13 in the sense that a consent decree was written for
14 Motiva, I guess I should say yes, but it was the
15 beginning of this National Petroleum Refinery
16 Enforcement Initiative. I was working with the third
17 refinery in the nation to undergo that process of
18 negotiating a global Clean Air Act consent decree.

19 Q What were the major features of this
20 global consent decree with EPA?

21 A It was the -- I think what you would call
22 the typical marquee issues of this initiative
23 centered on NSPS J compliance; New Source Review;
24 PSD-related issues; flaring issues, which included
25 sulfur plant compliance issues; benzene waste organic

1 NESHAPs compliance, N-E-S-H-A-P-s; and equipment
2 leaks, LDAR compliance.

3 Q That's your descriptor, marquee issues?

4 A You will see that phrase when you look up
5 information about this petroleum refinery initiative,
6 and when people discuss it, they will discuss it in
7 that terminology.

8 Q Why did you say you are fortunate to be
9 involved in developing the consent decree and
10 implementing its requirements?

11 A Because it was very interesting work, and
12 it was very fulfilling to me personally because it
13 achieved some very real pollution reductions.

14 Q Great. When you are able to help achieve
15 real pollution reductions, I gather, then, from your
16 prior statement, you feel more fulfilled in your
17 work --

18 A Of course.

19 Q -- than otherwise? Is that your primary
20 motivating factor for becoming an air quality
21 specialist?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Is your master's thesis published?

24 A No. It's available at the University of
25 Denver, but that's the only place I've submitted it

1 to.

2 Q That was what year?

3 A That was in 2002.

4 Q I gather at that time you anticipated that
5 greenhouse gas emissions would be regulated fairly
6 soon after your master's?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Are you surprised that they have not been
9 yet?

10 A Not really, no.

11 Q Disappointed?

12 A Perhaps.

13 Q Thanks to us. To Page 3, the second
14 paragraph, Katrina, "The Saddleback Hills Mine is
15 expected to produce approximately 3.2 million tons
16 per year of coal." Is that a significant amount in
17 the context of Powder River Basin coal mines?

18 A I don't know.

19 Q Have you been to Saddleback Hills Mine?

20 A No, I have not personally visited.

21 Q So you haven't visited the site of the
22 facility that --

23 A No, I have not.

24 Q -- you've helped secure the permit to
25 construct? Have you been to Medicine Bow, the town?

1 A No, I have not.

2 Q Do you know where Medicine Bow is?

3 A I do.

4 Q Do you know what county it's in?

5 A It's in Carbon County.

6 Q Is Carbon County part of Powder River

7 Basin?

8 A Honestly, I'm not for certain.

9 Q Now, the next paragraph, you note that the

10 facility will produce, in combination, approximately

11 700 million British thermal units per hour of energy.

12 Is that enough for the plant operation?

13 A Yes. Actually, can you clarify that

14 question? I'm not sure I understand that.

15 Q Well, the energy that's going to be

16 utilized from the fuel gas that's produced in the

17 facility, and the LPG that is produced also in the

18 process, it's my understanding -- and I think that

19 this is reflected in your report -- that that energy

20 will not be for sale?

21 A Correct.

22 Q It will be utilized in the processes of

23 the facility itself?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And those processes are designed to

1 produce, among other things, gasoline for sale?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And so what I'm wanting to know is does
4 the combination of the energy that's available from
5 the production of the liquefied petroleum gas and
6 also the fuel gas -- will that all be used by the
7 facility -- will that be sufficient to meet the
8 facility's energy needs?

9 A Yes, it should. According to my
10 understanding, when they start up, they may need
11 natural gas in order to get started up.

12 Q Yes.

13 A But on a normal basis, that should be
14 sufficient for the use.

15 Q So you mean for any startup or just a cold
16 startup?

17 A I think it would be just a cold startup.

18 Q Okay. So for non-cold startups, they will
19 not -- you don't believe they will need to use
20 additional natural gas to -- because they will still
21 have sufficient LPG around and fuel gas around to
22 meet their power needs?

23 A Yes. That's my thought, my understanding.
24 I have not discussed that specific question with
25 anybody from Medicine Bow.

1 MR. GALPERN: Okay. I said we would take
2 a break every hour. We're on the hour, so let's go
3 off the record and take a -- what length of break is
4 customary here in Fort Collins, Colorado?

5 MS. VEHR: I would say if you want to
6 stroll, it would be longer. I don't know.

7 (Recess from 10:11 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)

8 Q (By Mr. Galpern) So, Katrina, you note in
9 your report that in your experience, cold-start
10 emissions are not included in the facility's PTE
11 calculation?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And you previously testified that you have
14 actually worked for some facilities that received --
15 well, actually, I'm not sure you did. Which
16 facilities, in your experience, received PSD permits
17 in part because cold-start emissions were not
18 included in their PTE?

19 A I'm sorry. Say that question again.

20 Q You testified -- or you reported that in
21 your experience, cold-start emissions are not
22 included in the facility's PTE.

23 A Um-hum, yes.

24 Q And so if they are not included, as in
25 this facility, they may not be a major source, for

1 example, for SO2?

2 A Correct.

3 Q So which facilities, in your experience,
4 have received air permits when their cold-start
5 emissions were not included in their PTE -- or the
6 PTE calculation for them?

7 A Both the refineries that I have personally
8 worked at.

9 Q Is that the El Paso refinery?

10 A No. No.

11 Q Oh, I guess I didn't get those names.
12 Which refineries?

13 A That is in my resume, or CV. Motiva
14 Enterprises, their refinery south of Baton Rouge,
15 Louisiana, and Flint Hills Refining Company. At the
16 time I worked for them, they were called Koch,
17 spelled K-o-c-h, Koch Refining Company, south of
18 Minneapolis. Those two facilities are the first
19 examples that I think of when you ask that question.
20 They have PSD -- or have had PSD permits and do not
21 have cold-start emissions included.

22 Q Did you work on those PSD permits?

23 A To procure them, no, not for the original
24 construction. Subsequent modifications I worked on
25 projects for.

1 Q So you worked on securing -- probably
2 shouldn't call it procuring -- securing the PSD
3 permits for expansions of facilities?

4 A Expansions or modifications.

5 Q Modifications that resulted in additional
6 emissions?

7 A Yes.

8 Q You put the term "cold" in quotes on
9 Page 5, Paragraph 3, Line 1.

10 A Um-hum, yes.

11 Q Is this because when the facilities are
12 brought back online subsequent to outages or
13 turnarounds, they are -- they are brought up to
14 operating temperatures first, and so, in fact, when
15 they are starting up, they are not cold? Is that why
16 you put it in quotes?

17 A Mostly I put it in quotes because I
18 probably don't understand when to use quotations and
19 when not to. But I did do that for a reason, and
20 that's mostly the reason. You say -- we say "cold,"
21 and we don't mean cold as in to the touch.

22 Q Right.

23 A We mean cold as in the equipment is at
24 ambient conditions, whatever that might be. It's not
25 necessarily at operating conditions.

1 Q And in fact, after an outage or a
2 turnaround for a facility with this type of design,
3 you would be bringing them up -- the equipment up to
4 operating temperatures which exceeds ambient
5 temperatures?

6 A Correct.

7 Q What's a turnaround?

8 A A turnaround is a term that's used across
9 industry. It's similar to the term "outage." A
10 turnaround is a major maintenance activity,
11 primarily. It's a time when the entire facility, or
12 a portion of a facility, is shut down and the
13 equipment is brought to ambient conditions so that
14 inspection work can occur, maintenance work can
15 occur, any sort of other special maintenance or
16 inspection needs can be performed at that time.

17 Q So when you use the two terms "outages"
18 and "turnaround," you mean something different by
19 that, although they are similar. Are you saying an
20 outage is less predictable, whereas a turnaround is
21 an event pursuant to a planned schedule?

22 A No. I present those two different terms
23 because I have found that people in different
24 industries use different terms, or sometimes
25 people -- you know, for example, lawyers -- might use

1 different terms. I find them to be equivalent, and I
2 find that the electric utility industry, for example,
3 will use the word "outage," whereas refining
4 petroleum industries might use the word "turnaround."
5 So it's just an observation I've made in the course
6 of my career, that these two terms are
7 interchangeable.

8 Q The plant's energy needs will be met in
9 part with LPG generated at the facility or fuel gas
10 generated at the facility?

11 A Correct.

12 Q And those will feed generators to produce
13 the electricity necessary for the facility's
14 operations?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Those fuels go to the -- get transmitted
17 to the generators through lines?

18 A Yes.

19 Q If there were an earthquake and a line
20 were -- let's say both lines were severed, the
21 facility would need to shut down at least
22 temporarily --

23 A Yes.

24 Q -- correct? Would you call that a
25 turnaround?

1 A I would not.

2 MR. COPPEDE: Go ahead. I didn't mean to
3 interrupt.

4 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Would you call that an
5 outage?

6 A No.

7 Q What would you call that?

8 A I would call that a malfunction.

9 Q Malfunction. Okay. So you are using
10 outage -- shutdown of the plant pursuant to that kind
11 of breakdown would not be an outage; it would be a
12 loss of power pursuant to a malfunction?

13 A Yes.

14 Q I want to understand your use of the term
15 "normal" with respect to your opinions on potential
16 to emit.

17 A Okay.

18 Q And I'll try to do this by giving you a
19 mundane example, the maintenance schedule of the type
20 of car that I drive.

21 A Okay.

22 Q Since I'm a public interest lawyer, I
23 drive a fairly older car and try to run my cars as
24 far as they can go before replacing them, and so I
25 try to stick with what the dealer says is a -- or not

1 the dealer, but my mechanic says is a normal schedule
2 of maintenance. Every week, every two weeks, you're
3 supposed to check tire pressure. Would you regard
4 that as part of a normal schedule of maintenance?

5 A Yes, I would.

6 Q Every two weeks?

7 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, vague, lacks
8 foundation.

9 Q (By Mr. Galpern) You can continue to
10 answer as long as you understand it. Every four
11 months or 5,000 miles, change the oil. Normal?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. Every six months or every 7,500
14 miles --

15 MR. COPPEDE: Same objection.

16 Q (By Mr. Galpern) -- rotate the tires.
17 Part of the normal schedule of maintenance?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Every 12 months or every 15,000 miles,
20 replace the air-conditioning filter. Normal part of
21 my maintenance?

22 A Yes, for filter replacement.

23 Q Filter replacement. Every 24 months, two
24 years, or 30,000 miles, replace the engine coolant.
25 Part of normal maintenance?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And then every 48 months or 60,000 miles,
3 replace the timing belt. They say, actually, replace
4 the timing belt and the water pump at the same time,
5 but every 48 months or 60,000 miles, replace the
6 timing belt. Part of normal maintenance?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. On Page 5, could you read the first
9 sentence after the heading PTE Calculation.

10 A "A facility's potential to emit (PTE)
11 emission rate is calculated for each pollutant on the
12 basis of equipment design capacities, taking into
13 account physical or operational limitations, and
14 including limitations from pollution control devices
15 or air permit restrictions provided that the air
16 permit limitations are federally enforceable."

17 Q Do you still agree that that's a good
18 working summary definition of PTE calculation?

19 A Yes.

20 MR. GALPERN: Can I provide now Exhibit 2.

21 (Exhibit 2 marked.)

22 Q (By Mr. Galpern) This is Chapter 6 of the
23 Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air
24 Quality Division, Standards and Regulations. You are
25 familiar with these --

1 A Yes.

2 Q -- Katrina, correct?

3 A Yes.

4 Q I've just provided excerpts so as to save
5 on paper. The third page has the -- well, first of
6 all, just to set the foundation, if you could go to
7 the first page, Katrina, you will see the table of
8 contents. I'm going to be directing you to Page 660.
9 Do you see that that is within the section titled
10 Prevention of Significant Deterioration?

11 A Yes.

12 Q So to Page 3.

13 MS. VEHR: Page 3 of the --

14 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Page 3 of the handout,
15 Page 660, thank you, of the Wyoming Air Quality
16 Division Standards and Regulations. The definition
17 of potential to emit, could you read the first two
18 sentences of that.

19 A Yes. "Potential to emit means the maximum
20 capacity of a stationary source to emit a pollutant
21 under its physical and operational design. Any
22 physical or operational limitation on the capacity of
23 the source to emit a pollutant, including air
24 pollution control equipment and restriction on hours
25 of operation or the type or amount of material

1 combusted, stored or processed, shall be treated as
2 part of its design if the limitation or the effect it
3 would have on emissions is enforceable."

4 Q Does Wyoming's definition -- this is
5 Wyoming's definition of potential to emit in the
6 relevant regulations?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Does this definition include the word
9 "normal"?

10 A No, it does not.

11 Q Does this paragraph restrict the emissions
12 to be considered in a proper PTE calculation to
13 normal emissions?

14 A It does not speak to that.

15 Q Does the summary of the definition that
16 you provided in your report on Page 5, second
17 paragraph, first line, include -- restrict the
18 emissions to be considered for purposes of PTE
19 calculation to normal emissions?

20 A It also does not speak to that.

21 Q Now, your summary definition speaks to the
22 emissions stemming from a facility on the basis of
23 equipment design capacities, correct?

24 A Correct.

25 Q Can we go back to the Wyoming definition?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And the first sentence, do you see that
3 "Potential to emit" -- quoting now -- "means the
4 maximum capacity" --

5 A I see it says that.

6 Q -- "of a stationary source to emit"? Does
7 the Wyoming definition in any way indicate that cold
8 startup emissions should not be included in the PTE?

9 A I think the Wyoming definition doesn't say
10 you should or shouldn't include them.

11 Q What state law supports your opinion,
12 Katrina, that PTE calculations exclude emissions from
13 cold startups?

14 A My opinion that the cold startups are
15 excluded comes primarily from my experience, which
16 comes from interpretation of the regulations in
17 various states.

18 Q Your interpretation?

19 A Others' interpretations as well.

20 Q So no state statutes, to your
21 understanding, supports that interpretation?

22 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, misstates her
23 testimony.

24 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Does any state statute,
25 to your knowledge, support that interpretation?

1 A To my knowledge, no. I'm not familiar
2 with the statutes.

3 Q Any state regulation?

4 A My opinion, several states will be as
5 silent on the issue as Wyoming is.

6 Q Okay. Any federal statute, to your
7 knowledge, that you can point to support that
8 exclusion?

9 A The federal definitions of PTE are very
10 similar to these we've looked at.

11 Q So is that no?

12 A I don't know of any that restrict or that
13 include.

14 Q Okay. And any -- finally, this is the
15 whole field -- any federal regulation?

16 A How did that differ from the last one?

17 Q Oh, that was federal statute.

18 A Oh, okay. Same answer.

19 Q Okay. Katrina, could you explain for me
20 Footnote No. 1? I really don't understand it.

21 MS. VEHR: What document are you
22 referencing?

23 MR. GALPERN: I'm sorry. Still on
24 Katrina's report.

25 MS. VEHR: Okay.

1 Q (By Mr. Galpern) And now at the bottom of
2 Page 6, this is a note -- I mean, I'll just set the
3 stage, Katrina. Katrina noted that it is her
4 experience, ten years working in operating facilities
5 and seven years assisting operating facilities with
6 air quality permitting, that these, quote, cold-start
7 emissions are not included in the facility's PTE
8 emission rates. Then you have a footnote that I
9 don't understand, and maybe you can read it.

10 A Yes. "This discussion applies to shutdown
11 emissions related to shutdown activities for outages
12 and turnarounds. Shutdown emissions are not
13 discussed here as they are not the focus of this
14 discussion for the MBFP facility."

15 Q So you are saying that this discussion
16 applies to shutdown emissions, but then you say
17 shutdown emissions are not discussed. Did you mean
18 shutdown emissions from -- so I don't understand.
19 Are you able to clarify?

20 A Yes, I can. This was intended just to be
21 a clarifying footnote. When one speaks of startups,
22 they often speak of startups and shutdowns.

23 Q Yes.

24 A Because you obviously have to shut down
25 the equipment if you are going to start it back up

1 again.

2 Q Right.

3 A It is my experience, although I cannot say
4 definitely for this facility, that most shutdowns
5 really don't result in that many emissions to
6 atmosphere or vents to flare. Sometimes they can, of
7 course, but it's just my experience that it's usually
8 the startup of equipment is where you generate vents
9 to atmosphere or vents to a flare.

10 Q So did you mean to say in this footnote
11 that this discussion applies to startup emissions
12 following shutdown activities, but that shutdown
13 emissions are not discussed here as it's not the
14 focus of your discussion?

15 A No. I meant to say what I wrote here,
16 although perhaps I didn't word it very clearly. You
17 know, we are talking about cold-start emissions. I
18 just felt the need to say that we could be talking
19 about startup and shutdown emissions, or that you
20 might find someone within the context of all these
21 discussions mention startup/shutdown. I just simply
22 wanted to provide that clarification that when I am
23 writing about it, in my mind I'm thinking about
24 startups as being the principal source of emissions.

25 Q Okay.

1 A And I have not personally given much
2 consideration to shutdown emissions.

3 Q Okay.

4 A So I apologize if that was unclearly
5 worded.

6 Q But by this, you meant to say that if
7 there were shutdowns that occurred because of outages
8 or turnarounds -- did I say that right? If there
9 were a shutdown that resulted in some emissions
10 created as a result of an outage or a turnaround,
11 those two should not be deemed, in your opinion,
12 normal, and then also should be excluded from the
13 definition of -- from the calculation of PTE?

14 A Correct. You said from turnarounds and
15 outages.

16 Q Yes. Turnarounds and outages.

17 A Yes. Yes.

18 Q All right. Going back to the source of
19 your understanding that cold-start emissions should
20 be excluded -- or shutdown emissions pursuant to
21 outages and turnarounds should be excluded from a PTE
22 calculation, you testified -- you stated recently
23 that you could not think of a state or federal
24 statute or a state or federal regulation that
25 supported that interpretation. Can you think of --

1 do you know of any court decision that supports that
2 interpretation?

3 MR. COPPEDE: I have to object,
4 foundation, and I think it misstates her prior
5 testimony, but you may answer to the extent you can.

6 A I think I said earlier that I'm not aware
7 of statutes that prevent it or allow it.

8 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Right.

9 A I'm sorry. Repeat the question.

10 Q So can you think of a court decision that
11 excludes from the emissions to be included in the PTE
12 calculation cold-start emissions?

13 A I cannot think of a court example.

14 Q Okay. Same question as regard to any
15 guidance document from the Wyoming Department of
16 Environmental Quality.

17 A I cannot think of anything.

18 Q A guidance document from any state air
19 permitting agency that you've worked with?

20 A No.

21 Q Okay. Thank you. I just wanted to
22 exhaust the -- make sure I wasn't missing something.
23 So staying on Page 6 of your report, does PTE also
24 stand for permitted to emit?

25 A Potential to emit.

1 Q Just potential, not permitted to emit?

2 A I've never heard it used in that way.

3 Q Okay. So do you see the heading
4 Unintended Consequences of Including Cold Start
5 Emissions in PTE? Could you read -- on Page 6 of
6 your report, could you read the first sentence
7 following the heading.

8 A Yes. "A very practical and
9 environmentally beneficial reason exists for an
10 agency to omit cold-start emissions from a facility's
11 PTE: If such emissions are included in the PTE, then
12 those emissions have been permitted, and the facility
13 is then allowed to emit up to that level as
14 established by the PTE."

15 Q Do you believe that a permitting agency,
16 such as DEQ or any other state permitting agencies
17 that you've dealt with, is required to permit -- that
18 is, including allow it to permit -- all emissions
19 that formed the basis of a facility's PTE
20 calculation?

21 A I think I understand your question.

22 Q I'm happy to rephrase if you --

23 A Yeah, please, that might help me.

24 Q Okay. Do you believe that permitting
25 agencies, DEQ, for example, are required to permit

1 all emissions that form the basis of a facility's PTE
2 calculation?

3 A I think they should because it's PTE;
4 however, I don't think they are necessarily required
5 to. I've never been asked that question before and
6 have not had to consider it.

7 Q Okay. Because in this sentence that you
8 read, you equate emissions included in the PTE
9 calculation --

10 A Um-hum, yes.

11 Q -- with the emissions that would, in fact,
12 be permitted --

13 A Yes.

14 Q -- under a permit.

15 A Yes.

16 Q As opposed, for example, that -- let's say
17 a hundred tons per year of a particular pollutant
18 could go into the PTE calculation, and that amount --
19 because that is the amount that the facility or the
20 agency, if the agency is doing the PTE calculation,
21 is maximally capable of emitting given the design of
22 the facility, and the agency might then permit only
23 20 tons of that pollution per year, for whatever
24 reason: health and welfare, ensure that that
25 facility is not going to eat up the max increment.

1 And so that's the basis of my question. My question
2 is getting to why are you -- my question is, why do
3 you equate emissions included in a PTE calculation,
4 which is maximum potential to emit, with what the
5 agency is required to provide in the permit?

6 A I do that because it's a logical
7 conclusion to make when somebody is asking these
8 types of questions about cold-start emissions. I
9 have every indication from experience, but then also
10 from the permit that was issued, that the PTE for the
11 facility would be listed at the full PTE that's been
12 calculated and that no other limit has been
13 established under the PTE. I see that in the final
14 permit that we have now.

15 Q Yes.

16 A And so it is a logical conclusion that I
17 draw.

18 Q Okay. Conclusion based on this
19 particular -- experience with this particular permit?

20 A Yes, as well as other projects. Like I
21 say, I've not been asked that question before, and
22 I've not come across that example that I can
23 immediately recall.

24 Q Are you saying that in your experience
25 with all your projects, agencies have permitted the

1 amount of emissions that a facility is maximally
2 capable of generating?

3 A I cannot recall.

4 Q Okay.

5 A I would have to look at it in more detail
6 to answer.

7 Q Okay. But again, you are basing your
8 equating of the term "PTE" with what actually is
9 permitted on experience rather than reading of any
10 statute?

11 A Yes, but as we've established, I think, in
12 our previous conversation here, I think the rules can
13 be fairly silent on this, on this topic.

14 MR. GALPERN: Let's go off the record for
15 a second.

16 (Recess from 11:05 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.)

17 (Last question and answer read.)

18 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Page 6 and 7, you have
19 an argument --

20 MR. COPPEDE: Object to the
21 characterization.

22 Q (By Mr. Galpern) You have a -- well, it
23 is an argument. They are premises; you have
24 conclusions. That's an argument. I want to
25 summarize your argument. And I don't actually have

1 to respond to objections, but John made me think
2 again. John always makes me think.

3 I want to see if I'm fairly characterizing
4 your argument here in four brief sentences. Not
5 including cold-start emissions in the PTE calculation
6 means they will not be permitted. If cold-start
7 emissions are not permitted, then any such emissions,
8 or excess emissions, are potentially subject to
9 penalty. C, the potential for penalty constitutes an
10 incentive to control, reduce and prevent cold-start
11 emissions. Therefore, not including cold-start
12 emissions in a PTE calculation is a more stringent
13 approach to controlling cold-start emissions than
14 including them. Is that fair?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Suppose, please -- suppose that the PTE
17 included cold-start emissions, but a permit term by
18 DEQ is imposed as part of the BACT requirement that
19 bars such emissions, okay? So it's in the PTE, but
20 it's barred -- the facility is barred from emitting
21 them by a permit term. Do you follow the scenario?

22 A I do, yes.

23 Q Would the facility have the same incentive
24 to control, reduce and prevent cold-start emissions
25 that you just talked about?

1 A I think it depends on how that permit term
2 is written.

3 Q If it is written to not permit any
4 cold-start emissions?

5 A That's a difficult question. If it's
6 written to not permit any cold-start emissions,
7 meaning not allow any cold-start emissions --

8 Q Yes.

9 A -- then I don't understand what the point
10 of that permit term is, because that's the situation
11 they have right now, in my opinion.

12 Q If cold-start emissions for the Medicine
13 Bow facility were included, then the facility would
14 be deemed a major source of SO2 emissions, correct?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And so under the scenario that I just
17 postulated, the difference would be that it would be
18 considered a major source of SO2 emissions, and thus
19 compelled to undergo a full BACT analysis?

20 MR. COPPEDE: Object to the form of the
21 question, compound, calls for -- lacks foundation,
22 calls for a legal conclusion.

23 MR. GALPERN: You can answer.

24 A I'm not sure what the question was. I
25 think -- I understand you just told me -- clarified

1 what the difference is.

2 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Yes. Yes.

3 A And I agree with that. My response in
4 that I didn't understand what the difference is, I'm
5 thinking in terms of day-to-day compliance and actual
6 operation of the facility, that if they are operating
7 and they are facing a cold-start situation, then if
8 they have -- whether or not they are a major source
9 for SO₂, if they are facing a cold-start emission and
10 they are not allowed to have those emissions, and if,
11 by having those emissions, they will be in violation
12 or have excess emissions from their permit limit,
13 there's no practical difference --

14 Q No practical.

15 A -- between the two.

16 Q So then is it fair to say that if there's
17 no practical difference, then they would have the
18 same incentive?

19 A If there's no practical difference, I
20 think yes, they would have the same incentives.

21 Q Okay. On Page 7, Katrina, starting with
22 the section headed No Change to Selected Best
23 Available Control Technology, in the second
24 paragraph, you assert that a BACT analysis for SO₂
25 was, in fact, done in compliance with Wyoming Air

1 Quality Standards and Regulations; is that correct?

2 A Yes, with reference to the application
3 analysis done by the DEQ.

4 Q Are you saying that your only source of
5 information that such a BACT analysis was done is the
6 application analysis?

7 A I'm saying that there is reference to the
8 startup/shutdown emissions as well as all the other
9 SO2 emission sources in that analysis, yes.

10 Q You are saying that you refer to that?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Advancing to Page 10 for a second, in the
13 first large paragraph titled Top-Down BACT
14 Methodology -- BACT is B-A-C-T -- you note that PSD
15 review was not triggered for SO2 because the facility
16 was deemed a minor source of SO2 emissions and that
17 such a review would include a PSD BACT analysis, but
18 that a BACT analysis was done anyhow, again, in
19 accordance with Wyoming Air Quality Standards and
20 Regulations. In your opinion, what is the principal
21 difference between a Wyoming air quality BACT
22 analysis and a federal PSD BACT analysis?

23 A The most immediate difference that I can
24 think of actually relates to minor sources in that in
25 the state of Wyoming, the BACT analysis has to be

1 done for all emission sources regardless of whether
2 they are major or minor under the New Source Review
3 program.

4 Q Assuming the facility is a major source,
5 is there any difference, in your opinion, between a
6 Wyoming BACT analysis and a federal BACT analysis?

7 A Assuming it's a major source, no, there's
8 not. If you are a major source, you are going to
9 have done a PSD review, and the BACT analysis done
10 suffices for both the Wyoming standards as well as
11 the federal PSD rule.

12 Q Is the inverse true also: When a person
13 is following the Wyoming rules on the BACT analysis,
14 it will satisfy the federal BACT requirement?

15 A The ultimate result, more than likely,
16 yes. If you are doing one for a minor source in the
17 application, you may not have as detailed a written
18 discussion that you might have for something that
19 will be reviewed by EPA, but I think, based on my
20 experience, that the minor sources do arrive at, for
21 the most part, the same BACT result that you would if
22 you were major.

23 Q By "BACT result," you mean the control
24 technologies and schedule for the application of
25 those technologies?

1 A Control technology.

2 Q Control technology?

3 A And resulting permit limit, if there is
4 one.

5 Q Okay. Page 8, middle of the first
6 paragraph, you say that "Very few emission control
7 options exist to control flaring emissions," and you
8 said this in the course of saying that the BACT that
9 was chosen under the Wyoming-required BACT analysis
10 would be the same if a full federal BACT analysis
11 were done.

12 A Yes.

13 Q The only control provided with the flare
14 is the flare itself, you say, and after that, one
15 needs to control the rate and composition of the flow
16 to the flare.

17 A Yes.

18 Q When you said, "Very few emission control
19 options exist," then, did you have in mind any
20 particular emission control options other than the
21 ones we just talked about?

22 A No, honestly. I think I might -- I say,
23 "Very few emission control options exist," but
24 perhaps I would have been more correct to say none
25 that I know of. I do not know of any others that

1 exist.

2 Q Okay. Page 9, still the Katrina report,
3 you note that there's no need for DEQ to justify
4 their decision to establish non-numerical limitations
5 and instead rely on work practices because of
6 language in CFR 52.21, correct?

7 A Correct.

8 Q And then you cite 52.21(b)(12). Was this
9 the full citation of that provision?

10 A I think it is.

11 Q Okay. Could you please read the first
12 sentence.

13 A Of the citation?

14 Q Yes.

15 A "If the administrator determines that
16 technological or economic limitations on the
17 application of measurement methodology to a
18 particular emissions unit would make the imposition
19 of an emissions standard infeasible, a design,
20 equipment, work practice, operational standard, or
21 combination thereof, may be prescribed instead to
22 satisfy the requirement for the application of best
23 available control technology."

24 Q You conclude from this that a work
25 practice or operational standard -- this is at the

1 first sentence after the quote -- is an acceptable
2 means to establish BACT. Does the first sentence of
3 the quote that you read condition your opinion in any
4 way?

5 A That it does not change my opinion in any
6 way, or condition it.

7 Q In the application that you helped write,
8 is there an analysis leading to a determination that
9 that numerical emissions standard for the flares is
10 infeasible?

11 A Not, not in the application.

12 Q Was there an analysis and determination of
13 infeasibility in the permit analysis?

14 A I don't think there is a specific
15 discussion --

16 Q Okay.

17 A -- to that point. I'm looking at the
18 analysis now where I think it may be, and in the
19 interest of time, I'm saying I don't think there is.

20 Q You mean where it would be if it were
21 there?

22 A Right.

23 Q Is that what you meant, Katrina?

24 A Yeah, where it would be if it were there.
25 I'm just flipping through a hard copy of it. It's

1 not marked.

2 Q Okay. For what it's worth, I also did not
3 see it. Is there a -- oh, what did I call it? -- a
4 specific determination of infeasibility following
5 analysis in the permit itself?

6 A I do not think there's a discussion of
7 infeasibility or impracticability.

8 MR. GALPERN: Can we mark the permit as an
9 exhibit and pass that around.

10 (Exhibit 3 marked.)

11 Q (By Mr. Galpern) To your knowledge,
12 Katrina -- I'm sorry. Did you answer the question
13 with respect to the permit?

14 A Yes.

15 Q To your knowledge, Katrina, is there an
16 infeasibility determination following an analysis on
17 this in the record anywhere?

18 MR. COPPEDE: Object to the extent the
19 record would speak for itself on that issue, but go
20 ahead and answer to the extent you can.

21 A I'm not aware of one.

22 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Okay. What prevents
23 numerical limits from being placed on flares?

24 A The ability to prove that you can comply
25 with a numerical limit placed on a flare.

1 Q The facility's inability to prove
2 compliance?

3 A Yes.

4 Q If there were a numerical limit placed on
5 flaring, say, for SO2 emissions, would it be
6 incumbent on the facility to affirmatively prove
7 compliance?

8 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, vague, ambiguous,
9 and calls for speculation.

10 A Can you restate that? I'm not
11 understanding.

12 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Would the burden be on
13 the facility to prove compliance with a numerical
14 limit?

15 MR. COPPEDE: Object to the form of the
16 question, legal conclusion. Go ahead.

17 A I would think so.

18 Q (By Mr. Galpern) You would think so.
19 Okay. How does a facility show compliance with any
20 numerical limit?

21 A With any numerical limit, it can be
22 through either a direct measurement or through
23 calculation.

24 Q And so are you then saying that this
25 facility would not be able to show, through a

1 calculation, that it was in compliance with a
2 numerical limit?

3 A I think it would be a challenge to do
4 that. I think it could be possibly done. The
5 accuracy of that calculation, I think, could be in
6 question. Flares are very difficult to do
7 calculations for.

8 Q Okay. Then the same question with respect
9 to measurement. You said there were two ways of
10 showing compliance, measurement and calculations. By
11 "calculations," I assume you mean the amount, for
12 example, of sulfur that's in the stream going to the
13 flare?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And for measurement, I assume you mean
16 some instrument that measures actual emissions?

17 A Yes.

18 Q So the same question with respect to
19 measurement. Do you believe that Medicine Bow would
20 not be able to use a measurement device to show
21 compliance with a numerical limit imposed in the
22 permit?

23 A I guess I have a multi-part answer to
24 that.

25 Q Sure.

1 A That I'm aware of a means of measuring
2 flare emissions, and I think they could do -- use
3 that technology to measure flare emissions. However,
4 to show compliance with some sort of numerical limit
5 on the flare, it would depend on the time frame that
6 you are looking at; in other words, how the permit
7 limit is structured, whether it's a year or -- a year
8 average or a one-hour average.

9 Q Right.

10 A And the ability to use the one measurement
11 tool that I'm aware of -- there are two measurement
12 tools. I think you can do a typical stack test, but
13 that would be extremely difficult, and I've never
14 seen it done, but the open-path infrared technology
15 that has been discussed in Dr. Sahu's report is the
16 only other method I'm aware of, and I think it would
17 be difficult to show compliance with a limit that
18 encompasses cold starts because of the varying
19 conditions and the possibly rapid changes in
20 conditions in the stream going to the flare. This is
21 a bit of speculation on my part, but it is based on
22 experience of how I've -- what I've seen happen at
23 other plants with regard to flaring.

24 Q Did those other plants have the technique
25 that you just described, the -- what was it, the

1 infrared --

2 A No, they did not.

3 Q They did not. So they did not have the
4 kind of trouble that you are speculating about right
5 now with respect to measurement?

6 A Correct.

7 Q Is it possible for the relevant DEQ
8 officials, assuming they have adequate technical
9 information, to write a permit term, keeping in mind
10 the need to make it practically possible for the
11 facility to comply?

12 MR. COPPEDE: Object to the form of the
13 question, foundation. I think it calls for
14 speculation.

15 A Is it possible -- I'm asking the question.
16 Is it possible for DEQ to write a permit term -- say
17 it again. I'm sorry.

18 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Sure, happy to. You
19 noted that some of the difficulties would arise or
20 not, depending on how the permit term was written,
21 and among the factors that you enumerated, which
22 could make the control more or less possible to
23 comply with is the time period over which the
24 measurement was to be taken, over a year versus a
25 day, for example. And so my question goes to whether

1 the permitting agency, if it had in mind some of the
2 potential problems that you address here today, could
3 write a permit term that was both enforceable and
4 avoid some of the insuperable problems that you were
5 speculating about.

6 MR. COPPEDE: Is that a question? I'm
7 sorry. It was a long one.

8 MR. GALPERN: It is. It's only slightly
9 compound, but it's with a conjunction rather than a
10 disjunction, and I think that Katrina understands it
11 as well --

12 A I think I do.

13 MR. GALPERN: -- as or better than I do.

14 A I think I do. I think it remains tricky.

15 Q (By Mr. Galpern) I ask it because you are
16 very -- obviously the most -- one of the most
17 technically -- I can't say the most because my
18 expert's pretty well versed too, but you are one of
19 the most technically versed people I know in this
20 area, and we are discussing the possibility of a
21 numerical limitation. You have identified several
22 potential difficulties --

23 A Um-hum.

24 Q -- admitting that you are speculating
25 about those, but you are trying to contain the -- in

1 your discussion here, the parameters or identify the
2 parameters that could -- that, if unaddressed, could
3 make compliance more difficult.

4 A Um-hum.

5 Q But if addressed, I am saying -- I am
6 asking -- could make compliance feasible. And so I'm
7 getting to the question of granted there has been
8 no -- we do not know anywhere in the record any
9 particular infeasibility determination, or we've
10 already gone over that. I'm asking the flip
11 question. Can the permit term with numerical limits
12 like we're talking about be feasibly crafted?

13 A And as you are asking the question, in my
14 mind I'm trying to write that permit term.

15 Q Sure.

16 A I think it remains difficult to write a
17 good permit term, and that is because the cold
18 startups are not as predictable as one would think
19 they would be, and this is where I have difficulty
20 trying to think of an example of a good permit term.

21 Q Sure.

22 A You would want your startup emissions to
23 last for a very short duration for reasons of the
24 plant being able to start up quickly and for reasons
25 of minimizing emissions, but you can't guarantee how

1 long the startup is going to last. You can't
2 guarantee it's going to be a minute, or you can't
3 guarantee it's going to be a hundred minutes or
4 multiple hours. Startups are unique events, and you
5 try to plan for them as best as possible. You try to
6 minimize emissions as best as possible, but you still
7 have several unknowns in there. So to write a permit
8 term that can reasonably foresee these specific types
9 of emissions and then allow you to have a
10 measurement -- a means of measurement to show
11 compliance, it's very tricky, in my mind, and it's
12 hard to come up with an answer immediately. This --
13 I guess one could say it may be possible, but I
14 hesitate strongly on that.

15 Q Okay.

16 A It's -- I just hesitate.

17 Q Okay. Fair enough.

18 A Yeah.

19 Q Now, let me probe a little bit more, if I
20 can, on this question because my question previously
21 was going to the measurement question and not so much
22 as to the predictability issue --

23 A Um-hum.

24 Q -- or the regularity issue. On that, you
25 have testified that there is some predictability --

1 your report -- some predictability, some regularity,
2 but you can't determine with precision that there
3 will be an outage or turnaround, shutdown, followed
4 by a cold startup every 3.5 years.

5 MR. COPPEDE: I think that might misstate
6 what she said, so I'll object.

7 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Tell me if I'm
8 misstating your views in the report.

9 A I don't recall writing 3.5 years.

10 Q No, I was using that as an example. I
11 think you said approximately every four years or
12 something. Oh, we'll get to it. My point here is
13 only that we were previously talking about the
14 ability to show compliance through measurement or
15 calculation.

16 A Um-hum.

17 Q Okay.

18 A Yes.

19 Q So have we established, then, that that
20 could be feasible, feasibly done in a permit term?

21 A What's happening is that I am combining
22 these issues in my mind.

23 Q No, I'm trying to separate them so we can
24 take them one by one because they are complex, at
25 least I find them to be complex.

1 A Yes.

2 Q So it's easier for me if we can break them
3 down a little bit. And it was fair for you to
4 introduce that, but you introduced this other
5 complexity.

6 A Um-hum.

7 Q So if we've established that, then we can
8 move on to the second issue.

9 A Okay. We can establish that, but my
10 hesitation in -- I guess my hesitation or my problem
11 in that is the usefulness of including compliance as
12 numerical limit.

13 THE REPORTER: The usefulness of?

14 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Of including a numerical
15 limit in a permit term that needs to be complied
16 with; is that right?

17 A Well, what did I say? Is the usefulness
18 or practicability of a numerical limit.

19 Q Okay. Okay. Well, then, let's stick with
20 that for a second and see if we can come to an
21 understanding on that. I'll get to that in a second.
22 I want to get to another point that you made just a
23 second ago, and that is that it -- I believe you said
24 you agree that it's feasible but difficult. Is that
25 a fair characterization?

1 A Yes, to place a numerical limit.

2 Q Right.

3 A Yes.

4 Q Not to place a numerical limit, that's
5 easy. You could say there shall be a limit of 10
6 tons of sulfur. That's easy.

7 A I agree.

8 Q But that it's -- it may be feasible to
9 comply with a numerical limit?

10 A Yes, it may be feasible to comply.

11 Q Okay. It may be difficult or not,
12 depending on the limit.

13 A And it may be hard to prove.

14 Q It may be hard to prove. Now, is it your
15 understanding that a proper BACT limitation -- that a
16 BACT limitation must be easy to comply with or it's
17 not a proper BACT limitation?

18 A No, I think that mischaracterizes.

19 Q No, I just want to know --

20 A Yeah, no, I think --

21 Q Because you were saying that it may be
22 feasible to comply, but difficult.

23 A I think a BACT limitation should be
24 established so that a source can reasonably be
25 expected to comply.

1 Q Okay.

2 A Otherwise, you are setting an unattainable
3 goal. I don't think the BACT limit, whenever one is
4 set, should necessarily be easy either.

5 Q Okay.

6 A And this is based, of course, on the other
7 aspects of permitting which work in conjunction with
8 each other, the review of the emissions and the
9 analysis of impacts --

10 Q Right.

11 A -- and the BACT analysis. So you don't --
12 you have other means of ensuring you are not setting
13 a limit that's too high or too low.

14 Q Is BACT intended to be technology forcing?

15 A I believe it is, but I would like to
16 clarify. When we say "technology forcing," control
17 technology.

18 Q Yes. Some interesting issues. You
19 mentioned timing could be a complication in
20 establishing an effective, feasible-to-comply-with
21 permit term,

22 A Yes.

23 Q On Page 6, you note -- at the top of your
24 report, Katrina, on Page 6, you note that outages and
25 turnarounds generally may fall within a given

1 frequency range, for example, every four to six
2 years. That's what you meant, within a given
3 frequency range there?

4 A And that is an example.

5 Q Um-hum. And that's an illustration that
6 you may not be -- that it may not be feasible to
7 write a permit term that says that you can have
8 cold-start emissions simply once every 4.2 years?

9 A When I spoke of timing issues with a
10 permit limitation, I wasn't thinking of this example
11 of timing, every four to six years.

12 Q What were you thinking of?

13 A I'm thinking of the timing during an
14 actual startup.

15 Q The duration of the actual startup?

16 A Exactly.

17 Q A longer startup would produce additional
18 emissions?

19 A I'm also thinking of possible -- possible
20 other variables, such as composition changes in the
21 streams that are being directed to the flare during
22 startups.

23 Q Chemical composition changes?

24 A Yes. And I don't have knowledge of the
25 exact compositions in the streams from this facility

1 that would go to flare during startup, so I am
2 speaking in terms of my experience, but when you have
3 a startup, it's a transient period of time where, you
4 know, conditions may change on a minute basis or an
5 hour basis.

6 So even if you have a measurement tool or
7 measurement instrument, the ability of that
8 instrument to accurately measure over that period of
9 time when conditions are transient, it calls a lot of
10 questions up, and you wonder about the accuracy. And
11 that's not to say you can't measure accurately, but
12 you definitely need to investigate these questions.

13 Q When you say "conditions are transient,"
14 are you simply saying that the composition of the --
15 composition or rate of the flow can change?

16 A It can change, as it should during a
17 startup because you are going from a -- you are going
18 from a condition where you've been shut down to fully
19 operating.

20 Q Okay. So previously you said that there
21 would be an incentive on the facility to -- if there
22 were no cold-start emissions included in the PTE, to
23 either figure out how to have no emissions during
24 cold startup, or to substantially minimize the
25 frequency of the startup -- or the emissions so as to

1 limit liability penalty.

2 A Um-hum.

3 Q Couldn't a permit term well crafted
4 provide that same incentive?

5 MR. COPPEDE: Object to the form of the
6 question, vague and ambiguous.

7 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Do you understand the
8 question?

9 A I do.

10 Q I figured.

11 A And I'm considering it. I think it could
12 provide incentive, but the fact is that you would
13 still have a permit term that allows those emissions.

14 Q Yes.

15 A And I do still think that the way they
16 have this permit now -- by "they," meaning Medicine
17 Bow -- and by the way, the permit's being given to
18 them, they don't have that allowance for cold-start
19 emissions, so they still have a very stringent --
20 more stringent set of conditions now.

21 Q Okay. When you say that the permit term
22 would allow emissions, that, of course, depends on
23 the permit term?

24 A Of course, yes.

25 Q The permit term could allow no emissions?

1 A True.

2 Q Katrina, so far we've been talking about
3 the permit term to limit -- with numerical
4 limitations to constrain flare emissions.

5 A Yes.

6 Q It is possible, however -- in your
7 opinion, is it possible that we could have permit
8 terms that do that?

9 A Yes. We could have permit terms that
10 limit the startup emissions. My first thought of an
11 example of that would be a permit term that requires
12 an emission minimization plan.

13 Q Yes. Or you could have, isn't it true, a
14 permit term that applies to flare emissions during
15 years in which there are cold-start emissions?

16 A You can have a permit term, or terms, that
17 apply for those events when they happen, cold-start
18 events.

19 Q And you could also have -- I don't want to
20 interrupt you.

21 A I just go back to my same point. I think
22 those permit terms, then, still do allow those
23 emissions --

24 Q Sure.

25 A -- where --

1 Q Just like any permit term that has a
2 numerical limitation will allow emissions up to the
3 limit?

4 A Yeah.

5 Q And isn't it also true that you could have
6 a separate permit term to allow or restrict flare
7 emissions during years in which there are no cold
8 starts?

9 A Yes. Yeah.

10 MR. GALPERN: Okay. How is everyone
11 doing? It's 11:58.

12 MS. THRONE: I need to return some phone
13 calls, if we could take a break.

14 MR. GALPERN: Okay. The next line of
15 questioning might be a little complex, so why don't
16 we -- do you want to take a break now? Is that good
17 for everybody, take a lunch break?

18 THE DEPONENT: Yeah.

19 (The deposition recessed at 11:59 a.m.,
20 to be reconvened at 1:00 p.m.)

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1 SSEM plan, I think, would have indirectly referenced
2 this specific and enforceable work practice standards
3 because I believe that is what is the SSEM.

4 Q I'm sorry. I meant the last three.

5 A I don't believe the last three are
6 specifically called out.

7 Q Okay. And then finally, anywhere in the
8 record is there reflected an analysis of any of these
9 last three options that were identified in Ranajit's
10 report?

11 A I don't think there's anything in the
12 record, to my knowledge.

13 Q So here you are stating that you believe
14 that the SSEM plan is a specific and enforceable
15 standard?

16 A Yes, work practice standard.

17 Q Work practice standard, and that it is
18 BACT?

19 A Yes.

20 (Exhibit 4 marked.)

21 MR. GALPERN: Okay. Going to the next
22 exhibit. What exhibit would this be?

23 THE REPORTER: This is 4.

24 Q (By Mr. Galpern) And actually, I guess
25 this is a bit redundant because I had already handed

1 out the permit, but this exhibit is the permit alone.

2 A Okay.

3 Q I mean the SSEM plan alone. So on Page 1,
4 the second paragraph, can you read that? It begins
5 with, "Specific . . ."

6 A Oh, okay. "Specific startup and shutdown
7 operating procedures for all process units in the
8 plant shall incorporate the elements of this plan to
9 the greatest extent possible."

10 Q Is that a specific standard?

11 A Is what a specific standard?

12 Q The requirement to -- that the shutdown --
13 startup and shutdown operations shall incorporate the
14 elements of this plan to the greatest extent
15 possible.

16 A Because that sentence is written into this
17 SSEM plan, I think yes, it is a standard for Medicine
18 Bow.

19 Q Is the requirement to incorporate the
20 elements to the greatest extent possible -- do you
21 regard that as enforceable?

22 A I do.

23 Q Do you contemplate the possibility of an
24 enforcement action against the facility on the ground
25 that they failed to incorporate the elements of this

1 plan in their startup and shutdown operation
2 procedures to the greatest extent possible?

3 A I could imagine such a situation.

4 Q The requirement here is phrased in the
5 future tense, "shall incorporate." Does that mean
6 that this plan is not the actual operating guide to
7 control emissions from the facility?

8 A I believe this plan is the operating
9 guide, but I believe as part of this guide, the very
10 specific operating procedures for the operators to
11 follow will incorporate the elements of this guide.

12 Q So you don't believe that this guide
13 provides specific operating procedures?

14 A The specific operating procedures that I'm
15 referring to are the operating procedures that
16 operators use for startup and shutdown and for daily
17 operation, and it's very common for -- large plants
18 have to have specific operating procedures, so those
19 are the procedures that I refer to.

20 Q Down below there's a permit term or
21 permit -- I'm sorry, SSEM sentence under Gasifier,
22 "One gasifier will be started at a time at a 50
23 percent design flow rate. Subsequent gasifiers will
24 not be started until the downstream equipment is
25 ready to receive the increase in syngas volume."

1 There's a numerical limit here, correct?

2 A Correct.

3 Q Why is the limit of 50 percent chosen?

4 A I cannot answer that question. The
5 process engineer and design engineers would have to
6 answer that question as to exactly why 50 percent was
7 chosen.

8 Q Is the rationale for 50 percent -- first
9 of all, you do agree that 50 percent is a nice, round
10 figure?

11 A It is, yes.

12 Q Is the rationale for the selection of that
13 figure by the -- what was it, permit engineer or --

14 A Process engineer, process or design
15 engineer.

16 Q -- process or design engineer, within
17 Medicine Bow?

18 A Correct, or a contractor of theirs within
19 Medicine Bow.

20 Q So this plan was written by Medicine Bow?

21 A Yes, with review from the WDEQ.

22 Q Did the DEQ suggest the plan?

23 A Suggest creating the plan?

24 Q Yes.

25 A Yes.

1 Q DEQ suggested creating the plan but did
2 not write the plan?

3 A I would say they participated in the
4 writing of it through review. Just as with, you
5 know, reviewing permit applications, they consider
6 this part of the application.

7 Q Except that here DEQ suggested writing a
8 SSEM plan, whereas DEQ did not suggest writing the
9 application?

10 A True.

11 Q Why did the DEQ suggest the SSEM plan?

12 A Well, as we stated earlier -- I believe we
13 stated earlier -- the startup emission discussion and
14 the BACT discussion is not in the application itself.
15 It was considered -- it's in the decision document
16 but is not in the application. So that was brought
17 up to URS and Medicine Bow as something that was
18 missing from the application.

19 Q So would the justification for the
20 selection of this particular numerical limit be -- so
21 it would not be in the application because the
22 application did not have an SSEM plan at first?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Is the justification for the 50 percent to
25 be found in the permit analysis?

1 A I don't think the permit analysis written
2 by the WDEQ contains detail of every line item in the
3 SSEM plan.

4 Q And so it probably does not include any
5 detail about this?

6 A Probably does not. I don't recall it
7 including any of the detail.

8 Q Do you know if the support for this
9 selected numerical limit is found anywhere in the
10 record for this case?

11 A I don't know if it is.

12 Q Was the SSEM plan available for public
13 comment?

14 A It was.

15 Q But the justification for this particular
16 numerical limit was not available for public review?

17 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, foundation,
18 misstates her testimony.

19 Q (By Mr. Galpern) You can answer unless
20 you don't understand the question.

21 A No. No, I don't think the justification
22 was present in the package for public comment.
23 "Justification" meaning justification of every
24 element of this plan.

25 Q Right, including this particular numerical

1 limit. Okay. Again, here, two lines below, there is
2 a requirement that there be a pressure check for low
3 pressure and normal operating pressure for the
4 gasifier?

5 A I'm sorry, you said -- oh, I see. I'm
6 sorry. I see it, yes.

7 Q Is there anywhere in this plan -- is the
8 low pressure number -- the low pressure number is not
9 designated here?

10 A There are no numbers specified here.

11 Q Are there any numbers specified anywhere
12 in the record, to your knowledge, to indicate what is
13 a low pressure?

14 A No. And I think -- not that I'm aware of,
15 and I think it's possible that the final low
16 pressure/normal operating pressure numbers have not
17 been finalized yet, or there may be multiple
18 pressures. I don't know.

19 Q And the same thing would be true with
20 respect to the normal operating pressure?

21 A Possibly, yes.

22 Q As opposed to the low operating pressure?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Does this sentence provide adequate
25 specificity to be enforceable?

1 A I think it does.

2 Q Can we turn back to your report on
3 Page 11, Katrina. Do you see the first full
4 paragraph, the paragraph headed possible control
5 options? Again, we're talking about still the
6 startup/shutdown flaring emissions. You cite -- let
7 me see here. You reject the idea of the imposition
8 of limitations on the duration and number of
9 startups, in part, because -- because you say they
10 are not desirable due to "potential economic
11 impositions that could result." Do you see that?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Do you recall the definition of BACT that
14 we went over a little while ago?

15 A I'm not sure we went over it a little
16 while ago, but I recall the --

17 Q I mean earlier today, the definition of
18 BACT in the Wyoming --

19 A Oh, yes, yes, yes.

20 Q You can get it out again if you wish to
21 refer to it. Does the definition anywhere provide
22 that because control options may be costly, they
23 cannot be BACT?

24 A I think in the fifth line of the
25 definition, which states that "on a case-by-case

1 basis, taking into account energy, environmental and
2 economic impacts and other costs" -- I think that
3 phrase is the phrase that allows one to take costs
4 into account when determining BACT.

5 Q Yes. It allows one to take costs into
6 account, but does it say that because a control
7 option may be costly that it cannot be BACT?

8 A I think in effect it does because part of
9 the economic impacts would be the cost of that
10 control option.

11 Q If the cost of the control were
12 significantly less than the value of the product
13 that's being created and still was a large number,
14 isn't it probable that you could have a significant
15 cost and it still could be BACT?

16 A The numbers would have to work out such
17 that your cost per ton is determined reasonable for
18 BACT, yes.

19 Q Okay. Does the definition say
20 "reasonable" or "achievable"?

21 A It says "achievable." My use of the word
22 "reasonable," though, I intend to mean the same
23 thing. One would calculate a dollar-per-ton-removed
24 figure, and that if you determine that to be
25 unreasonable, then you are determining that to not be

1 achievable.

2 Q And in the next sentence, isn't the
3 term -- the operative term "infeasible"?

4 A I'm sorry. Where do you see "infeasible"?
5 Oh, several lines down, right?

6 Q Yes.

7 A It says "infeasible," yes.

8 Q So that the imposition that is of concern
9 that would nullify the requirement for a numerical
10 limitation is one that imposes an infeasible burden?

11 A That's what this says, infeasible burden.
12 Well, it doesn't say burden.

13 Q So where --

14 A No, no.

15 Q So where, if anywhere in the record, has
16 the DEQ, that is to say, as the administrator,
17 rendered a specific determination that the control
18 suggested by Dr. Sahu, Controls 2 through 4 which you
19 criticize in this paragraph, are infeasible on
20 technical or economic grounds?

21 A I don't think the administrator has done
22 that anywhere, primarily because those four were
23 brought up in Dr. Sahu's report and in my criticism
24 of his report.

25 Q I see. Does the administrator reject

1 other limits -- potential limits on flares on the
2 ground that they are either technologically or
3 economically infeasible?

4 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, foundation.

5 A I don't think so, but I speak for the WDEQ
6 on that.

7 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Katrina, could we turn
8 to Page 13. Here we're going to get into the issue
9 of fugitive VOC emission calculations, one of my
10 favorite subjects. Actually, let's turn to Page 14.
11 Could you read the first two sentences of the last
12 paragraph.

13 A "Typically permitting agencies do not
14 specify permit conditions regarding the component
15 counts or stream compositions due to their
16 understanding that the emission rate calculations
17 have been based on conservative assumptions. Rather,
18 the permitting agencies typically note the allowable
19 (permitted) VOC and HAP emission rates in the permit
20 and entrust the permittee with the responsibility to
21 comply with the agreed-upon emission limits."

22 Q So when you say typically do this, you are
23 speaking in your personal experience?

24 A Correct.

25 Q You are not basing this on any studies of

1 what large stationary sources typically do?

2 A I am -- yes, I am basing this on my
3 personal experience.

4 Q But your personal experience is with a
5 number of different permitting agencies?

6 A Several, yes.

7 Q The Wyoming DEQ, the Colorado clean air
8 agency?

9 A Yes.

10 Q The Texas clean air agency?

11 A Yes.

12 Q The Louisiana clean air agency?

13 A Yes.

14 Q The Michigan --

15 A Also, Minnesota, Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois.

16 Q And you find that in your experience,
17 these agencies typically simply entrust the permittee
18 with the responsibility to comply with agreed-upon
19 emissions and don't specify the details of component
20 counts or chemical compositions of the streams?

21 A Correct.

22 Q Why, then, do the permitting agencies
23 bother to do the permits? Is it simply a formal
24 exercise?

25 A Well, no. I think they establish the

1 emission limits, and the permittee shows compliance
2 with the limits, and if --

3 Q Well -- I'm sorry.

4 A And then if they do not comply with those
5 limits, there's enforcement action that's taken.

6 Q So they don't entirely trust the permittee
7 with self-compliance monitoring?

8 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, misstates her
9 testimony.

10 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Did I misstate your
11 testimony?

12 A I used the word "entrust," perhaps,
13 incorrectly, but they do establish the emission
14 limits, and the permittee does have to comply with
15 the emission limits.

16 Q And if the permittee does not --

17 A If they do not comply, then there will be
18 enforcement action -- there should be enforcement
19 action.

20 Q Okay. So is it true, then, that I am
21 correctly stating your testimony, although amending
22 your report?

23 A You are correctly reading my report, and
24 it's possible that my use of the word "entrust" was
25 not correct.

1 Q We're still on the subject of potential to
2 emit, which the definition reflects has to do with
3 the maximum capacity of the facility to emit whatever
4 pollutant of concern one is directing their attention
5 toward. Medicine Bow has relied on SOCFI average
6 emission limitation factors --

7 A Yes.

8 Q -- in several different places. How can
9 an average emission factor be used to estimate the
10 maximum potential of a facility to emit? It doesn't
11 intuitively make sense --

12 A Right.

13 Q -- does it?

14 A The average emission factors, I think,
15 can, in the -- well, the average emission factors can
16 estimate a maximum emission rate for a facility
17 provided that you've used some conservatism in your
18 component counts, and given the fact that once the
19 facility starts up and once all the equipment is
20 operating, not every valve, not every pump, not every
21 flange, so forth, will emit at the same emission
22 rate. You will have some valves that emit higher and
23 some valves that emit lower, for example. Some that
24 leak, some that don't. So I think in reality what
25 happens is an averaging effect when it comes to the

1 emissions rate from equipment leaks across the
2 facility.

3 Q But isn't it true that, for example, the
4 SOCFI average emissions factors often underestimate
5 the actual emissions from a particular facility which
6 has still continued to use the SOCFI emission factors
7 in their calculation of potential to emit?

8 A I've not seen a study personally that
9 makes that assessment for the SOCFI factors.

10 Q Okay. Where in the Medicine Bow
11 application are emission factors for facility
12 components -- here, of course, we're talking about
13 components that could be the source of fugitive
14 emissions, VOC emissions, including HAP emissions.
15 Where in the application are other emission factors
16 for facility components examined and rejected in
17 favor of the use of SOCFI factors?

18 A It's not presented in that manner in the
19 application.

20 Q Okay. Is there a place in the permit
21 analysis where that is done?

22 A Not to my knowledge, but I don't think I
23 have looked at the permit analysis with that question
24 in mind.

25 Q Okay.

1 A So I am not certain about my -- about
2 that.

3 Q Okay. So you don't know?

4 A I don't know.

5 Q Do you know if it's in the decision
6 document?

7 A I don't know.

8 Q Is it in the permit?

9 A Well, in the permit, it is clearly stated
10 that this is a SOCFI facility because the SOCFI
11 regulations apply to the facility.

12 Q Which regulations?

13 A That would be 40 CFR 60 Subpart VVa.

14 Q New Source Performance Standards?

15 A Yes.

16 Q But here we're talking about potential to
17 emit and the use of SOCFI averages for the purposes
18 of constructing the proper PTE calculation?

19 A True.

20 Q Different from the standard that's the
21 guide, the New Source Performance Standard?

22 A Well, I disagree just in the aspect that
23 if it's a SOCFI facility when talking about one
24 regulation, it's still going to be a SOCFI facility
25 when discussing another aspect of the regulations.

1 Q Isn't there a difference between the
2 performance standard that is established and the
3 potential to emit that one needs to undertake in
4 order to see if it's a major or minor source?

5 A I agree, there's a difference there, but
6 what I'm saying is that the facility has been deemed
7 to be a facility that falls within the Synthetic
8 Organic Manufacturing Chemical Industry (sic), the
9 SOCFI.

10 Q Yes. But the potential-to-emit regulation
11 does not require one to use SOCFI averages?

12 A It does not, but it is a logical
13 conclusion that when you have SOCFI emission factors,
14 you would use them for a SOCFI facility.

15 Q For all purposes?

16 A Yes, I think so.

17 Q Back to the application, where in the
18 application does Medicine Bow Fuel & Power establish
19 that the SOCFI emission factors are applicable to the
20 PTE calculation for this particular facility?

21 A I don't -- I think the only thing in the
22 application is just use of the SOCFI factors.

23 Q Just use, okay, but no independent
24 applicability determination?

25 A In the application, no, I don't think

1 there is a discussion of SOCFI.

2 Q Okay. In the permit analysis?

3 A In the permit analysis, to the extent that
4 the facilities described is a SOCFI facility, I think
5 that's justification.

6 Q But other than the categorization of this
7 type of facility as a SOCFI -- as within the SOCFI
8 category, is there any independent assessment in the
9 permit analysis that the components at issue that
10 potentially emit fugitive VOCs or HAPs, that the PTE
11 calculation for them is appropriately to be
12 determined with the use of the SOCFI emission
13 factors?

14 A I don't know without looking at my
15 decision document further.

16 Q Okay. And the same thing with the permit
17 itself?

18 A Same thing with the permit.

19 Q No independent assessment of the
20 appropriateness of the use of the SOCFI emission
21 factors?

22 A Correct, no independent assessment.

23 Q Okay.

24 A But I do think the permit clearly states
25 it to be a SOCFI facility.

1 Q Yes, I understand that. Katrina, can we
2 turn to Pages -- the bottom of Page 14 and the top of
3 15 of your report. Mostly the very top of 15. The
4 sentence begins on 14. If the final component count
5 results in VOC or HAP PTE emission rates that are
6 larger than those presented in the application and
7 decision document, then Medicine Bow will be required
8 to obtain a revised permit application and possibly
9 conduct a MACT, M-A-C-T, analysis prior to startup.
10 Therefore, the final component count requirement in
11 the permit provides a strong incentive to Medicine
12 Bow to carefully evaluate piping components during
13 ongoing engineering design activities in order to
14 stay at or below the estimated VOC and HAP PTE
15 emission rates.

16 What you are getting at there is a strong
17 incentive to stay below the rates that would, if
18 crossed, lead to designation as a major source of VOC
19 or HAP emissions?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And thus triggering the requirement for an
22 analysis as to what is the maximum achievable control
23 technology for the facility?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Now, why is the possibility of needing to

1 conduct a MACT analysis such an incentive for
2 Medicine Bow to carefully evaluate piping components
3 and so on? What is the fear?

4 A My --

5 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, foundation.

6 A My -- may I answer?

7 MR. COPPEDE: Yeah, you can answer.

8 A I think when we say "conduct a MACT
9 analysis," I'll take the blame for not -- for writing
10 a poor phrase there. Conduct a MACT analysis, really
11 I think the MACT regulations for this source category
12 already exist, so it would be -- the facility would
13 become applicable to the appropriate subparts in 40
14 CFR Part 63, as opposed to conducting a MACT
15 analysis.

16 Q Wait a second. Let's go a little slower
17 there, if we can.

18 A Okay.

19 Q I asked because I think it was phrased
20 properly in your report. While the regulations
21 exist, if the PTE calculation, properly done, showed
22 that the facility was a major source of VOC or HAP
23 emissions, then all that would happen is that the
24 MACT regulations would apply, and there would be the
25 requirement on the part of the facility to conduct an

1 analysis to discern -- correct me if I'm wrong --
2 what control technology would -- must be selected so
3 that the maximum achievable emissions reductions
4 would be realized?

5 A I think in the case of these equipment
6 leaks, that is not quite correct, simply because the
7 regulations for the source category already exist,
8 and the full analysis is conducted when the
9 regulations do not already exist and have gone past
10 their date for the regulations to be promulgated.
11 But in this case, the regulations exist, so you would
12 apply the regulations and the control technologies
13 that are present in those regulations.

14 Q So you mean you would apply the
15 regulations by selecting from the particular control
16 technologies that are already designated for this
17 kind of facility in the regulations?

18 A Correct.

19 Q So not much analysis needs to occur?

20 A No, not much analysis for these equipment
21 leaks would need to occur. That's why I say my
22 wording might be poor there when I say "conduct a
23 MACT analysis."

24 Q I see. So Medicine Bow's concern, since
25 the analysis is already done in the regulations that

1 would be applicable if these were a major source
2 under MACT, the -- Medicine Bow's concern would not
3 be with respect to potential cost of the analysis
4 since, as you say, the analysis has already been
5 done?

6 A Right.

7 Q So why does this provide a strong
8 incentive to them, to Medicine Bow, to be very
9 careful in evaluating piping components so that they
10 don't trigger MACT?

11 A I personally think that it provides a
12 strong incentive because the permit's already been
13 issued, and if I were Medicine Bow, I would not want
14 to reopen my permit. I think it also provides a
15 strong incentive because it forces them to, as I
16 state here, carefully evaluate the piping components
17 and essentially prevent those emissions from being
18 generated in the first place through careful design,
19 and I personally think that's always a good thing.

20 Q I agree with you that it's a good thing,
21 but what I am trying to figure out is it seems a
22 little circular, what you are saying, Katrina. It
23 seems like you are saying that it provides a strong
24 incentive to carefully evaluate the piping components
25 because carefully evaluating the piping components is

1 a good thing. Other than needing to reopen -- here,
2 once again, you said that the concern was that they
3 would have to possibly conduct a MACT analysis prior
4 to startup. It sounds like you are amending that to
5 say might have to conduct a MACT analysis subsequent
6 to startup?

7 A I don't think they would be allowed to
8 start up if they had to conduct a MACT analysis.

9 Q So they would not be allowed to start up,
10 so is the concern that the startup would be delayed?

11 A I think that's a fair statement. What I
12 had said just a second ago where -- you know, if I
13 were them, I would be concerned for delaying the
14 permit, then yes, I think that relates --

15 Q Delaying the permit. Okay.

16 A Yeah.

17 Q All right. In your opinion, does the
18 control technology actually selected in the
19 application and the permit meet MACT?

20 A Yes.

21 Q So if it already meets MACT, then it need
22 not delay startup too long?

23 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, speculation.

24 A I don't know how long that would take at
25 DEQ.

1 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Okay. Fair objection.

2 Now, moving down a little bit, Katrina, in your
3 section Fugitive Equipment Leak VOC and HAP Emission
4 Factors, could you read the first sentence of your
5 second bullet point in that section.

6 A Yes. "The only document on EPA's Emission
7 Inventory Improvement Program (EIIP) website
8 addressing equipment leak emissions was issued in
9 November 1996 and notes in its Chapter 4 (Preferred
10 Method for Estimating Emissions) that the EPA
11 correlation equation approach is the preferred method
12 when actual screening values are available for new
13 sources, when no actual screening values are
14 available, average emission factors can be used
15 temporarily to determine fugitive emissions from
16 equipment leaks until specific and/or better data are
17 available. Following this example, calculations and
18 data tables all reference back to data and average
19 emission factors provided in the 1995 protocol
20 document."

21 Q Okay. Katrina, did Medicine Bow, in its
22 application, use EPA's preferred correlation equation
23 approach?

24 A No.

25 Q Did DEQ utilize that in either its permit

1 analysis or its decision document, notwithstanding
2 the compound nature of the sentence?

3 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, compound,
4 foundation.

5 MR. GALPERN: Thank you.

6 A No. I believe the correlation equation
7 approach requires actual screening values which are
8 not available.

9 Q (By Mr. Galpern) What is a screening
10 value?

11 A A screening value is an actual field test
12 result on the equipment in place at the facility.

13 Q Do vendors test their components?

14 A I don't know. They probably test their
15 model lines when they come out.

16 Q And wouldn't those be screening values?

17 A Not in the term -- not in the sense that
18 I'm using it or that I think it's intended to be used
19 with this guidance that I've cited.

20 Q Do you have any source for that
21 interpretation of the term "screening value" that you
22 could point me to?

23 A No. That's my opinion.

24 Q Okay. Now, did Medicine Bow, in its
25 application, obtain or attempt to obtain more

1 specific or better data?

2 A No. I don't think it's very possible to
3 do that.

4 Q Did they attempt -- did Medicine Bow
5 attempt to obtain vendor data?

6 A No. Again, I think that would be very
7 difficult to obtain.

8 Q And did Medicine Bow attempt to obtain
9 specific or better data from other facilities using
10 the same components?

11 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, foundation.

12 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Do you understand the
13 question?

14 A I do. I'm thinking. No, they did not,
15 but again, I think that would be very difficult.

16 Q Let's establish the foundation for John's
17 purposes. Do other facilities -- are the components
18 at issue here with respect to estimating fugitive VOC
19 or HAP leaks, are those components unique to the
20 Medicine Bow Fuel & Power facility?

21 A In some regard.

22 Q Are many of them used in -- for example,
23 lines or valves or pumps -- used in other industrial
24 facilities?

25 A Yes.

1 Q May those other facilities utilize them
2 under similar conditions of pressure and composition?

3 A It's possible.

4 Q Did Medicine Bow attempt to discern which
5 facilities were using those facilities and, from
6 them, obtain specific or better data?

7 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, foundation.

8 MR. GALPERN: You can answer that.

9 A No, but I think given the nature of this
10 facility, that would be extremely difficult.

11 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Okay. Same sets of
12 questions with respect to DEQ and its permit
13 analysis. Did DEQ, in its permit analysis, show that
14 it had, in fact, obtained or attempted to obtain
15 specific or better data from the vendors?

16 A I do not think there's a discussion of
17 that.

18 Q Or from other facilities?

19 A I do not think there's a discussion.

20 Q Do you know if specific data on at least
21 some of the Medicine Bow components is available?

22 A What do you mean?

23 Q Specific data as to their emission values
24 that could be plugged into a correlation equation
25 approach.

1 A I don't think such data exists that could
2 be put into a correlation equation.

3 Q Okay. But have you made that assessment
4 yourself?

5 A Yes. Yes. On the basis of the facility's
6 not constructed yet.

7 Q But it has been designed?

8 A It is in design.

9 Q It is still in design?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And for at least some of the components at
12 issue with respect to the potential for fugitive
13 emission leaks, fugitive emissions of VOC or HAP, you
14 and the applicant had information as to the types of
15 components that would be required?

16 A Right.

17 Q Pumps, lines, valves?

18 A Right.

19 Q Okay. I would like to turn to the
20 Page 19. This is the issue as to Fugitive VOC
21 Emission BACT Determination. You note that Medicine
22 Bow conducted Steps 1 and 2 of the top-down BACT
23 analysis for fugitive VOCs?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Where in the record is this documented?

1 A To be documented in the permit
2 application. I don't know if the exact -- without
3 looking right now, I don't know if the exact language
4 that I've used here is used in the application,
5 though.

6 Q But I gather from your answer that Step
7 2 -- that Step 1 and Step 2 would have been done. In
8 the permit application, they would have identified
9 all available control technologies, and then
10 eliminated all of those -- assessed them for
11 technical feasibility, and then eliminated all of
12 those that they deemed to be technically infeasible?

13 A Yes. Yes.

14 Q Is a leakless valve in pump technology
15 new?

16 A No. Well, I'm sorry, what do you mean by
17 "new"?

18 Q Within the last ten years.

19 A Ten years. I don't know. I don't know an
20 exact date when that technology first began to come
21 out.

22 Q Would you say it's at least four years
23 old?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Where in the record is there documentation

1 of Medicine Bow's consideration as part of its BACT
2 analysis of leakless valve and pump technology?

3 A In the record, I think the only
4 documentation one would find is beginning with this
5 matter we're discussing. I don't think there's
6 anything in the application that speaks to that.

7 Q What do you mean, beginning with this
8 matter we're discussing?

9 A Beginning with Dr. Sahu's report,
10 actually.

11 Q Oh, okay, so nothing in the application?

12 A Right. But, yeah, there's nothing
13 discussing leakless valve technology, although that
14 begs the question of leakless valve technology
15 applied to what part of the plant?

16 Q Yes, I agree. Is there analysis of the
17 option of the use of leakless valve and pump
18 technology anywhere in the record with respect to any
19 part of the plant?

20 A Not that I'm aware.

21 Q Okay. I didn't think so, but I just
22 wanted to check. Katrina, can a prospective
23 permittee --

24 MR. GALPERN: The screen's gone blank.

25 (Discussion off the record.)

1 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Can a permittee who's
2 obliged to conduct a BACT analysis -- can they avoid
3 consideration of potential control alternatives
4 simply because considering those alternatives would
5 prove difficult?

6 MR. COPPEDE: Object to the form of the
7 question, speculation, calls for a legal conclusion.

8 A No, I don't think so.

9 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Must the BACT analysis
10 of a pollutant be straightforward to be required?

11 A I'm sorry, repeat that. Was the BACT
12 analysis . . .

13 Q Must. Must the BACT analysis be
14 straightforward or simple --

15 A Oh.

16 Q -- to -- of a particular pollutant to be
17 required?

18 A The BACT analysis is required on the basis
19 of being PSD, so, I mean --

20 Q But if it's difficult to do for a
21 particular pollutant, is one relieved of the
22 obligation?

23 A No.

24 Q Okay. You say on Page 20 that "Utilizing
25 leakless valves and pumps would present several

1 challenging questions in a BACT analysis, to the
2 extent that it would likely be discounted as a
3 potential control option." What did you mean by that
4 last appositive?

5 MS. VEHR: I don't know that word,
6 "appositive." I don't know that.

7 MR. GALPERN: Appositive, by the last
8 clause.

9 A The statement "to the extent that it would
10 likely be discounted"?

11 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Yes.

12 A That is my attempt -- and I tried to go
13 further into that in the following statements.
14 That's my attempt to say that various issues or
15 questions would come up when one considers
16 implementing leakless valve and pump design as BACT
17 such that it would be considered technically
18 infeasible.

19 Q Okay. So you say that "It seems highly
20 unlikely that a leakless valve make or model would be
21 available for all valve and pump types located at the
22 facility"?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And it seems -- can a facility be required
25 to adopt leakless valve and pump types as BACT even

1 if it's true that they are not leakless, such
2 components, for all of them?

3 A That is difficult to answer because when
4 one considers the possibility of a control option for
5 leakless valve and pump design, as I said earlier, it
6 begs the question of what components you would look
7 at. Would you look at a portion of the facility? If
8 so, what? Or would you look at the entire facility?
9 My thought here is that in order for it to be a
10 viable technology, you would look at the entire
11 facility because otherwise, to me, in my opinion,
12 implementing a few or installing a few leakless
13 valves and pumps falls into a program of leak
14 detection and repair, which has already been looked
15 at for BACT. In other words, I have a difficult time
16 saying that leakless valve and pump design is a
17 control option under BACT. I think it would be
18 considered part of the LDAR program.

19 Q LDAR is leak detection and repair?

20 A Yes.

21 Q A leakless valve is not supposed to leak?

22 A But it will leak.

23 Q Nevertheless?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Just less?

1 A Just less.

2 Q Will it leak less?

3 A Well, by the name, it sounds as if it
4 will.

5 Q Down lower where you are quoting EPA's
6 recently promulgated rule for standards of
7 performance in the Synthetic Organic Manufacturing
8 Industry, does EPA consider that leakless equipment
9 is likely to leak less?

10 A They do.

11 Q And you don't -- you do not disagree?

12 A I do not disagree. I'm certain they've
13 done more research on this issue than I have.

14 Q Okay. You say in the same paragraph we
15 were quoting previously, the one beginning, "One
16 alternative," in the second sentence, that if you
17 were going to utilize -- if you are going to consider
18 as a potential BACT option leakless valves and pumps
19 that it seems that a majority would need to be
20 leakless. Previously you were talking about all
21 valve and pump types, and now you are saying a
22 "majority" -- or here you are saying a "majority."

23 A Yes.

24 Q Majority is more than 50 percent, correct?

25 A Yes, technically, it is.

1 Q I don't mean to hold you to a technical
2 meaning of your terms, but I'm trying to understand
3 where you are coming from and trying to gain the
4 benefit of your expertise. And to a layperson like
5 myself, if you could replace 40 percent of valves and
6 pumps with leakless versions, that while they may not
7 be entirely leakless, leak less and would be better
8 in terms of control technology than not doing it at
9 all, and thus a fit subject for BACT analysis?

10 A It's a question, right?

11 Q Do you agree?

12 A I am not sure I agree with that. Now, I
13 do use the word "majority" in this report. I do say
14 "all" when I'm talking to you today. And then you
15 introduced the thought of 40 percent of all
16 components at the plant.

17 Q Right. But you introduced the thought of
18 majority at all.

19 A Right. Right. I think that discussion
20 highlights or just exemplifies the issue with
21 considering leakless valves as a -- valves and pumps
22 as a separate, distinct BACT option, that I think the
23 better and more environmentally beneficial way to
24 look at it is to keep leakless valves and pumps
25 within an LDAR program where you may end up replacing

1 40 percent of your equipment once it begins leaking
2 over time. You may replace nothing if you find it to
3 not be leaking over time. I just think that --

4 Q You --

5 MR. COPPEDE: Let her finish.

6 MR. GALPERN: Sure.

7 A Well, I just think that this discussion
8 exemplifies the questions that come up when you try
9 to think of the program -- of leakless valve and
10 pumps exclusively as a BACT option.

11 Q (By Mr. Galpern) And who is suggesting
12 that that would be the exclusive control option, as
13 opposed to one in an array of options which together
14 would be BACT?

15 A That is what I have interpreted from
16 reading the reports, reading Dr. Sahu's report and
17 also the rebuttal. That's how I've interpreted the
18 statements.

19 Q Okay. As opposed to, for example, that
20 this is one of many options that need to be evaluated
21 from which one or several can be chosen as BACT?

22 A I just strongly think that this option is
23 not necessarily an option to be considered, that it
24 would -- that implementing or installing leakless
25 valves and pumps would be part of a leak detection

1 and repair program.

2 Q Oh.

3 A I just don't see it as a separate option.

4 Q Is it part of the Medicine Bow leak
5 detection and repair program?

6 A It's not specifically stated as part of a
7 leak detection and repair program.

8 Q Okay.

9 A But that does not exclude it from being
10 used.

11 Q It's not excluded, but it's not discussed?

12 A Correct.

13 Q Not discussed in the record that describes
14 the LDAR program?

15 A Correct.

16 MR. GALPERN: Let's take a five-minute
17 break.

18 (Recess from 2:23 p.m. to 2:33 p.m.)

19 Q (By Mr. Galpern) You are doing great,
20 Katrina. Thank you for your patience.

21 A I do have a correction I would like to --

22 Q Yes, let's start with the correction.

23 A I think earlier, and it's been quite some
24 time since we talked about the use of the SOCFI
25 factors -- during the break, I've been flipping

1 through the application, and I want to correct what I
2 said. In the application, I have found a
3 justification for the use of the SOCFI emission
4 factors.

5 Q This is a wonderful development. Could
6 you point us to the page.

7 A 3, dash, 9.

8 Q Okay. Could you read it, please.

9 A Yes. Tell me when to stop. There's a lot
10 here.

11 Q Where are you?

12 A I'm at the beginning -- at the very top of
13 Page 3, dash, 9.

14 Q Equipment Leaks?

15 A Yes. "Equipment leak estimates were
16 calculated using the average emission factor approach
17 described in EPA's Protocol for Equipment Leak
18 Emission Estimates," and the EPA document number is
19 provided. "EPA-approved Synthetic Organic Chemical
20 Manufacturing Industry factors were used for the
21 calculations. Although use of the refinery emission
22 factors was considered, use of the refinery factors
23 was deemed inappropriate for the following reasons:
24 The plant process is a chemical synthesis process
25 rather than a refinery process. SOCFI factors are

1 recommended for use in all industries except
2 refineries. Even within refineries, SOCOMI factors
3 are recommended for chemical processes such as the
4 production of methyl tertiary butyl ether."

5 Q Okay. We can stop there.

6 MR. COPPEDE: Are you sure?

7 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Your recollection, then,
8 goes to the answer -- to the -- your correction goes,
9 then, to your -- the answer to the question I asked,
10 were other emission factors considered, and you are
11 correcting by saying yes, another type of emission
12 factor was considered, and that's the refinery
13 emission factors?

14 A Yes. And also, I believe I stated in
15 answer to a question that there was no discussion of
16 the justification for use of SOCOMI factors.

17 Q Okay. This still, though, does not
18 indicate whether manufacturer data, vendor data, was
19 sought or obtained?

20 A Right. This is just a discussion of the
21 industry.

22 Q Of refinery?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q And is the facility at issue here,
25 Medicine Bow, a refinery?

1 A No, it is not.

2 Q What is the principal difference between
3 the industrial liquefaction or gasification --
4 gasification or liquefaction plant at issue here and
5 a refinery?

6 A Refineries are facilities that process
7 crude oil that utilize catalytic cracking and
8 reformation chemical reactions to produce hydrocarbon
9 products. This facility does not have those types of
10 process units in it. It does not process crude oil,
11 it does not undergo catalytic cracking, nor does it
12 go under catalytic reformation.

13 Q In fact, this facility doesn't even
14 utilize what's commonly termed liquid coal?

15 A Correct, I think. Let me correct. I'm
16 not entirely sure what liquid coal is.

17 Q Okay. Thank you for the correction.

18 MR. GALPERN: Can we go off the record for
19 a second.

20 (Discussion off the record.)

21 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Page 20 again, in the
22 middle of the middle -- the middle of the middle
23 paragraph.

24 MR. GALPERN: Is that compound, John?

25 Q (By Mr. Galpern) "Numerous other problems

1 present themselves when considering this as a
2 possible BACT control option." The first one, you
3 say, is "the cost and time required to obtain an
4 adequate cost estimate to use in BACT analysis." In
5 your opinion, is an entity that's conducting a BACT
6 analysis entitled to decline to consider a potential
7 emissions control simply because gathering the data
8 to analyze it would increase the time and expense of
9 the BACT analysis?

10 A No, I do not think that that is the
11 correct thing to say. What I meant to say with this
12 was that I think it would be very difficult to obtain
13 a cost estimate from the manufacturers -- in fact, I
14 think it would be impossible to obtain a good cost
15 estimate from the manufacturers, therefore, the cost
16 and time would, I guess, be infinite. I just -- I
17 don't think you could do that for leakless
18 technology. Given the number of components and given
19 the state of design that the facility is at, a
20 manufacturer would not be able to provide you the
21 data and the cost that you would need to complete the
22 analysis.

23 Q And you say this not because the
24 components at issue -- again, we're talking about
25 components that potentially emit fugitive VOCs and

1 HAPs -- not because those components are unique to
2 Medicine Bow?

3 A Correct. It's because those components
4 would be of different sizes, different size pipes,
5 possibly a different valve design or pump design,
6 depending on the specific design application you have
7 for that.

8 Q Different from what?

9 A Different from another type of pump design
10 or different from another type of valve design. So
11 you have multiple different models of valves that you
12 might need for a service or pumps that you might need
13 for a service.

14 Q Isn't that true with most major industrial
15 facilities?

16 A Yes, it is.

17 Q But presumably for each model, which can
18 be as specific as the type of pump and the size, the
19 vendor will have -- may have test data?

20 A Um-hum. I just don't think they are in a
21 position or that their design process is at the point
22 where you can say exactly which model or which type
23 of component you need at that specific spot in your
24 pipe.

25 Q Medicine Bow Fuel & Power --

1 A For Medicine Bow Fuel & Power.

2 Q -- is not at the late enough design stage
3 that you can even identify, you are saying, the
4 components with specificity. Is that your point?

5 A Correct, and that is my opinion. I have
6 not discussed this with anyone from Medicine Bow.

7 Q Okay. Page 21, the first single-sentence
8 paragraph, you appear to draw a conclusion from a
9 quote from the New Source Performance Standards rule
10 for standards of performance for SO2MI facilities
11 construction or modification commenced after November
12 2006, and that conclusion is, "Installing leakless
13 equipment is not a potential BACT control option."
14 Again, why do you draw that conclusion from that
15 citation?

16 A I draw the conclusion not only from the
17 citation but from my thoughts and consideration that
18 are in that previous paragraph that we've been
19 discussing.

20 Q As to the difficulty; is that correct?

21 A As to the technical difficulties in
22 obtaining an estimate and how one would consider how
23 leakless valves and pumps could be a BACT option in
24 and of themselves. But you are right in that I do,
25 in part, consider this citation from the NSPS to make

1 that determination.

2 Q Right. Although, New Source Performance
3 Standards are not necessarily BACT?

4 A I agree. I do want to point out this is a
5 new NSPS, the date is 2006, but to me that is still
6 new. So these statements regarding leakless
7 equipment and technical feasibility are new and
8 relevant, and I think it -- they are relevant to be
9 considered in this context of BACT.

10 Q What is the relevance?

11 A Well, NSPS is not the same as BACT, and I
12 understand that, but the best available or best
13 developed technology for NSPS, that determination is
14 fairly new. In my opinion, it is new. I don't think
15 enough time has progressed yet for NSPS to deviate
16 significantly from BACT in this specific case.

17 Q Would you agree that NSPS standards are
18 the floor for BACT analysis?

19 A Yes, I do.

20 Q So that BACT analysis cannot be -- BACT
21 controls cannot be less effective than NSPS standard?

22 A I agree, however, I think it is possible
23 for NSPS and BACT to be equivalent in certain
24 circumstances.

25 Q If BACT were at the floor?

1 A I wouldn't say it that way, no.

2 Q How would you say it?

3 A I would say that if the NSPS and BACT both
4 represent the best available control technology at
5 that time.

6 Q Okay. On the next page, you,
7 three-quarters of the way down, say that a letter was
8 sent to DEQ in June 2008 noting the revised leak
9 definitions that are -- that would be considered in
10 the course of Medicine Bow's BACT analysis for VOCs.
11 Are you familiar with the author of that letter?

12 A I think I am, yes.

13 Q Who is that author?

14 A I wrote that letter.

15 Q Who made the decision to lower the
16 definitions?

17 A The WDEQ notified us that they felt the
18 original leak definitions did not represent BACT, and
19 Medicine Bow ultimately decided and proposed these
20 lower standards.

21 Q The original definitions, when initially
22 incorporated in the application that was sent to DEQ,
23 I guess, in December of 2007 --

24 A Yes. Sorry. Yeah, clarify. December
25 2007, yes.

1 Q -- were quite a bit higher --

2 A They were.

3 Q -- than the ones that you-all eventually
4 settled on in your letter to DEQ?

5 A Right.

6 Q When you originally applied and utilized
7 those earlier leak definitions, were you yourself,
8 Katrina, the responsible person who settled on the
9 initial leak definitions as BACT?

10 A My supervisor, another team partner, and I
11 settled on those definitions, yes.

12 Q You and he or you and she?

13 A She.

14 Q What is her name?

15 A Susan Bassett.

16 Q She was the team leader?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Was she your boss?

19 A Yes, she is, actually.

20 Q But you and she jointly?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Why did you believe those were BACT?

23 A In retrospect -- in retrospect, I think I
24 should have known better because when the DEQ called
25 about this, I realized they were right. You know,

1 NSPS VVa is a fairly new rule, and when we discussed
2 this, we defaulted to leak definitions that are
3 commonly used in other regulations or in other
4 programs, and so we defaulted to standards that we
5 were familiar with.

6 Q At that time you weren't familiar with the
7 NSPS?

8 A Not as familiar as I am now.

9 Q I'm not trying to assign blame.

10 A No, actually, you are pointing out an
11 error that Susan and I -- or I feel that we made.

12 Q Everyone makes errors, but I'm just trying
13 to understand because this is an example of where it
14 was fortunate that DEQ caught it.

15 A I think they did their job.

16 Q But it is an example of where one doesn't
17 want to simply entrust, you know, the applicant to
18 establish the standards and then to comply with the
19 standards that they establish.

20 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, argumentative.

21 Q (By Mr. Galpern) I didn't mean to argue.

22 A Oh, no, I'm okay.

23 Q Now, so what was your role in deciding to
24 lower the definitions?

25 A We made the recommendation to Medicine Bow

1 Fuel & Power.

2 Q I see. What was their response?

3 A They agreed to the lower standards.

4 Q Was there a debate?

5 A I don't recall one. I don't think -- I
6 think there was discussion to understand.

7 Q There was an additional lowering done
8 several months later?

9 A No. I'm sorry. Do you see that written
10 somewhere?

11 Q Well, in the middle it says, As result of
12 this review, Medicine Bow Fuel & Power lowered the
13 LDAR program leak definitions. DEQ determined this
14 to be BACT. You sent them a letter noting the
15 revision. The calculations remained at that level
16 until the draft permit. Then in August, DEQ
17 contacted Medicine Bow again. Is this an additional
18 lowering?

19 A It was a request to consider an additional
20 lowering.

21 Q But Medicine Bow asserted that the
22 recently agreed-upon definitions were BACT?

23 A Yes, and provided justification as
24 explained on the next page, Page 22 of my report.

25 Q But Medicine Bow responded to the request.

1 Were you involved?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Did you help craft the response?

4 A Yes.

5 Q So was it your idea to justify the
6 retention of the new lowered standard on the basis of
7 the New Source performance rule?

8 A When the question came to me, or to
9 Medicine Bow and then to me from the WDEQ, I did some
10 additional research into it because it was a question
11 to consider lowering the leak standards. So in my
12 research, I did look at the recently promulgated
13 NSPS, and, you know, what I found in here, what is
14 quoted in my report, I felt was a strong
15 justification and a current valid justification that
16 could be used in this context of BACT.

17 Q Who is Jude Rolfes?

18 A Jude is an employee of Medicine Bow Fuel &
19 Power. His exact title escapes me at the moment
20 other than a vice president. But I'm sorry, I would
21 have to look up his exact title. Senior vice
22 president on the letters. I've just grabbed a random
23 letter and looked at it.

24 Q Did he sign the application?

25 A I am not sure about that, and I don't have

1 a signed copy with me. It may have been someone
2 else.

3 Q I seem to have seen that somewhere. In
4 any event, was he the Medicine Bow official most
5 responsible for the shepherding of the application,
6 to your knowledge?

7 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, foundation.

8 THE DEPONENT: Do I answer?

9 MR. COPPEDE: To the extent you know.

10 MR. GALPERN: You can answer.

11 A He has worked with the application. I
12 have worked with other Medicine Bow employees,
13 though, primarily on the air permitting issues.

14 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Did you write the text
15 of any other letters for Medicine Bow employees in
16 responding to public comments?

17 A I've written a portion of others, yes.

18 Q Okay.

19 A I never submitted the final. The finals
20 always go through Medicine Bow review.

21 Q Right. Okay. And the points that you
22 made, that Jude made that came from you, were
23 eventually accepted by DEQ, and so the leak
24 definitions were lowered no further?

25 A Correct.

1 Q The last full sentence, Katrina, of
2 Page 22, you conclude that the final VOC BACT
3 determination, quote, was made on the technical
4 merits of the discussion, which included an
5 evaluation of cost effectiveness and the results of
6 field studies which indicated no additional control
7 effectiveness would be gained with more stringent
8 controls.

9 My question is, was the evaluation of cost
10 effectiveness -- we'll break it down so we don't run
11 into violation of compound sentences, which I just
12 did -- conducted expressly for Medicine Bow?

13 A It is a reference to the EPA document.

14 Q Rule making?

15 A Yes.

16 Q So the same thing with respect to your
17 citation of results of field studies?

18 A Correct.

19 Q Those were not field studies that you
20 conducted for Medicine Bow?

21 A Correct.

22 Q Those were field studies that EPA cited to
23 in its rule making?

24 A Correct.

25 Q So there was no independent evaluation of

1 cost effectiveness?

2 A Correct. At that time, I personally felt
3 there was not a need for that due to the recent
4 nature of these -- of the statement from EPA. I
5 submitted that to Medicine Bow Fuel & Power for their
6 consideration, and then they submitted it to WDEQ for
7 their consideration.

8 Q The EPA rule making cited to these
9 purported evaluation of cost effectiveness results of
10 field studies that had occurred sometime prior to the
11 publication of the rule making, correct?

12 A Presumably.

13 Q So that the cost effectiveness
14 evaluation -- so that even though the rule making was
15 published sometime recently, say after November 7,
16 2006 -- I presume it was published, in fact, sometime
17 in 2007 -- the studies to which the rule making cites
18 in its preamble may not have been very recent?

19 A I can't answer to that. I did not look at
20 the independent field studies when they occurred. I
21 do see that it's a 2006 docket number, and --

22 Q What's a 2006 docket -- I'm sorry, what is
23 a 2006 docket number?

24 A Well, I see that this docket number has
25 2006 in it, which I think would mean -- I don't know.

1 The docket was established, I believe, in 2006. I
2 would have to go back and double-check that because I
3 do not know exactly how dockets are created at EPA.
4 But I also think that the cost numbers -- the cost
5 effective numbers presented here, if they were
6 calculated in 2006 and this is the year 2009, I don't
7 think that if one were to adjust those numbers for
8 that three-year time frame that it would be much
9 different. I think the technology has remained the
10 same. I think the costs may be a little higher these
11 days, so the 5,700 and 16,000 might be a little
12 higher, but I don't think enough time has passed for
13 these cost effectiveness numbers to have changed
14 appreciably such that it would have changed the
15 opinion.

16 Q Yes. But again, the cost effectiveness
17 determination cited in the preamble to the rule
18 making which you cite, or which Jude cited at your
19 recommendation, were with respect to a different type
20 of facility than Medicine Bow, namely, with respect
21 to refineries?

22 A Yeah, more -- well, the standard, I
23 believe, is for chemical plants and refineries. I
24 don't know the study -- the nature or details of the
25 study that was conducted, the field studies.

1 MR. GALPERN: Okay. We can take a
2 five-minute break.

3 MR. COPPEDE: Sure.

4 (Recess from 3:06 p.m. to 3:14 p.m.)

5 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Are you okay, Katrina?

6 A I am, yeah.

7 Q Do you want another cookie before we
8 start?

9 A No. I appreciate you trying to get me
10 fat.

11 Q No, hardly. So on Page 24 and 25 of your
12 report, Katrina, you give a little history of the --
13 which reprises some points that you made earlier in
14 the report, the revisions to the VOC -- what do you
15 call them? -- leak estimates, and which, of course,
16 includes -- or tightens the control efficacy, I
17 guess, for HAP emissions as well?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Do I have that right?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And when you -- you say that when you
22 lowered the definitions, that effectively tightened
23 the control efficacy for Medicine Bow's LDAR program,
24 and that then resulted in lowered calculations for
25 total HAP emissions and for methanol emissions. And

1 the revision for the total HAP emissions had the
2 effect, with respect to that particular parameter, of
3 then putting the facility -- moving the facility from
4 the category major source of total HAP emissions to
5 not a major source of HAP emissions?

6 A That's correct.

7 Q And although still very, very close to the
8 margin?

9 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, vague and
10 ambiguous.

11 A Under the margin.

12 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Under the margin. And
13 still within 4 percent of the margin?

14 A Yes.

15 Q In fact, still within 3 percent of the
16 margin?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And these -- however, these
19 calculations -- this is my interpretation, so please
20 tell me if I'm wrong. The facility's not operating,
21 so it's not even constructed?

22 A True.

23 Q So we are estimating the emissions?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Now, who derived the new total HAP

1 estimate at the top of Page 25?

2 A Well, I did the emission calculation
3 spreadsheet. I did that calculation. However, I was
4 not acting alone. I was acting with my team members
5 and with Medicine Bow Fuel & Power.

6 Q So would you say, then, that you were
7 responsible for the estimate equally with the other
8 team members?

9 A Well, it's Medicine Bow Fuel & Power's
10 decision as to --

11 Q To accept your recommended estimate?

12 A Right. In this case, we discussed the
13 calculation and the variables that went into the
14 calculation, but -- so I would say I acted equally, I
15 guess, with them. It just so happened the
16 spreadsheet was the one -- I was working with the
17 spreadsheet.

18 Q Who is "them"?

19 A "Them" would be my team member, Susan, and
20 then --

21 Q She's with your company?

22 A Yes. Susan Bassett.

23 Q She's your supervisor?

24 A Yes. And then the team members from
25 Medicine Bow Fuel & Power.

1 Q Who are they?

2 A Bob Moss and James Knox.

3 Q Did you say Bob Moss?

4 A Yes.

5 Q James Knox?

6 A Yes.

7 Q K-n-o-x?

8 A Yes.

9 Q So did the team have a name?

10 A No. We just -- the client. No, we did
11 not have a name.

12 Q But you were a team -- you were a
13 functional team in that you worked together with
14 Susan on the application, and with two people from --
15 two officials from Medicine Bow?

16 A Correct.

17 Q Did the modified emissions estimate that
18 is identified here at the top of Page 25 constitute
19 your best estimate of total HAP emissions?

20 A At the time, yes.

21 Q What was the standard error of that
22 estimate?

23 A I did not calculate that.

24 Q Why did you not calculate that?

25 (Ms. Throne left the room.)

1 A That is something that's typically not
2 done. It did not occur to me to do that.

3 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Okay. Was there any
4 discussion about calculating the standard error of
5 the estimate?

6 A No, not amongst our team.

7 Q So you did not hear of any discussion
8 about calculating a standard error for the estimate?

9 A Not that I can recall.

10 Q So if you did not calculate the standard
11 error, then you could not estimate the probability
12 that your estimate would exceed the threshold of 25
13 tons per year?

14 A That is correct.

15 Q And it is your experience that -- have you
16 ever been involved in rendering an estimate for
17 purposes of determining whether hazardous air
18 pollution emissions from a facility are likely to be
19 a major source where the estimate was this close to
20 the threshold, that is to say, within 3 percent or
21 less?

22 A I don't know. I have done lots of
23 emission calculations over my career.

24 Q Sure.

25 A Some of them have probably been close to a

1 threshold, a HAP threshold. I don't immediately
2 recall anything, you know, that -- there's just too
3 many calculations I have done to recall.

4 Q But nothing stands out?

5 A Nothing stands out.

6 Q Okay. Again, to a layperson, you know,
7 with no real technical training, the result of the
8 estimate seems surprisingly close to the threshold?

9 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, vague, ambiguous.

10 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Was there a discussion
11 amongst you and your team members about how close to
12 the threshold the best estimate that you came to at
13 this point was?

14 A There was a discussion.

15 Q Can you tell me about the discussion?

16 A To the best that I can remember --

17 Q Yes.

18 A -- yes. As noted here, the modified
19 emission calculations resulted in a facility HAP that
20 was just below the total HAP and a methanol emission
21 rate that was just above the methanol threshold.

22 Q Yes.

23 A So that that initiated a discussion,
24 seeing these numbers. When one looks at the emission
25 calculations -- and those are provided in Appendix B

1 of the application -- one can see how the emission
2 calculations were done, and one can see, you know,
3 what variables -- as with any calculation, what
4 variables might need to be changed.

5 So there was a discussion of the
6 feasibility, I guess, of lowering the numbers to
7 below the thresholds for major HAP. There was also
8 discussion of the wisdom of doing that, and although
9 not a statistical discussion, a discussion of the
10 reasonableness of doing that, the likelihood that
11 they would be able to comply with the number that
12 would be calculated from lowering the emission rate.

13 Q What was your view as to the latter point?

14 A My view was, and still is, that they need
15 to be careful about that, that this has resulted, I
16 think rightfully so, in some permit terms around the
17 equipment leaks. It's resulted in a permit term that
18 specifies the component count, and it is my opinion
19 they should be careful when they go through their
20 design. Thus, my earlier comments about they have an
21 incentive if they want to stay within the existing
22 threshold, and if they want to stay within the permit
23 limitations, they need to take care and not lose
24 sight of this throughout the entire design process.
25 And when I say "they," I mean Medicine Bow Fuel &

1 Power.

2 Q Is 24.7 a rounded number? In other words,
3 does the calculation go to the hundredth spot?

4 A It's an Excel spreadsheet, so yes, it
5 would.

6 Q It would.

7 A I don't know what the other digits are
8 without opening up that spreadsheet to look. But
9 typically, you will see a ton-per-year number
10 specified just to one decimal place like this.

11 Q Do you have a sense of the probability
12 that the actual emission rate will exceed 25.0 tons
13 per year?

14 A My sense is that they can stay under
15 because I do feel we've made our best estimate at a
16 maximum number. I feel that once they get an
17 operating facility and they start measuring, they
18 will find that there are many valves and pumps that
19 do not leak and, therefore, have a very negligible
20 emission rate. So provided that they maintain an
21 effective LDAR program, then yes, I think they will.
22 I think they have a shot.

23 Q But we are using SOCMI averages?

24 A Yes.

25 Q So that there will also be many valves and

1 pumps and fittings that will leak at rates higher
2 than the SOCOMI average?

3 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, foundation.

4 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Is that true?

5 A I wouldn't say many. I can't say at this
6 point. I can just speak from my own observation and
7 opinion that these pumps will be new.

8 Q They will all be new?

9 A Yes. It's a new facility.

10 Q But all the components will be new?

11 A Well, I'm assuming that, but -- yeah.

12 Q If your assumption were wrong in that some
13 of the pumps were likely to be several years old,
14 would that change your opinion?

15 MR. COPPEDE: Calls for speculation.

16 A I don't know. I'm leaning towards no.

17 Q (By Mr. Galpern) I say that because you
18 just made a point that components should be new.

19 A No. I think the key point is the
20 effective LDAR program. So I did not mean to make
21 that point, I just -- because even new components
22 could have a problem. I just think an effective LDAR
23 program is the key here.

24 Q But, Katrina, is it true in a normal
25 distribution of components where the mean and the

1 average will be the same, you are likely to have as
2 many components leaking above the average as you will
3 below the average?

4 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, foundation,
5 speculation.

6 A I'm not well versed in my statistics.
7 That sounds logical to me in a normal distribution.
8 I just don't know what this plant will look like in
9 terms of the results of its LDAR program.

10 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Similar to the point I
11 was just probing. In the LDAR program, let's say,
12 where you are expecting a pump whose leak definition
13 has been lowered to 2,000 parts per million, if that
14 pump is leaking at 1,500 parts per million, that
15 would be considered a pass?

16 A Yes.

17 Q But if that pump were leaking at 2,500
18 parts per million, that would be considered a
19 failure?

20 A Correct.

21 Q Corrective action would need to be taken?

22 A Correct.

23 Q The least that that pump could leak would
24 be zero parts per million?

25 A Right.

1 Q But the most that that pump could leak
2 could be well in excess of 6,000 parts per million,
3 or even higher?

4 A Yes.

5 Q So that the error on either side of the
6 definition, my definition, could be greater for the
7 leakers than for the nonleakers?

8 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, speculation.

9 A I just don't know. I just don't know. I
10 do know -- and I've never read in detail about the
11 studies that have been done on LDAR programs or on
12 these emission factors, but EPA does provide such
13 studies --

14 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Yes.

15 A -- to review. I've just not -- I'm not in
16 a position where I feel comfortable answering those
17 questions because I've not reviewed those.

18 Q But you were responsible for developing
19 the LDAR program?

20 A Not the LDAR program.

21 Q Not the LDAR program?

22 A No.

23 Q Okay. Were you involved in selecting it
24 as BACT?

25 A I was involved in doing the emission

1 calculations and recommending it as BACT.

2 Q You recommended the LDAR program as
3 BACT --

4 A Yes.

5 Q -- subsequent to doing the emission --

6 A Yes.

7 Q -- calculations, the PTE emission
8 calculations?

9 A Yes. Yes. My colleague, Susan, and I
10 developed the emission calculations together.

11 Q So these were calculations as to what
12 would be the potential to emit of the entire facility
13 of HAPs, assuming that the LDAR program were in
14 effect?

15 A Yes, because that is a federally
16 enforceable control that we expected would be in the
17 permit and is in the permit.

18 Q So that even with the LDAR program intact,
19 your calculations at that time, they changed mildly
20 three months later with respect to the total HAP
21 emissions, still had the HAP emission rate very close
22 to the -- within 3 percentage points of the threshold
23 for major source?

24 A Correct.

25 Q And three months later, in September 2008,

1 your calculation, still with the LDAR program assumed
2 to be in place which you recommended as BACT, that
3 the threshold would still be within 3 percent of the
4 threshold -- for the total HAP emissions?

5 A Um-hum, yes.

6 Q And that the methanol threshold would be
7 within 9 percent of the threshold for an individual
8 HAP pollutant?

9 A The methanol emissions at 9.1 tons per
10 year.

11 Q Right.

12 A Yes.

13 Q Within 10 percent of the individual HAP
14 pollutant threshold for a major source?

15 A Yes, 10.

16 Q Okay. Previously you indicated that
17 despite the closeness, I guess you would say, of the
18 best estimate to the major source threshold, no
19 standard error was calculated?

20 A Correct.

21 Q And so no probability that the threshold
22 would be crossed was estimated --

23 A Correct.

24 Q -- for total HAP emissions?

25 A Correct.

1 Q And are the same two points true with
2 respect to methanol emissions?

3 A Yes, the same two facts are true.

4 Q No standard error was calculated, and so
5 no probability that the methanol emissions, in fact,
6 would exceed the major source threshold was
7 calculated?

8 A Correct.

9 Q You say at the bottom of Page 25 that the
10 leak emission rates, by which I think you mean the
11 equipment leak rates for VOC emissions, including HAP
12 emissions, you say they are typically a conservative
13 estimate, and this is a result of -- let's start --
14 let me begin again. You say, "As a result, the
15 equipment leak emission rates, including HAP
16 emissions, are typically a conservative estimate."
17 My question is, as a result of what?

18 A The previous sentence.

19 Q So as a result of the engineering designs?

20 A What the two sentences say, and what I
21 mean to say here, is that typically, and in my
22 experience, air permit applications are put together
23 and submitted, in many cases, before engineering
24 design and final detail drawings are created.
25 Therefore, as a means to protect oneself from an

1 emission limit or permit limit that you cannot comply
2 with, a permittee will typically overestimate some
3 portion of the calculation.

4 Q Some parameter that goes into the
5 calculation?

6 A Yes.

7 Q So that the calculation would be -- tend
8 to be larger than actual?

9 A Right.

10 Q That the best estimate should be -- should
11 be -- should likely overstate what actual emissions
12 will be?

13 A Right. So you can -- so within reason.
14 So you can show compliance because you are
15 calculating a number, and you must submit that
16 calculation before you can start construction, before
17 you have your design.

18 Q Given the panoply of assumptions we've
19 talked about here that went into the PTE calculation,
20 do you still believe that the Medicine Bow estimate
21 was conservative?

22 A I do.

23 Q You note that HAP emissions from normal
24 startup flaring activities are extremely low and
25 negligible compared to other sources of HAP emissions

1 at the facility?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Here again, you are using the term "normal
4 startup," by which I assume you, again, mean startup
5 flaring activities that do not include cold startup?

6 A Correct.

7 Q Do you hold that cold starts similarly
8 will produce either extremely low or negligible HAP
9 emissions?

10 A I don't know.

11 Q Was that estimated by the facility?

12 A For cold start, no.

13 Q So cold-start emissions which the facility
14 estimates will occur somewhere in the range of once
15 every three to four years, HAP emissions for those
16 were not included in the PTE?

17 A Correct, as we've discussed earlier with
18 the cold-start emissions.

19 Q So that if they were to have been included
20 and they were to have -- well, on average, even more
21 than 1.4 tons per year of HAP emissions in them, that
22 would have put the facility over the threshold for a
23 major source?

24 A If they had high -- the emissions to cause
25 them to go over 25, or 10 for any one compound, and

1 if they were calculated in the PTE, then yes. I
2 think I just said that right. Yes.

3 Q Yes, you said it perfectly, I think.

4 A There's two ifs in there.

5 Q Two ifs. If both those things were true,
6 if the facility or DEQ had done a PTE that included
7 cold-start emissions and those emissions included at
8 least 1.4 tons per year on average of HAP emissions,
9 then that would have put the facility over the
10 threshold even based on your September 2008 total
11 facility HAP emissions?

12 A Yes.

13 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, asked and
14 answered.

15 Q (By Mr. Galpern) And the same thing could
16 be true if there were, on average, 1 ton per year of
17 cold-start emissions, of methanol emissions?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. We're now approaching the highlight
20 of the day, the discussion of PM emissions. Do you
21 want to proceed, or do you need a break?

22 A I think I'm good.

23 Q Okay.

24 MS. VEHR: Could I volunteer to take a
25 quick break?

1 MR. GALPERN: Sure. Let's take a break
2 until Nancy gets back.

3 (Recess from 3:44 p.m. to 3:48 p.m.)

4 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Katrina, I would like to
5 turn to the subject of the consideration of PM2.5
6 emissions. First, going back a little ways, if I
7 can, to lay the groundwork a little bit. You are
8 aware that -- you are aware of the medical evidence
9 that especially implicates inhalation of fine
10 particulates with health problems, including
11 cardiovascular problems?

12 A Yes. I think that's the first time I've
13 heard cardiovascular, but yes.

14 Q You are aware of what PM2.5 stands for?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And that particulates that fall within
17 that range are -- have an air diameter that is
18 significantly less than the width of a human hair?

19 A Yes.

20 Q What is the largest size particle within
21 the PM2.5 family of particles?

22 A I would gather 2.5.

23 Q 2.5 microns?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And what is the largest diameter particle

1 in the family of PM10 particles?

2 A 10 microns.

3 Q Okay. Did Medicine Bow conduct a direct
4 BACT analysis for PM2.5 emissions stemming from the
5 facility?

6 A What do you mean by "direct"?

7 Q Did they conduct an analysis of control
8 technologies that are necessary to control or limit
9 emissions of particles that are less than 2.5 microns
10 in diameter?

11 A No, not in the application. The analysis
12 for PM10 was completed.

13 Q Right. I understand that was a -- they
14 did analysis for PM10 but not for PM2.5; is that
15 correct?

16 A Right.

17 Q Did DEQ, in its permit analysis, conduct a
18 direct BACT analysis for PM2.5 emissions?

19 A Not that I'm aware.

20 Q And are you aware if they conducted a
21 direct BACT analysis in the decision document? In
22 the decision document.

23 A Not that I am aware. I forget at the
24 moment what the discussion was in the decision
25 document regarding 2 -- PM2.5.

1 Q Okay. And are you aware if DEQ conducted
2 a direct BACT analysis for PM2.5 emissions in the
3 permit itself?

4 A In the permit itself? No, I don't think
5 there is a BACT analysis for PM2.5.

6 Q And then finally, do you know if a BACT
7 analysis was done by Medicine Bow or DEQ for direct
8 control of PM2.5 emissions at all?

9 A No. Again, PM10 but not PM2.5.

10 Q Right. And PM10, again, are particles
11 that can be as much as four times greater than the
12 largest PM2.5 emissions?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And actually can be hundreds of times
15 larger than the smallest PM2.5 emissions?

16 A Yeah.

17 Q Are you familiar with the phrase "to catch
18 a mouse, use a trap smaller than for an elephant"?

19 A No.

20 Q No.

21 A I can figure it out, but I've not heard it
22 before.

23 Q On Page 27, you offer your opinion -- this
24 is at the end of the first paragraph, the last
25 clause, what Nancy might term an appositive -- that

1 it's your opinion that the DEQ has appropriately
2 considered PM2.5 emissions in the permit, circling
3 back to the beginning of that sentence, given the
4 timing of the permit as it relates to the ongoing
5 PM2.5 regulatory development. So is it your opinion
6 that DEQ's -- DEQ appropriately considered PM2.5
7 emissions only given that context of the particular
8 timing?

9 MR. COPPEDE: Object, the document speaks
10 for itself. It's not a complete statement of what's
11 written there.

12 A I didn't, in writing this and even now,
13 didn't consider WDEQ's actions in any other respect
14 other than the timing of this permit as it relates to
15 regulatory development.

16 Q (By Mr. Galpern) So, then, you do not
17 have an opinion?

18 A Oh, I do have an opinion.

19 Q Oh.

20 A I do think that they appropriately
21 considered PM2.5.

22 Q Period?

23 A Period.

24 Q To the next page, the middle of the top
25 partial paragraph, you see -- you quote there EPA

1 final rule for PM2.5 -- I'm sorry, its final New
2 Source Review Implementation Rule for PM2.5 -- that
3 provides states with three years from the date of
4 issuance, I guess May 18, 2008 -- states that have
5 SIP-approved SPD programs will, by that time, need to
6 submit revised PSD programs that include revised
7 PM2.5 plans, but that during that period of three
8 years, states are obligated to protect the PM2.5
9 NAAQS, N-A-A-Q-S. However, if states are unable to
10 implement a PSD program, again citing the rule that
11 you cite here, reading directly from your report, the
12 state is authorized to continue to implement a PM10
13 program as a surrogate for PM2.5 controls.

14 My question is, in 2007 -- or let's say in
15 2008, either one -- was Wyoming unable to implement a
16 PSD program for the direct control of PM2.5?

17 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, foundation.

18 A In 2007 or in 2008, I don't know if they
19 were unable to. It's my understanding that they are
20 proceeding to have the SIP modified, but I do not
21 work in SIP issues with any state, and so I don't
22 know.

23 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Okay. Are you saying
24 that it's your understanding, then, that Wyoming does
25 not believe it currently is unable to do this?

1 A I don't know.

2 Q Given your expertise in air pollution
3 control, what kind of inability would a state need to
4 have to exercise the option under this rule to not
5 implement the PSD program for PM2.5?

6 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, foundation.

7 A I surely do not know all the reasons why a
8 state would be unable to implement a PSD program, but
9 I can think of one example, which may or may not be
10 the case for Wyoming. I'm just talking generally.

11 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Sure.

12 A If the SIP cannot be approved, whether
13 that be from a state legislature standpoint or if the
14 SIP has to go through the legislature or if the EPA
15 does not approve in a timely manner, and as I said,
16 those are just examples.

17 Q Okay.

18 A I will not claim to be an expert on the
19 SIP approval process.

20 Q Okay. That's fair enough. But I think
21 you answered a different question from the one I
22 asked.

23 A Okay.

24 Q What I'm trying to ask is clearly -- let's
25 go back. Clearly, if the state does not have a PSD

1 program for PM2.5, then it will not be implementing
2 such a program?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Clearly, if the state has a statute that
5 says the agency cannot implement a new air pollution
6 control program unless it has been adopted into the
7 state SIP and approved by EPA, then DEQ, or whatever
8 the authority is for air pollution control in a
9 particular state, would be precluded by law from
10 implementing a PM2.5 PSD program, but I don't -- but
11 the question goes not to whether the state has the
12 authority, but here, quoting from the rule, whether
13 the SIP-approved state is unable to implement a PSD
14 program, by which I take it to mean technically
15 unable.

16 And so that's the reason why I asked you
17 the question, given your vast expertise in the area
18 of air quality and engineering questions and control
19 questions, what would be the type of incapacity that
20 Wyoming would need to have in order to get out from
21 under this rule's requirement to implement a PSD
22 program for PM2.5 in that three-year period.

23 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, foundation and
24 asked and answered.

25 A I cannot think of any other possible

1 problems.

2 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Okay. Me neither. I
3 just wanted to make sure. So at the time of -- this
4 would be an extension of your answer, I think, but I
5 want to make sure. At the time of the facility's --
6 Medicine Bow's submittal in December 2007, do you
7 know if Wyoming was unable in this way to implement a
8 direct PM2.5 PSD program?

9 A I do not know.

10 Q Now, we did review just a portion of your
11 resume, and I need to ask if you are also a lawyer.

12 A I am not.

13 Q Okay. Any particular legal training --

14 A No.

15 Q -- in the area of air pollution
16 regulation, for example, or the relevant statutes
17 that would qualify you to make a -- to have an expert
18 legal opinion?

19 A No. I don't think my course in air
20 pollution law or environmental law in my master's
21 program qualifies.

22 Q I ask because in the middle of Page 29,
23 you -- this is seven, eight lines down. Do you see
24 the sentence that begins, "It is also my opinion,"
25 kind of on the right-hand side of the page?

1 A Yes.

2 Q You say, "It is also my opinion that DEQ
3 acted in accordance with EPA policy and regulation in
4 effect at the time to use the surrogate policy for
5 the proposed Medicine Bow Fuel & Power facility," and
6 I'm wondering what weight the fact finder should
7 accord that.

8 A It is my opinion.

9 MR. COPPEDE: Go ahead. Is that a
10 question? It's calling for speculation. She's not
11 in a position --

12 MR. GALPERN: I would never call for
13 speculation.

14 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Now, relatedly, if it
15 all relates -- does it?

16 A It does.

17 Q You offered an opinion as to the
18 appropriateness of Wyoming's use of the surrogacy
19 policy given the state of regulatory development that
20 Wyoming found itself -- or Medicine Bow Fuel & Power
21 found itself in 2007.

22 A Right.

23 Q And you said that it was appropriate to
24 use the surrogate policy?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Do you believe it would have been
2 inappropriate to undertake a direct BACT analysis for
3 PM2.5?

4 A No, I don't think it would have been
5 inappropriate.

6 Q Okay. Same for DEQ: Would it have been
7 inappropriate for DEQ to have undertaken a direct
8 BACT analysis for PM2.5 --

9 A No.

10 Q -- for the facility?

11 A I don't think it would have been
12 inappropriate. I know that I would have questioned
13 why they were doing that, but I don't think it would
14 have been inappropriate.

15 Q Now, on Page 29, at the -- 69 percent of
16 the way down, you say that by the time the DEQ issued
17 a final PSD permit in March of this year -- are you
18 with me there?

19 A Yes.

20 Q -- the technical issues referenced in the
21 surrogate policy that was dated, I think, 1997, so 22
22 years earlier -- I'm sorry, 17 years earlier -- no,
23 12 years earlier. Do we have our math correct?

24 A I think that's correct.

25 Q You did indicate you took math in --

1 A I did.

2 Q But 12 years earlier, had been addressed,
3 and EPA had promulgated the NSR Implementation Rule
4 allowing the surrogacy policy during states' SIP --
5 allowing the use of the surrogate policy during
6 states' SIP development periods. So by that time,
7 the original justification for the surrogate policy
8 had evaporated?

9 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, foundation.

10 A It seems to me that perhaps the original
11 justification might have been addressed, the emission
12 measurement estimation modeling issues, but I still
13 see that the final NSR Implementation Rule allowed
14 three years for development of the SIP programs for
15 states.

16 Q (By Mr. Galpern) You don't cite any rule
17 or regulation here; is that correct?

18 A Where?

19 Q With this sentence.

20 A There's no citation here, no.

21 Q What is the basis for your sentence here?

22 A Well, I know that the final PSD permit was
23 issued in March of 2009. The technical issues had
24 been addressed regarding the surrogacy policy. I do
25 not remember which document I have seen that in,

1 but --

2 Q Is this at the top of 28?

3 A Well, that's where I'm looking is that I
4 don't immediately recall which preamble I had found
5 this in, but the statements would have been based on
6 what I read in these cited regulations, and there are
7 footnotes for those citations. So although this
8 sentence does not have any citations, I think if you
9 reference back to within the discussion before this
10 paragraph, that is where you find the basis of my
11 statements.

12 Q So could that be the Footnote 27?

13 A It could be, but like I said, I failed to
14 remember exactly where some of these statements
15 regarding the surrogacy policy have been made. I do
16 know when the EPA promulgated the NSR rule, and I do
17 know what it says due to the citations here. I did
18 not bring copies of those federal registers with me
19 here today.

20 Q I ask the question because here you say,
21 in this sentence that we were just talking about --
22 you say that the use of the surrogacy policy is
23 allowed during states' SIP development period, but
24 previously where you directly cited from the
25 regulation --

1 A Um-hum, yes.

2 Q -- it appeared that the permission to use
3 the surrogacy policy within that three-year period
4 was conditioned on the state being unable to
5 implement a direct PSD program for PM2.5.

6 A That is not the way I interpret that.
7 However, I do admit that I don't -- I do not know
8 exactly what is envisioned by the phrase "unable to
9 implement."

10 Q Okay. Let's move on. You cite to Trimble
11 on the top of 30, noting that the legitimacy of the
12 use of the surrogate policy -- it is surrogate
13 policy, not surrogacy policy.

14 A Sorry.

15 Q No, it was my error, not yours?

16 A I've said it too.

17 Q -- is conditioned on a reasonableness
18 determination. Do you see where you say that at the
19 top of 30?

20 A I do. I do see the reference, and the
21 fact that the administrative order provides suggested
22 methods for the reasonableness of the policy.

23 Q Right. But it not only provides suggested
24 methods, but it states that the state meaning to use
25 the surrogate policy must establish its

1 reasonably, and then provides suggested methods
2 that that can be done --

3 A Yes.

4 Q -- is that correct?

5 A Yes, that's my understanding.

6 Q You rely, do you not, on AP-42 to say
7 essentially that for combustion turbines, total PM
8 emissions equals PM10 emissions equals PM2.5 emissions
9 equals, most likely, PM1 emissions?

10 A For gas-fired combustion turbines.

11 Q Yes.

12 A Yes.

13 Q But doesn't Trimble caution against the
14 use of simple ratios of factors such as the ones that
15 you just --

16 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, foundation, calls
17 for a legal conclusion.

18 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Well, you -- let's see
19 here. On Page 32, could you read the first sentence
20 of -- could you read the first three sentences of the
21 second paragraph.

22 A Yes. Although, I would like to add a
23 statement after I read them. "As noted in the
24 Louisville G&E Administrative Order, a simple ratio
25 of AP-42 emission factors or of the results of a

1 single compliance stack test would not appear to be
2 sufficient. Instead, reasonable consideration would
3 be given to whether and how the PM2.5 to PM10 ratio
4 may vary with source operating conditions, including
5 variations in the fuel rate and in control equipment
6 condition and operation. This consideration may be
7 based on engineering analysis of the facility,
8 including the proposed control technology."

9 Q Thank you.

10 A My comment after that, I realize I have
11 cited it here. I have since had a brief opportunity
12 to look over the Trimble case again, and I have a
13 question as to why they say something like this about
14 AP-42. I have a question as to whether their
15 conclusions regarding AP-42 were not very specific to
16 the Trimble case and/or coal-fired boiler cases.

17 Q I see. But the language of Trimble is not
18 restricted to coal-fired boilers.

19 A It is not. The language is not
20 restricted, however --

21 Q The plant at issue was coal-fired?

22 A The plant at issue was coal-fired. And
23 like I said, I've not spent a great deal of time
24 reviewing that, but I personally think that that
25 statement should be reviewed in the context of that

1 specific case.

2 Q Well, let's get back to your point on
3 Page 30, if we can. Is there any technical basis in
4 the record beyond the use of a simple ratio of AP-42
5 factors to support the assumption -- your assumption
6 that all combustion PM -- all combustion PM is PM2.5,
7 or even PM1?

8 A The only thing in the record would be this
9 report and references to AP-42.

10 Q Your report?

11 A Yes.

12 Q This report right here?

13 A This report.

14 Q And references in the record to AP-42?

15 A Yeah, references actually right here in my
16 report.

17 Q Okay. Okay. Good. So nothing in the
18 application?

19 A Correct.

20 Q Nothing in the permit analysis?

21 A To my recollection, correct.

22 Q Nothing in the decision document?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Nothing in the permit analysis -- the
25 permit?

1 A Correct.

2 Q Okay. Now, Katrina, with respect to the
3 question of the reasonableness determination,
4 where -- same sort of question -- where in the record
5 has Medicine Bow Fuel & Power provided a specific
6 analysis and come to a determination, such as is
7 required under Trimble, that with respect to the
8 Medicine Bow Fuel & Power facility, use of the PM10
9 surrogate policy was reasonable?

10 A I don't think Medicine Bow has anything in
11 the record to that, to the use of the surrogate
12 policy and the reasonableness of applying it.
13 However, I would like to point out that Medicine
14 Bow's permit was issued well in advance of the
15 Trimble decision and the discussion of this
16 reasonableness argument coming out.

17 Q Right. We will not debate here the legal
18 import of that point.

19 A Good.

20 Q But it is heard. Same question for DEQ.
21 Do you know, where in the record did DEQ conduct such
22 a reasonableness determination?

23 A I do not know that it's anywhere in the
24 record for WDEQ.

25 Q So you don't know if there's anything in

1 the permit analysis?

2 A I don't think there is, no.

3 Q And you don't think there's anything,
4 then, in the decision document?

5 A Correct.

6 Q And you also don't think that there's
7 anything in the permit?

8 A Correct. Also, I'll make the same point,
9 those documents were created before the Trimble order
10 came out.

11 Q Yes. You make an argument on the bottom
12 of Page 32 that begins largely with the quote from
13 the Trimble order, and you conclude what in the last
14 sentence? Could you read that for us?

15 A Yes. "Therefore, in order to determine
16 whether using the surrogate policy for fugitive
17 emissions is reasonable, the focus should turn from
18 emission quantification to emission control." Is
19 that the correct sentence you wanted me to read?

20 Q Um-hum.

21 A Okay.

22 Q How does that conclusion follow from the
23 prior sentences?

24 A I am making an acknowledgment that
25 although -- I just told you that I personally have a

1 question about Trimble's statements regarding AP-42.
2 In this report, I am acknowledging that my previous
3 discussion had been based on AP-42, so I am turning
4 my focus away from AP-42 and presenting another type
5 of argument to support the use of the surrogate
6 policy.

7 Q Okay. So then you could well have said,
8 instead of "the focus should turn," "my focus should
9 turn"?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Okay.

12 A You need a second career as an English
13 teacher.

14 Q You don't need much help. To the question
15 of baghouses and electrostatic precipitators, which I
16 know lies close to John's heart.

17 MR. GALPERN: Right?

18 Q (By Mr. Galpern) You say -- see the
19 second paragraph of Page 33?

20 A Yes.

21 Q -- that the controls that you selected as
22 BACT for PM10 -- by you, I mean you advising Medicine
23 Bow and Medicine Bow accepting it -- is a combination
24 of good combustion practices. Here again, we're
25 talking about the turbines, right, turbines?

1 A Correct.

2 Q And use of fuels that I imagine you've
3 done a good job cleaning before they go to the
4 turbines; is that correct?

5 A Correct.

6 Q To remove residual carbon emissions?

7 A Correct.

8 Q So that there would be virtually no soot?

9 A Correct.

10 Q That decision was made after consideration
11 of using baghouses and electrostatic precipitators --

12 A Correct.

13 Q -- as part of the top-down BACT analysis
14 for PM10? For PM10. Who undertook that
15 consideration?

16 A Medicine Bow and URS in the permit
17 application.

18 Q So there was a full top-down BACT analysis
19 for PM10?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Did you testify previously there was no
22 similar -- well, I guess a different question. Was
23 there any similar consideration of top-down analysis
24 for PM2.5?

25 A No, not separate, just the PM10.

1 Q And so there was no separate consideration
2 for the use of baghouses and electrostatic
3 precipitators for PM2.5 control?

4 A Correct. We are using the surrogate
5 policy.

6 Q I know.

7 A I know. I just wanted to clarify.

8 Q So let me clarify. The reason why I ask
9 is that one could decide to use the surrogate policy
10 even after conducting a top-down BACT analysis for
11 PM2.5?

12 A For this case.

13 Q For a particular case. Trimble even goes
14 there. And so it's not intuitively obvious to me
15 that the decision to rely on a surrogate policy --
16 that is, to rely on PM10 as a surrogate for PM2.5 --
17 that that decision can only be undertaken in the
18 absence of actually conducting a BACT analysis for
19 PM2.5?

20 A Okay.

21 Q So that's why I'm asking if -- that's why
22 I'm probing to see.

23 A I may be thinking a bit too
24 simplistically, then. My thought is the surrogate
25 policy is being used, emission calculations and BACT

1 analysis together.

2 Q Um-hum. Okay. Then to the issue that
3 obviously resides close to Nancy's heart, fugitive
4 PM2.5. You say at the bottom that based, again, on
5 AP -- you are back to using AP-42, you haven't
6 abandoned the use of AP-42 emission factors. Based
7 on that, emissions of PM2.5 are less than PM10 by
8 average factors, and you conclude -- or you say that
9 while the proportion could vary with respect to
10 fugitive dust -- here I'm assuming you mean like dust
11 created on haul roads or the conveyance of the coal
12 on the conveyor belt and things of that nature?

13 A Yes. Primarily, though, I'm thinking
14 about the road dust.

15 Q The road dust. So that would be not coal
16 dust?

17 A Correct.

18 Q It would be just road dust?

19 A Correct.

20 Q But when we're talking about AP-42's
21 techniques such as watering, the use of chemical
22 wetting agents, aren't we talking coal dust, not road
23 dust, or road dust that involves coal?

24 A Well, for road dust control, it is a
25 common technique for -- to wet the roads and to

1 sometimes put down chemical agents just simply to
2 control the road dust.

3 Q Okay.

4 A So it could be, you know, chemical wetting
5 agents can be used in -- for both types of fugitive
6 pollutants.

7 Q And that could be used either for keeping
8 down coal dust when it's being conveyed, or road dust
9 kicked up by trucks that are hauling the coal, or for
10 whatever reason coming through the facility?

11 A Yes.

12 Q But if you wish to control PM2.5 where the
13 proportion may vary depending on what it is that you
14 are talking about and meteorological conditions that
15 you cite and so on, isn't it true that the method of
16 application of a work practice may be different?

17 A I'm not so sure. How so?

18 Q Well, again, I'm no chemical engineer --

19 A I don't think so.

20 Q -- but if you have -- if you are trying to
21 control -- getting back to the mouse and the elephant
22 issue, but here in the context of fugitive emissions
23 of PM2.5 versus PM10, if you are trying to -- say use
24 of wetting, water or chemical agents -- control
25 larger particles, then you may use larger particles,

1 but if you wish to control smaller particles, you may
2 use more -- finer particles of water or chemicals.
3 Isn't that true?

4 A I just -- I don't see it that way due to
5 the, I want to say, practicality, but perhaps more
6 correctly the way that the wetting agent is
7 administered. It won't change. Let's say we're
8 talking about road dust and we are talking about
9 wetting the roads so that you have fewer emissions of
10 PM10, PM2.5, PM of any size. More than likely, you
11 are going to use the same type of truck or the same
12 type of sprayer to spray the water and wet the
13 surface of what you need to be controlled. So I
14 don't think practically it will be any different.

15 Q Well, for example, it's typical, is it
16 not, on a shower head that one could make the water
17 coming out finer or coarser?

18 A Yeah. I don't know, though, if you have
19 that capability on the water trucks.

20 Q You do not?

21 A The ones I have always observed with
22 chemical trucks appear to be spraying the same --
23 using the same nozzle spray. They simply drive up
24 and down the road --

25 Q Right.

1 A -- or cover the surface that they need to
2 spray. I'm not aware of anybody changing the dial,
3 per se, to change how that's administered.

4 Q Okay. Have you ever investigated that
5 possibility?

6 A No, I have not.

7 Q Okay.

8 A I've observed it at plants that I visited,
9 plants that I've seen, but it has been just an
10 observation.

11 Q Okay. Moving all the way to Page 35. Do
12 you have Trimble with you? That's okay if you --

13 A I don't know.

14 Q Without Trimble, I will relieve you of
15 that deficit.

16 A Okay.

17 (Exhibit 5 marked.)

18 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Katrina, you proceed, I
19 think, in 34 and 35 to provide some examples -- at
20 least one example of where the EPA has found use of
21 the surrogate policy to be appropriate.

22 A Yes.

23 Q And looking at the end of Page 35, you
24 cite the Spurlock Generating Station.

25 A Yes.

1 Q And you say, "This case is mentioned in
2 the August 2009 Louisville Gas & Electric
3 Administrative Order, as well, as an example of a
4 situation where the surrogate policy can be used,"
5 right?

6 A Yes, I see that.

7 Q So could you please look to Footnote 38,
8 because I am concerned that you may be --

9 MS. VEHR: Footnote 38 in her --

10 Q (By Mr. Galpern) In Trimble, on Page -- I
11 don't know what page -- 45, because I am concerned
12 that your expert report may well overstate the case.
13 Could you read the footnote?

14 A Yes. "In 2007, EPA denied a petition
15 requesting that EPA object to the Title V permit for
16 Spurlock for failure to include a BACT limit for
17 PM2.5 emissions. In regard East Kentucky Power
18 Cooperative, Petition No. 4," dash --

19 Q Sure, you can --

20 A Thank you. "EPA found that under the
21 circumstances presented in that matter, KDAQ's use of
22 PM10 as a surrogate for PM2.5 was appropriate. EPA's
23 decision in the present order reflects the
24 circumstances presented in this LG&E matter,
25 including a more comprehensive petition and an

1 evolving understanding of the technical and legal
2 issues associated with the use of the PM10 surrogate
3 policy."

4 Q So does that footnote indicate that -- to
5 you that EPA's understanding of the technical and
6 legal issues may have evolved since the August 2007
7 case involving Spurlock?

8 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, speculation.

9 A It does say, at the end of the footnote,
10 "and an evolving understanding."

11 Q (By Mr. Galpern) So do you still hold
12 your opinion on the bottom of Page 35 that the
13 Trimble order cites Spurlock as an example of a
14 situation -- I'm quoting now -- quote, as an example
15 of a situation when the surrogate policy can be used?

16 A Well, yes, because it does cite the
17 Spurlock case, and at that time it was found an
18 appropriate use of the surrogate policy.

19 Q But your opinion in 35 is not as to an
20 example of a situation when this surrogate policy
21 could have been used but "can" be used, present.

22 MR. COPPEDE: Objection, asked and
23 answered.

24 MR. GALPERN: You can continue if you
25 wish.

1 A I think it does raise a question to see --
2 you know, to say that there is an evolving
3 understanding, but I don't think I would have
4 replaced the word "can" with "could" in this sentence
5 here.

6 Q (By Mr. Galpern) What would you have
7 replaced it with?

8 MR. COPPEDE: Objection.

9 A I think I like it as is.

10 Q (By Mr. Galpern) Okay. And then finally
11 for me, I think, right now, on Page 36 of your
12 report, Katrina, you are claiming that fugitive PM --
13 this has to do with fugitive particulate emissions
14 and the dispersion modeling. You claim that fugitive
15 PM emissions were modeled for dispersion, but isn't
16 it true that for short-term emissions, they were not?

17 MR. GALPERN: Can I hand this out as
18 another exhibit? This is from the permit.

19 (Exhibit 6 marked.)

20 Q (By Mr. Galpern) The caption of Table
21 6.1 is the operative point, I think. (Pause.) Is
22 that correct?

23 A Yes. I'm sorry. I didn't realize you
24 were waiting for me.

25 Q Okay. Thank you.

1 A May I add a clarification?

2 Q Sure.

3 A The comment is that -- that I was
4 responding to was that fugitive emissions were not
5 modeled. This page notes that in the short
6 terminals, the fugitives were not modeled. The
7 fugitives were modeled in the long-term analysis.

8 Q Oh, okay. That's fine. There may have
9 been a misunderstanding, then, in interpreting
10 Ranajit Sahu's point, because he may have been
11 referring only to short term.

12 A Okay.

13 MR. GALPERN: Okay. I think that
14 concludes my examination.

15 MR. COPPEDE: Give us a moment here to
16 review my notes.

17 MR. GALPERN: Sure, absolutely.

18 (Recess from 4:50 p.m. to 5:03 p.m.)

19 EXAMINATION

20 BY MS. VEHR:

21 Q And this all relates back to particulate
22 matter, my area. I'm going to ask you some
23 questions. You were asked about diameter of
24 particulate matter, and does particulate matter PM10
25 include particulate that would be PM2.5 and smaller?

1 A By definition, yes.

2 Q Okay. And are you aware of the term
3 "precursors"?

4 A Yes, I am.

5 Q Are there any precursors for PM2.5?

6 A Yes. In the case of the turbines, I think
7 the Knox and any SO2 generated would be considered
8 PM2.5 precursor.

9 Q Are you aware of volatile organic
10 compounds are precursors also?

11 A They can be, yeah.

12 Q Are you aware if there's any permit
13 conditions for nitrogen oxides in the permit?

14 A Yes. Yes.

15 Q Sulfur dioxides?

16 A Honestly, I need to look for sulfur
17 dioxides, so if you could just give me one minute.

18 Q Okay.

19 A For the turbines we're talking about,
20 correct.

21 Q Correct.

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. And volatile organic compounds?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay. And these are all considered PM2.5

1 precursors?

2 A Yes.

3 Q In your report, you mentioned about EPA's
4 PM2.5 rule promulgation process, and you cited the
5 final NSR Implementation Rule from May of 2008. Do
6 you recall that?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Are you aware of previous proposed rules
9 that EPA has made for PM2.5?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Have you ever heard the term "significant
12 increment limits"?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Also referred to as SILs?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Are you familiar with the term
17 "significant monitoring concentrations"?

18 A Yes, I am.

19 Q That's referred to as SMCs?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And are you aware if EPA has promulgated
22 final rules related to PM2.5 SILs?

23 A No. My recollection is that those have
24 been proposed, and I don't recall exactly when, but
25 they've not been finalized yet.

1 Q Same question in regards to significant
2 monitoring concentrations.

3 A Same answer. As I recall, those were
4 proposed but not finalized.

5 Q Okay. And I don't have a copy here to
6 hand out, but I'm going to represent to you that I'm
7 reading from Dr. Sahu's initial expert report, and I
8 am on -- give me a second to scroll down -- I am
9 reading from Page 21 of Dr. Sahu's initial expert
10 report, and he mentions in Paragraph -- he's
11 discussing other test methods, and he references an
12 Other Test Method 27 for filterable PM2.5. He makes
13 a statement, "While this is not yet a promulgated
14 test method, it is based on Method 201A."

15 A Yes.

16 Q Do you know what a promulgated test method
17 means?

18 A Yes, I do. That would be a test method
19 that has been published in the federal register and
20 that then would be in the appropriate CFR.

21 Q Would that be a test method promulgated by
22 EPA?

23 A Yes.

24 Q So would you agree with Dr. Sahu that EPA
25 has not yet promulgated Other Test Method 27 for

1 filterable PM2.5?

2 A That's my understanding, yes. I have not
3 checked the federal registers in the past two days or
4 so, but that is my understanding right now.

5 Q And what are other test methods used for?

6 A Oh, you know --

7 Q Would it be used for measuring PM2.5?

8 A Well, just as with a test method, test --
9 most test methods are to measure something. So I've
10 not read this test method detail, but other test
11 methods were filterable, that's what I concluded,
12 that it's for measuring PM2.5.

13 Q Would it be an accurate statement to say
14 that test methods are tools used for evaluating
15 PM2.5?

16 A Yes, that's fair.

17 Q Okay. Are you familiar with what a state
18 im -- I'm leaving Dr. Sahu's thing right now.

19 A Okay.

20 Q Are you familiar with what a state
21 implementation plan is?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And would you just briefly describe what
24 that is in your words.

25 A Yes. I know I will get the legal

1 discussion incorrect, but the state implementation
2 plan is the document that -- I'm not going to get my
3 legal right -- that provides authorization to the
4 state. When the state has a -- is delegated
5 authority for a program, it is written into the state
6 implementation plan and approved by EPA which
7 thereby, then, if I understand it right, gives the
8 state that authority for administering that program.

9 Q Okay. That's fine. That's in your words,
10 and that sums it up pretty accurately and concisely.

11 A Okay.

12 Q Are you aware of any states that have
13 submitted PSD NSR implementation programs for PM2.5
14 since the EPA promulgation of the NSR rule in May
15 2008?

16 A No, I'm not.

17 Q Same question, but are you aware if EPA
18 has approved any state implementation plans?

19 A No, I'm not.

20 MS. VEHR: Okay. I'm just going to scroll
21 back. Give me one minute here. I think that's all
22 the questions I have.

23 THE DEPONENT: Okay.

24 MS. VEHR: Thank you.

25 MR. COPPEDE: I may have a few here.

1 EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. COPPEDE:

3 Q Ms. Winborn, do you recall when you were
4 being asked questions about whether a permit could be
5 crafted to control cold-start emissions for sulfur
6 dioxide?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Do you have an opinion whether, even
9 assuming such a permit could be crafted, whether that
10 permit would lead to fewer sulfur dioxide emissions?

11 A I take that to be permit limit. As we
12 discussed earlier, a permit limit for cold-start
13 emissions -- I'm sorry, can you repeat the end of
14 that question, please?

15 Q Do you have an opinion whether that type
16 of permit would lead to fewer SO2 cold-start
17 emissions?

18 A Yes. I do think that the current permit
19 which does not have any sort of limit for cold
20 startup and which establishes the SSEM for BACT, I
21 feel if that is implemented properly, if the SSEM is
22 implemented and enforced properly, and provided that
23 Medicine Bow stays within their permit limits as
24 stated in the current permit, that that's the most
25 stringent scenario and will result in fewer

1 emissions.

2 Q Okay. The way the permit's drafted
3 currently?

4 A The way it is drafted currently, because I
5 feel that if there is a separate permit term that is
6 established for cold startups, then it would allow
7 those emissions from cold startups. Whereas, I don't
8 see this current permit allowing that.

9 Q Do you recall generally the discussion
10 about the facility's startup/shutdown emissions
11 minimization plan?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And you are familiar with Medicine Bow's
14 SSEM plan?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did you understand that that was part of
17 the facility's permit in this case?

18 A Yes. It's an appendix to the permit.

19 Q Can you explain to us generally what the
20 purpose is of -- let me ask it this way: Can you
21 explain to us generally what the purpose of the SSEM
22 plan is?

23 A The purpose of the plan, it functions as
24 the best available control for emissions from
25 startup/shutdown activities, cold startup as we've

1 been talking about, and within the context of those
2 cold startup emissions, its purpose is to minimize
3 the emissions to the greatest extent possible.

4 Q Okay. That would include SO2 emissions?

5 A Yes, it would.

6 Q SO2 emissions for the flares?

7 A Yes, it would.

8 Q Or SO2 emissions from the flares, I should
9 say.

10 A From the flares, yeah, correct.

11 Q Is it your opinion in this case that the
12 SSEM plan is BACT, B-A-C-T, for SO2 emissions from
13 the flares?

14 A Yes, it is my opinion.

15 Q And can you explain why that is your
16 opinion?

17 A Yes. I feel that there's -- in fact,
18 there are no other control technologies for back-end
19 control of the flare and that this is one of the few
20 possibilities for controlling emissions from the
21 flare, and I think it's BACT because not only does it
22 provide control, but in my opinion, it provides for
23 prevention of emissions from the flare. Through
24 following the plan, they can actually prevent the
25 emissions or prevent the vents from going to the

1 flare which would then be converted into SO2
2 emissions.

3 Q Along those lines, do you recall the
4 discussion about whether numerical limits could be
5 set on flares?

6 A I recall, yes.

7 Q Do you know whether it's feasible to set
8 such emission standards or limits on flares, and if
9 not, what makes it infeasible to set such limits?

10 A I feel that it is infeasible to set
11 numerical limits on the flares because of the
12 difficulty of measuring emissions at all times, and
13 particularly during those times of transient startup
14 emissions that we discussed earlier that -- when I
15 say "feasible," I feel that it is impractical and
16 there's a good chance of the -- that the accuracy
17 will be very poor during those transient times. So
18 to me, that meets the definition of infeasible.

19 Q Do you know generally and can you explain
20 to us generally under what circumstances where
21 practice standards such as an SSEM plan will
22 constitute BACT for such emissions that -- and such
23 emissions being SO2 emissions from the flares?

24 A I believe that's in the definition of
25 BACT, which, you know, work practice standard can be

1 used when the administrator, or when the state in
2 this case, determines that it's infeasible to set
3 such a numerical limit.

4 Q Okay.

5 A That's when the option is presented. They
6 can determine that a work practice, or several other
7 items similar to work practices are listed in the
8 definition, and I'm sorry, I can't -- I would like to
9 read the definition to you, but . . .

10 Q Which definition?

11 A Of BACT.

12 Q That would be Exhibit 2, I think, that was
13 talked about earlier, I believe.

14 MS. VEHR: You are talking about the
15 rules, John, the Chapter 6 rules?

16 MR. COPPEDE: Is that correct?

17 (Discussion off the record.)

18 A Exhibit 2 -- and this is the state
19 definition of BACT. Yeah, I'll read this. "If the
20 administrator determines that technological or
21 economic limitations on the application of
22 measurement methodology to a particular emission unit
23 would make the imposition of an emission standard
24 infeasible." That's what I'm basing what I just --
25 that's how I'm basing what I just said to you, that

1 the administrator determines that the application of
2 measurement methodology is infeasible, and in my
3 opinion, it is infeasible in this case. Therefore,
4 the administrator may instead "prescribe a design,
5 equipment, work practice or operational standard, or
6 combination thereof, to satisfy a requirement of
7 BACT."

8 Q Do you know or are you aware of whether
9 any EPA reference method for measuring compliance in
10 flares -- do you know if --

11 A I'm not personally aware of a compliance
12 method that's been approved, EPA approved. I'm
13 sorry, I should -- not compliance method --
14 measurement method that has been approved for
15 measuring emissions from flares.

16 MR. COPPEDE: I don't think I have any
17 other questions. Thank you.

18 FURTHER EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. GALPERN:

20 Q Okay. Redirect. So, Katrina, on that
21 point, are you aware of any EPA guidance or reference
22 documents on measuring flare emissions --

23 A No.

24 Q -- that have been -- that have yet to be
25 approved, proposed but not approved?

1 I have to sign something?

2 MR. COPPEDE: Or you can waive it.

3 THE DEPONENT: Okay.

4 THE REPORTER: So would you like to
5 reserve your right to read and sign the transcript?

6 MR. COPPEDE: Yeah, I think she will.

7 (The deposition concluded at 5:20 p.m.,
8 November 5, 2009.)

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