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v.

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ANADARKO EXPLORATION \&
PRODUCTION LP, ANADARKO
PETROLEUM CORPORATION,
MOEX OFFSHORE 2007 LLĆ,
TRITON ASSET LEASING GMBH, *
TRANSOCEAN HOLDINGS LLC, *
TRANSOCEAN OFFSHORE
DEEPWATER DRILLING INC.,
TRANSOCEAN DEEPWATER INC., *
AND QBE UNDERWRITING LTD., * LLOYD'S SYNDICATE 1036
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THE COURT: A11 right. Please be seated, everyone.
Okay. The government can call its next witness.
MS. FIDLER: Good afternoon, Your Honor. I'm Danielle Fidler on behalf of the United States. I'll be doing the direct examination of Diane Austin.

THE COURT: Okay.
MS. FIDLER: The United States calls Dr. Diane Austin.

MS. KARIS: Your Honor, Hariklia Karis for BP. There is a Daubert motion that we have filed with respect to Dr. Austin's testimony.
(WHEREUPON, DR. DIANE AUSTIN, having been duly sworn, testified as follows:)

THE DEPUTY CLERK: Please state your full name and correct spelling for the record.

THE WITNESS: My name is Dr. Diane Austin, D-I-A-N-E, A-U-S-T-I-N.

THE COURT: A11 right. Yes, there is a Daubert motion, as I think there is with every expert somehow in this case.

I have read the expert report of Dr. Austin and I've read the briefing on the Daubert motion. I'm going to overrule BP's Daubert motion. I think this witness is clearly qualified, by reason of education, experience, and so forth, to express the opinions that she renders in her report. And I also think that she appears to use a reliable methodology.

BP can certainly cross-examine her on the points raised in their motion.

MS. KARIS: Thank you, Your Honor. I do have one additional question. At her deposition, Dr. Austin withdrew her opinion with respect to seafood safety and ongoing concerns.

Specifically at page 138 -- I'm sorry, lines 4 to 10 . When asked the question:
"QUESTION: So do you intend to offer to this Court an opinion about concerns related to seafood safety" --

THE COURT: All right. Ms. Karis, we can short circuit this. If she's asked that question and she goes there, you can raise that objection. We'11 deal with it. Okay?

MS. KARIS: Thank you, Your Honor.
THE COURT: A11 right. Sure. Go ahead. Go ahead. Yeah.

## DIRECT EXAMINATION

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. You've been retain -- Dr. Austin, you've been retained on
behalf of the United States to serve as an expert witness in this case; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And what were the tasks you were retained to perform?
A. I was asked to evaluate the sociocultural effects of the Deepwater Horizon disaster on Gulf Coast communities.
Q. Were you asked to perform any other tasks?
A. Yes. I was also asked to review and respond to several reports by BP's experts.
Q. Dr. Austin, have you prepared a slide summarizing your education and expertise in this case?
A. Yes, I have.

MS. FIDLER: Mr. Jackson, please call D-33300.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. Is this that slide?
A. Yes, it is.
Q. Please describe your educational background for the Court.
A. I have a Bachelor of Science in environmental science and biology from Texas Christian University, a Master's in environmental engineering from the California Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. in natural resources and environment from the University of Michigan. That is an interdisciplinary Ph.D. that incorporates sociocultural anthropology, environmental policy, environmental psychology, and environmental sociology.
Q. What do you consider to be your area of expertise as it relates to the work you performed in this case?
A. I'm an applied anthropologist, and I specialize in the study of the sociocultural effects of environmental change. Q. Turning to your professional experience, where are you currently employed, Dr. Austin?
A. I'm the director of the School of Anthropology at the University of Arizona.
Q. And how long have you been there?
A. I've been at the University of Arizona for 20 years.
Q. What subjects do you teach?
A. I teach applied anthropology. I teach research methods, data management and analysis. Both cover both qualitative and quantitative research, and I teach both undergraduate and graduate students.
Q. Do you do work for anyone else related to your expertise in this case?
A. Yes. I have been the principal investigator or co-investigator for more than 12 multiyear, multidisciplinary studies for both the public and the private sector.
Q. Any sectors in particular -- I mean, any public entities in particular?
A. Including the Minerals Management Service, which is now the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.
Q. Do you have peer-reviewed publications relating to your

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work in your areas of expertise?
A. Yes, I do. I have over 50 peer-reviewed publications, including articles and research reports.
Q. Dr. Austin, have you received any awards in your 20-year career in the field of applied anthropology?
A. Yes. I was designated the 2008 University of Arizona Distinguished Outreach Professor for my work in public policy and community-relevant work.

In terms of my research, one of the studies that we did for the MMS was awarded a Department of Interior award for its contributions to the mission of that agency.
Q. Does your work with the University of Arizona and your contract work for other public and private entities relate to your work in this case?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. How so?
A. In particular, I have worked for 18 years studying the effects of the offshore oil and gas industry in the Gulf of Mexico and the relevant sectors related to that industry.

MS. FIDLER: Thank you. You can take down that
slide.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. Dr. Austin, what is applied anthropology?
A. Well, first, the anthropology is the scientific study of humans and human societies, both past and present. Applied

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anthropology is the practical application of the theories, methods, and perspectives of anthropology to both every day and nove1 problems.
Q. What are the research approaches used by applied anthropologists?
A. Applied anthropologists use whatever research approaches are necessary to address the problem at hand. We work as part of interdisciplinary teams. One of the research approaches that we use commonly is ethnography.
Q. And, Dr. Austin, have you prepared a slide to assist you in describing ethnography?
A. Yes, I have.

MS. FIDLER: Mr. Jackson, please cal1 D-33301.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. Dr. Austin, what is ethnography?
A. We11, ethnography is a scientific research approach that embeds researchers in the communities under study so that they might see, hear, experience, and talk to people about the phenomenon that they are experiencing.
Q. And does ethnography have standard methods?
A. Yes, it does. Several of those include observations, such as attending meetings, observing and recording what is going on; participant observation, in which the -- case the researcher is actually participating in activities such as festivals; as well as semistructured interviews, which is --

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which are interviews that are guided by a general topic and -but are open-ended to allow the interviewee to educate the interviewer.
Q. How is -- how is ethnography used?
A. We11, ethnography is used to identify patterns. It's used to describe social relationships and networks, and it is used to reveal understandings and the meanings that people give to the places and events in their lives.
Q. And I can see the court reporter typing furiously, so if we can both slow down a little bit, I think that might be he1pful.

What is the goal of ethnographic research?
A. Well, fundamentally, the purpose is to place the phenomenon under study in its -- in the historical, economic, social, and political context.
Q. Is ethnography used in the private sector?
A. Yes, it is.
Q. Could you provide a couple of examples?
A. Certainly. Corporations hire ethnographers to embed them in -- with their workers to understand workflow, to understand safety practices if they're trying to address problems in their workforce.

Corporations also hire ethnographers to -- for market research or product development. For instance, the development of smartphones. Anthropologists and ethnographers contributed

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to that by working alongside people to understand how they process knowledge and information and retrieve information. Q. And can you -- is ethnographic research also used in the public sector?
A. Certainly. It's used to help guide decision making and public policy making. So, for instance, the National Environmental Policy Act requires environmental impact statements, which also include social impact assessments. Anthropologists are frequently hired to conduct those. As well, anthropologists work to help evaluate and develop public programs, such as health programs or food security programs, for example.
Q. Dr. Austin, you also stated that you have a specialization in the sociocultural effects of environmental change?
A. That is correct.
Q. What do you mean by that?
A. Well, essentially, when environments change, people's reactions to those environments change. And the purpose of studying the sociocultural effects is to understand, both at the individual and societal community level, how people change their behaviors and their beliefs in reaction to those changes.
Q. Dr. Austin, you mentioned that you've worked on several research projects for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, or BOEM. Have you prepared a slide summarizing this work? A. Yes, I have.

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MS. FIDLER: Please call D-33302.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. Could you please describe the work that you have done for BOEM that relates to the work you've done in this case?
A. Certainly. The slide shows the covers of five of the reports that we've produced for BOEM.

I began working in 1997 as part of a team -interdisciplinary team working on a historical baseline of socioeconomic impacts of the offshore oil and gas industry in the Gulf of Mexico. From that, I became involved in what we term the "family study," whose goal was to understand the effects of working offshore on individuals, their households, and their communities.

We then developed a study of the history and evolution of the offshore oil and gas industry to document the cumulative effects. We have led a study on the fabrication of the shipbuilding industry because it has such a large physical footprint in a region. And so we looked to study the effects of that industry.

We were -- or are actually still in the process of doing a study of the history of the deepwater era, which began in the 1970s, to document the movement of the offshore oil and gas industry into waters greater than 1,000 feet.

We have begun a study of ethnic groups and enclaves and the ways that they are affected by the oil and gas

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industry, the offshore industry in particular, when the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded in the Gulf. At that point, we turned our attention and have -- or continue to study specifically the social effects of that disaster on Gulf Coast communities.
Q. Were the reports you issued for BOEM peer-reviewed?
A. Yes. The agency, as part of contracts, requires that we submit a draft report. They put it through their review process and send us comments, and we are required to respond to those comments when we submit the final reports.
Q. What kinds of research approaches did you use for these studies?
A. On several of those studies, we were, as I mentioned, part of interdisciplinary teams. Our role in all of these studies included conducting ethnography or ethnographic research.
Q. Did any of these studies involve the analysis of sociocultural effects of environmental change?
A. Yes. Several of them did.

MS. FIDLER: Please call TREX-13112.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. It's a little blurry; but, Dr. Austin, do you recognize this document?
A. Yes, I do. This is my expert report submitted for this trial.
Q. And does TREX-13112 contain a copy of your curriculum
vitae?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. And does that curriculum vitae accurately summarize your qualifications as they relate to this case?
A. Yes, it does.

MS. FIDLER: Please cal1 TREX-13113.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. Dr. Austin, do you recognize this document?
A. Yes. This is the rebuttal report that I prepared to BP's expert.
Q. Do these documents accurately state your opinions and the bases therefor that you are offering to the Court in this matter?
A. Yes, they do.

MS. FIDLER: Your Honor, at this time I tender Dr. Diane Austin as an expert in applied anthropology with a specialization in sociocultural effects of environmental change.

THE COURT: A11 right. Ms. Karis, other than your Daubert motion, do you have any questions for the witness on qualifications?

MS. KARIS: I don't, Your Honor.
THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.
Go ahead, ma'am.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. Dr. Austin, do you adopt TREX-13112 and 13113 as your testimony today?
A. Yes, I do.

MS. FIDLER: I also move Dr. Austin's expert reports, TREX-13112 and TREX-13113, into evidence.

THE COURT: Okay. I think we'11 do those all as we did last time. We'11 do them tomorrow morning or whenever you al1 . .

MS. FIDLER: Thank you, Judge.
THE COURT: Yeah, all the exhibits.
MS. FIDLER: Thank you, Your Honor.
THE COURT: Sure.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. Dr. Austin, how did you first become involved with studying the sociocultural effects of the Deepwater Horizon disaster?
A. We11, as I mentioned, our research team was conducting a study of the history of the deepwater era, and one of our researchers was working in one of the communities that was the hometown to one of the men who was killed on the rig. So he immediately contacted me, and we discussed how he would go about and our team would go about starting to document the effects of the disaster.

We then -- I personally went to the community, to the

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 time?A. No.

MS. FIDLER: Please call TREX-11922.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. What is this document?
A. This is Volume 1 of the report that we submitted on the social effects of the Deepwater Horizon disaster on the Gulf Coast communities.

MS. FIDLER: Please call up TREX-11923.

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## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. And what is this document?
A. This is Volume 2 of that same study.
Q. I'11 refer to these two volumes cumulatively as the "social effects study."

Does the work you did on the social effects study relate to the opinions you are offering in this case?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. And how so?
A. Because we were studying the social effects of this disaster, the -- part of what I was asked to address were the sociocultural effects, and so the work that I did here relates to that.

MS. FIDLER: Please take that down.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. Did you rely on any other bases of information in forming your opinions?
A. Yes, I did. I relied on the 18 years that I've spent studying this region and several of the major economic sectors in the region, as well as the six months that I spent personally in the region during the disaster.
Q. As part of your 18 years of research work for BOEM, have you studied the demographics of the Gulf region?
A. Yes, I have.
Q. Did you rely on that demographic information in forming

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your opinions in this case?
A. Yes. In order to design the social effects study, I took into account the knowledge and understanding that I have of the demographics in order to identify where we would conduct the research.
Q. Dr. Austin, what is your opinion regarding the sociocultural effects of the Deepwater Horizon disaster?
A. The Deepwater Horizon disaster caused serious and widespread sociocultural harm to the coastal communities of the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. -- the Gulf of Mexico region, from Louisiana through Alabama.
Q. Have you prepared a slide providing an overview of your key opinions in this case?
A. Yes, I have.

MS. FIDLER: Please cal1 D-33303.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. What are your key opinions?
A. Well, as I mentioned, that the disaster caused serious and widespread sociocultural harm. Number one, it disrupted livelihoods and patterns of daily living. It exacerbated social and economic inequality. It challenged individual and collective identity, fostered conflict and divisiveness, and disempowered local governments and NGOs.

In addition, BP's criticisms trivialized the harm to the Gulf Coast communities.

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Q. We will talk more about your opinions shortly; but before we do, I would like to discuss the methodology underlying the research upon which you base your opinions.

What was the question you were tasked with answering for the social effects study for BOEM?
A. For BOEM we were asked to describe and document the social effects of the Deepwater Horizon disaster in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.
Q. And can you explain more specifically what kinds of effects you were investigating?
A. Certainly. We were looking at homes and businesses and communities. We were trying to understand changes or effects on the patterns of daily living on social networks and relationships on livelihoods and livelihood strategies.
Q. Is this a common kind of question for applied anthropologists?
A. Yes.
Q. What research approach was used in the social effects study?
A. We used ethnographic research, which is a qualitative research approach.
Q. And have you prepared a series of slides to assist you in further explaining the methodology underlying your opinion?
A. Yes, I have.

MS. FIDLER: Please call D-33304.

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## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. Why did you decide to use the ethnographic approach?
A. One way of thinking about research is that we start on the left when we know very little about a phenomenon and move toward the right. So, for instance, we begin by exploring, describing, explaining, and then predicting outcomes.

And qualitative research is used, as you can see by the slide on the left side, when we know very little about a phenomenon, and we begin by exploring and describing what is going on.

Quantitative research is used when we know more about a phenomenon and we're trying to describe or -- especially to measure the degree of effect. So, for instance, it would involve hypothesis testing.

In this case the Deepwater Horizon disaster was unprecedented, the size of the disaster, the depth at which the oil was coming into Gulf. And so very little was known at that point in time. And we identified qualitative research and specifically ethnography because of its strength and reliability as a research approach.
Q. Why did you not use quantitative research for this study? A. We11, there are various forms of quantitative research. There's economic, demographic, large scale surveys. But, again, at the time that this study began, there was not enough information, and the information was not going to become

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available for some time. And so, again -- and it wasn't even enough information upon which to base the design of, say, a large quantitative survey at that point.

MS. FIDLER: Let's go to the next slide. It's called D-33305.

BY MS. FIDLER:
Q. Where did you conduct your research?
A. This is a map from our study report.

THE WITNESS: And, first, Your Honor, I apologize. There's a typo that was in the report. Bayou La Batre is in Alabama, not in Louisiana.

These are the five study regions that we identified.

And the purpose of doing so was to -- we -rather than spread our research team very thinly across the region, we used the case study approach, which concentrates researchers in areas so that they can investigate more deeply the phenomenon under study and particularly the interactions among those phenomenon -- or among the various sectors.

So we started from Bayou La Batre, Alabama. If we start from east to west, it included East Biloxi, Mississippi; central Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; Larose, Louisiana; and Dulac, Louisiana.
BY MS. FIDLER:
Q. Why were these communities in particular chosen?

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A. When we -- in the study design, we identified what we expected to be key factors and variables that needed to be considered. And so among those were the economies, the livelihoods in the regions, the ethnicity of the region.

And so we -- for instance, if we -- this is detailed at great length in our social effects study report, and also I have details in my expert reports.

But to give two examples, so central Plaquemines Parish, for example, has offshore -- people who work offshore. They have a lot of commercial fishing. They have recreation, particularly in the charter boat industry.

And the people who live there, you have large numbers of Croatians, African Americans, and Southeast Asians.

If we compare that to Dulac, Louisiana, where we have also a lot of commercial fishing, we also have offshore service companies. We have fabrication yards. And the people who live there are largely Cajun and Native American.
Q. Did you only speak with people in the case study communities in doing your -- in doing the research for the social effects study?
A. No. The -- the approach that we took by focusing on case studies was to use that as a focal point -- point and then to spread into surrounding communities, into urban areas, and to seats of government that have responsibility for those communities. And that allows us to further -- better

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understand what is happening.
MS. FIDLER: Let's go to the next slide. Please cal1 D-33306.

BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. What sources of data did you rely on for the social effects study?
A. We11, this was an ethnographic study, so we conducted interviews. And we did two types of interviews. Drop-in interviews are interviews that are fairly short, and we use them so we can spread across large areas in these regions, and often are repeated interviews where we go in to try and get at that moment what is happening in a business, in an office, or for an agency.

So, for example -- and those interviews give you a picture of what's happening at that point in time. They give information about, say, the business that we're talking to, but also the community more broadly.

So, for example, we interviewed florists and kept track of what was happening for the florists; and they would te11 us what was happening in their business, but they would also tell us things such as the fact that at times of economic distress, they were not receiving any orders for floral blankets for funerals, which is a very common practice in these communities. And they would report that, in fact, the only orders they were receiving were Internet orders coming from
relatives from out of town. So it helps us track, again, what is happening in the community.

We also used extended interviews, which are longer interviews with people, aimed both at people, say, for instance, in these economic sectors; so we talked to fishermen. But we also conducted interviews with people who work with large numbers of people in these sectors. So the people who provide loans to fishermen, for example, we would also talk to.

We attended lots -- hundreds of public and private meetings and events.

We also tracked news reports, the information sheets that were put out during this period, industry publications, court filings, and other documents.
Q. And who did you decide to talk with?
A. We used that approach for sampling, which is called "purpose of sampling." And the idea is that you understand -from the beginning you have a strategy to go about how to determine who to talk to.

We began with a matrix, which is a common way to start a community study. And that is, based on our knowledge of this region, we developed a series of categories of economic sectors, but also organizations, churches, banks, the kinds of entities that are important at the community level.

And from that, we then -- that gave us an idea of where to begin so that we would spread our interviews across

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the community.
Then another important strategy, of course, is to interview knowledgeable people, people who know about their communities, who know about what is happening in them.
Q. Did the researchers know the participants they interviewed?
A. I've worked in this region for 18 years, so I know a lot of people. Some of those people we contacted as to get started with the -- the study. We informed them the study was going on. In some cases we actually interviewed them; in other cases they referred us to other people. So we knew some of them. We certainly did not know the majority of the people we talked to. Q. Has BP challenged your methodology?
A. Yes.
Q. What are some of the challenges they've made?
A. Well, most of them revolve around the question of whether this is a biased form of research or data collection, whether you can collect unbiased data using this approach.

MS. FIDLER: Please cal1 D-33307.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. What steps, if any, did you take to protect against potential bias in the study?
A. We11, first of a11, as in any research, you begin with a well-qualified team. We had 19 researchers working on this study, all of whom had either worked with us or had done

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ethnographic research before. I've already discussed the purpose of sampling that we use.

We also use an approach, which is very common in science, called "triangulation." And the idea is that you come at a question from multiple directions. So in this case, we triangulated across the researchers. We had multiple researchers working across the case study locations and also across the methods which I've just described.

And, fundamentally, we were seeking out opposing viewpoints to identify and describe all the effects, the positive and the negative. Again, the purpose of the study was to identify the range of effects.
Q. Dr. Austin, you just said that one of the points of triangulation was across the methods. Did you mean to say "methods" in terms of the --
A. I'm sorry. The slide says "data sources." Certainly, the methods lead to the sources of data, that is correct.
Q. What do you mean by the last bullet on the slide?
A. And we then -- in terms of processing and analyzing the data, we developed new standardized protocols that are common in qualitative research.
Q. How did the combination of these measures protect against bias?
A. We11, essentially what they allowed us to do was to ensure that the results or findings from any one interview or any one

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observation would not bias the findings of the entire study. It's important to remember that in qualitative research, we're not trying to average across the responses. So what we're trying to do is to identify patterns in the research. And what happens, if we find a finding that does not fit the pattern, we have the opportunity to either go back to that individual and understand, realize maybe we've missed an entire area or find out that we misunderstood or to take the information that was shared in that interview and take it to others and try to further understand what was going on.

MS. FIDLER: You can take down that slide. Thank you.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. How many interviews were conducted in all?
A. We conducted interviews with over 1,300 individuals. A number of those interviews were -- a number of those individuals were interviewed more than once.
Q. Were those the only people the team spoke with?
A. No. We give unique identifiers to individuals with whom we've had an extended interaction. However, as I mentioned, we use participant observation, so we're attending festivals, we're talking to lots of people that are attending meetings; and all of those individuals do not get an identification number.
Q. Do you have a rough estimate of how many people your team

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spoke with?
A. I would argue that certainly we talked to at least as many people that did not get identification numbers as we did, so probably over 2,000.
Q. How did you decide when to cut off further research in a particular subject area?
A. We11, again, it's important to remember the purpose of this kind of research is to identify the range of effects. And so once we are hearing the same information over and over again from people in a particular community or people in a particular sector, we would stop and move on to another sector or another topic.
Q. For the question that you were looking at in the social effects study, were the data you considered, including the over 2,000 people you spoke with and the hundreds of meetings you attended, sufficient to reliably determine the range of effects?
A. In terms of an ethnographic research study, this was a large study, and any findings that we reported in our reports to BOEM are ones about which we have confidence that the findings are reliable.
Q. Is this information sufficient to be generalizable across the Gulf?
A. Yeah. The notion of generalizability in qualitative research is that findings from a situation or a location or --
findings across situations or across locations or across time can be generalized to other locations and at other points in time where the conditions are the same.
Q. Was the social effects study reviewed and accepted by BOEM?
A. Yes, it was.
Q. Do you know whether they've used this study?
A. The findings from this study have been incorporated into the most recent EIS on the upcoming lease sale.

MS. FIDLER: Please call D-33303.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. Just coming back to your findings on the Deepwater Horizon disaster, I would like you to elaborate a little bit on your findings that the Deepwater Horizon disaster caused serious and widespread sociocultural harm.

Have you prepared a series of slides to help you describe your findings?
A. Yes, I have.

MS. FIDLER: Please ca11 D-33308.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. We've been calling this "the Deepwater Horizon disaster." Can you please explain what you mean by that term?
A. Certainly. From the perspective of understanding the sociocultural effects of this disaster, it was actually a series of events.

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It began with the blowout of the Macondo well and the search and rescue efforts, the -- the explosion that resulted in the death of 11 individuals and the injury of 17 more as well as the exposure to the trauma of the others on the rig and the rescue workers. That process occurred over several days.

Then the next series of events were -- as we've heard is a series of oil spills, the way they were experienced with oil continuing to come over 87 days.

There were then response efforts to clean up the oil. And those, too, had lasted over a period of time. One thing to remember is each of these series of events also continued to change over time. So what the response was, where it was directed changed.

Then we had the accident investigation, which was ongoing and spread across many people and involved a large number of people.

Then there was the moratorium and suspension of drilling and the changes to the permitting of drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. Again, those changed over time and led to effects.

And then, finally, the reparations, which included the claims, which included compensation funds, lawsuits, all of those evolved over time as well, changed over time, and had effects.

MS. FIDLER: And please call the next slide, D-33309.

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## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. And what is the importance of context for understanding the effects -- the sociocultural effects of the Deepwater Horizon spill?
A. Well, the -- in any study, understanding the -- context affects the way that any event is experienced and the way that it is either mediated or exacerbated. So I've put here several of the contextual elements that were particularly important here. One is that the region was just recovering both from the recession that began in late 2007, but also from the series of hurricanes, Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike, and which had both physical -- caused both physical direction and -- I'm sorry, physical destruction and disruption of social relationships and networks.

The -- at this time when -- in April of 2010, there was an expectation in the region that that spring and summer was going -- 2010 was going to be a good year across a number of economic sectors. So, for instance, in tourism, the hotels had been rebuilt, people were expecting tourists to come back. In addition, the oil and gas industry was expecting -generally the industry slows down in the winter and moving into the spring and summer was expecting a busy year.

Another example of a contextual factor that's important to remember is that this region -- across the region suffers from very high levels of social and economic

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inequality.
MS. FIDLER: And please call the next slide, D-33310.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. What do you mean when discussing sociocultural harms from the disaster, starting with your first bullet?
A. Well, first, to give an example of how sociocultural harms, you know, develop and spread is obviously the deaths and injuries of the men on the rig had an immediate impact on their families and friends; but it's also important to remember that this is a region where the oil and gas industry is prevalent and important. And so there are many people who work offshore. Working offshore is known to involve risks. Having this kind of disaster occur in that industry rippled throughout the industry to workers, to the spouses of people who work offshore, and the concerns were -- surfaced again of having family members and friends work offshore. Again, because it is so prevalent, this rippled throughout communities.
Q. And turning -- and what do you mean by your second bullet?
A. Well, there was -- the -- and this disaster caused widespread disruption across all of the economic sectors that we studied and including their commodity chains. And it's important to remember that it affected successful business owners as well as struggling deckhands when these industries were affected. And so the -- having that disruption occur, it disrupts the lives of people. So I'll give a few examples.

So, for instance, in this region, people's work and their recreation, which also occurs in -- many people are tied to the Gulf, help structure people's daily lives. And when that's disrupted, it has a -- it disrupts those lives.

Work and recreation also are important for the social relationships that people have, as well as -- and another example is in this region is -- is very accustomed to both seasonal and cyclical fluctuations. People recognize that, and their major industries do fluctuate and have developed livelihood strategies to move from one sector to another or to work across those sectors.

So, for instance, people who work offshore oftentimes also fish. Grocery stores that provide food to commercial fishing vessels also provide to the offshore oil and gas industry, the OSVs or the offshore service vesse1. When all of these economic sectors went down at the same time, it had a huge effect because people were not able to use their typical livelihood strategies to respond.
Q. And what do you mean by "high levels of uncertainty"?
A. Well, high levels of uncertainty pervaded this disaster.

First of a11, the extent and duration of the disaster. At the time that the disaster began, the region -- we were just moving into hurricane season. And so throughout 2007 and even in 2011 -- I'm sorry, throughout 2010 and even into 2011, there was the concern that a hurricane would come into the Gulf and

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further spread this oil.
So where the oil was going to end up and what was going to happen was really unknown at that time. There were concerns about exposure, exposure to the oil, exposure to the dispersants, exposure to seafood that had been affected by any of those -- of either the oil or the dispersants.

There was uncertainty related to livelihoods. Fishing areas were closed, the oil and gas drilling had stopped. People faced a very uncertain future about what was coming next. And then, finally, there was the fact that certainly -- uncertainty about who to trust, who to turn to, where to get information about what was happening.
Q. And please cal1 D-3303 (verbatim) again.

Returning to your key findings, have you prepared a series of slides explaining each of these specific sociocultural harms that you've identified?
A. Yes, I have.

MS. FIDLER: And please call D-33311.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. Turning to your first finding, what do you mean when you say that the Deepwater Horizon disaster disrupted lives and livelihoods?
A. Well, as I mentioned, the disaster affected all of the economic sectors that we studied. And so I will provide some -- just some examples.

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So in fishing, there were fish closures and these closures, they were -- the areas were closed and then opened and then new areas were closed. And that itself created confusion and disruption in people's lives. For some of the fisheries, such as crabbers, if they had their crab pots out in one area and then that area was closed, they couldn't even get back in to retrieve their pots to move them to another area.

The fact that people -- the fishermen were being moved, it affected fishermen in areas that were not affected by the oil because as fishermen would move from the areas they normally fished into other areas, that created conflict in those areas.

And then across the Gulf, people rely on seafood for -- to supplement their diets. Many people fish or harvest food from the Gulf. And when this disaster affected their ability to acquire seafood, it affected also their ability to share that with their neighbors or to provide for their families.
Q. And turning to the -- your second set of examples regarding oil and gas, could you explain those?
A. Well, the drilling sector in the oil and gas industry is a -- one of the sectors that employs a lot of people and a lot of companies both in contract companies and service companies; so whether they're companies that provide transportation, such as the service -- offshore service vessels or helicopters or

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those that provide wireline services and other types of service.

So when that sector was affected and the drilling was halted, the companies that provide service to that sector faced decisions about what to do. Companies worked very hard not to lay off their workers. So in some cases, they relocated their entire offices to regions such as Pennsylvania where the oil -the shale gas was expanding, or sent workers to Brazil. And so those relocations, of course, disrupt people's lives.

In addition, I mentioned the -- the companies didn't lay off workers, but many workers' hours were reduced or the amount of work that a contract company had was reduced. And that affected -- that meant that people were home.

So, for instance, commercial oilfield divers work on an on-call basis, 24/7. They wait to be called out. When there's no work, they still hang around, waiting for the call. And in this case, they had no resources to go do anything else. So they're now home and their presence home in -- which was not -- they were not expecting and neither were the rest of their households expecting, affect their entire household under conditions that are often not positive because there's a lot of tension about whether they're going to go back to work.
Q. Turning to the tourism examples that you provided, could you explain those?
A. Certainly. Tourism was in a state of flux. The people in

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the tourist industry reported getting calls. There were questions again about where the oil was or where the oil might end up. And so as soon as there's information out that there's oil gushing into the Gulf, people start canceling their hotel rooms, they cance1 their charter fishing trips. And so the businesses that operated in that industry were left to try to go from day to day, trying to figure out what to do. Many small businesses were simply forced to close because they didn't have the capital to withstand this.

The fabrication and shipbuilding is a unique industry in this region. It has largely evolved to respond and service the offshore oil and gas industry and also services commercial fishing. So, of course, when both of those industries are affected, fabrication and shipbuilding was affected.

There were contracts that were canceled, companies did not get contracts for new builds during this time of uncertainty. And, in particular, the small yards were often hardest hit, and these are yards that are very important in these communities. They hire local workers. Oftentimes, it's workers' first jobs. So when they have no work and they no longer employ people, it has an effect on those people's lives. Q. And turning to your next subfinding, please cal1 D-33312.

Overa11, what do you mean by the disaster exacerbated economic and social inequality?
A. Well, I've mentioned that this is a region of high levels
of social and -- of both economic and social inequality. So if we start with the response that the effect was unequal, people who had boats, especially people who had fast boats or larger boats, could enter those boats into the Vessels of Opportunity program and some of them made a lot of money. But there were also people who could not get their boats in or didn't have boats to begin with, or people who had boats that got into the program, they were not able to fish, but they did never get called out, so they made no money.

This beach cleanup in a similar way, there were contractors hired to help with the beach cleanup. And people -- if -- those folks who had connections into getting hired were the ones who were more likely to be hired.
Q. How did BP's reparation efforts exacerbate economic and social inequality?
A. Well, I will talk about two just as an example. The -- if we talk about the claims processes that were put in place, and as I described, changed over time, they were very confusing for people and they required documentation that not everybody had. In the initial phases of those claims processes, there was a lack of understanding of just how complex the livelihood strategies of people in this region are, and so for them to be able to document where they had losses.

So, again, those people who had access to the resources, those people who could get help filling out forms

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and understanding the process were better able to get help than those who were not.

In a similar way, BP provided tourism grants, which were provided through the states and were -- the aim was to help the industry, the tourist industry, get back on its feet to advertise that the oil was not everywhere in the Gulf.

Now, of course, for those communities where oil was still coming ashore, they were hit twice. They not only could not advertise that there was no oil there, but there started to become a perception that all the oil was gone. And, in fact, for those communities that were still not able to access their fisheries or their beaches, that wasn't the case.
Q. Based on your research, did everyone who qualified for compensation actually apply for it?
A. No. It was a complicated decision about whether to apply for compensation or not. As I mentioned, the processes were complicated and some people simply could not pull together the documentation.

It's also important to recognize that in this region, as I -- that if we -- to expand a little bit on my comment about everybody being affected from successful business owners to people who were less successful; and that is that especially the oil and gas and the commercial fishing industry, people are very proud of the work that they do and they're quite successful.

So it's very difficult for somebody who -- and especially in an area where people are used to upturns and downturns and organize their businesses to respond to those to come forward and to seek assistance.
Q. Did you look at the potential benefits of the claims process?
A. Certainly.
Q. And did you find there were positive effects?
A. Yes, we did.
Q. Did you look at whether BP's tourism grants had positive effects?
A. Certain7y.
Q. And what did you find?
A. And again found that for those communities that were able to access those resources to expand their festivals that, in fact, they had a positive effect.
Q. You next mention the differential effects on communities. What do you mean by that?
A. Well, in the same way that an individual's ability to access resources depends in part on their economic and social capital are -- and in the case of the communities, also on their political capital. Some communities were better able to get members of their communities into the VoO program or to get offices and assistance for their communities than others. So those communities who were the most disadvantaged were often
the ones who were not able to get any help here either. Q. What do you mean by differential effects on ethnic subpopulations?
A. Well, across the region we find there are a lot of ethnic enclaves, people who -- and those are often tied to occupation. So if we take an example of central Plaquemines Parish and oystermen, we have Croatian oyster fishers -- oyster harvesters and we have -- who -- many of whom have fairly large operations. We also have communities of very small oyster -African American oyster fishermen and harvesters who often may not even own their own boat, but certainly operate at a much smaller scale. And so there was a differential effect both on their ability to even get, say, a vessel into the VoO program or to have the information needed to file a claim.

MS. FIDLER: And turning to the next in the series of the slides, please call D-33313.

BY MS. FIDLER:
Q. What do you mean when you say that the Deepwater Horizon disaster challenged individual and collective identity?
A. We11, it's important to recognize that in this region, many people are tied to the Gulf of Mexico, for work, for recreation, but also culturally. There are festivals that occur there. The Gulf inspires artists and people. And having the experience of oil in their -- in the Gulf and witnessing treasured places, birds, wildlife being oiled challenged that

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connection that people have to the Gulf.
In addition, their -- the identities are closely tied to occupations. People are shipyard workers or oilfield workers or fishermen, and this was particularly difficult for people who worked in the offshore oil and gas industry. This is the region where the offshore oil and gas industry actually began off the coast of southern Louisiana.

And to have the critique and the criticism that came upon this industry because of this disaster caused effects to people who -- negative harm to people who were part of that industry, and particularly to offshore workers who were being criticized and very angry people were talking to them about and criticizing their role and the role of this region in this industry.

This -- and the region also works very carefully to balance and has been in tenuous balance between commercial fishing, offshore oil and gas, and tourism for many, many years. And this certainly disrupted that balance. An example for the -- some of the fisheries is that these fisheries have been struggling against international competition and other factors. And one of the strategies that has been developed is to develop niche marketing.

So we have wild-caught Alabama shrimp. We have Louisiana seafood. And the tourists and people outside the region identify and eat seafood because it comes from this
region. To then have that seafood tainted with oil or even the perception that it's tainted with oil had an effect on those businesses and markets.

And, finally, certainly the loss of a family business has economic ramifications, but it's more than that. Many of these -- the people in this region have businesses that go -that span over several generations. So to lose that or have that business threatened extends to, again, their identity. Q. And what do you mean by pride in self-reliance?
A. This is a region where many people are very self-reliant. I've mentioned the mobility across industries. If one industry goes down, workers figure out how to go to another industry. Companies retool to work in another sector. Again, because all of these went down at the same time, they weren't able to practice that kind of mobility.

But it extends beyond that because it is a region where people have experienced disaster. They've experienced hurricanes and flooding and are -- frequently respond to that by getting out and put -- if they're repairing their roofs or cleaning out after floods, and moving on. In addition, even in the face of coastal erosion now, people are actively raising their homes and trying to figure out how to continue living.

This was a disaster to which few people actually could respond. There were some involved in the cleanup, but most people were simply not able to respond to help themselves.

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Q. And turning to your next finding, please call the next slide, D-33314.

What do you mean when you say the Deepwater Horizon disaster fostered conflict and divisiveness?
A. Well, for all the reasons I've just discussed, there was a lot of stress and anxiety in the region in terms of -- I talked about the uncertainty. But despite the uncertainty about what was going to happen in the Gulf or livelihoods, people had to make decisions. They had to decide whether to continue fishing or to enter the VoO program, whether to go to a workforce training program and get out of fishing.

So there were a lot of decisions that had to be made, but they were being made under conditions of uncertainty. When that happens, you have conflict. You have conflict at the level of the household. You have conflict within the business, should we invest, should we not invest. You have conflict within the communities.

On top of that, people were receiving conflicting information about what to do, what the long-term -- how long would this disaster last, where was the oil going to end up. And so all of that leads to this pervasive stress and anxiety, which then fosters conflict.
Q. And turning to your second point, could you describe the disparate impacts within tight-knit communities?
A. Certainly. I talked about the fact that some people

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benefited and some people were harmed. Having that kind of disparate effect causes rifts. People who normally -- they understand people's place in the economic system, they understand who makes money and who doesn't, and having this type of disaster where people's ability to work in the VoO program or to get their claims processed was not -- necessarily followed a pattern that people were already used to. And so having those kind -- some people are benefiting and some people are being harmed exacerbated or created conflict in these communities.
Q. What do you mean by your third bullet?
A. Well, one of the ways that, in society, we respond to the fact that we don't always get along and there -- there are rifts is that we work together, we recreate together, we attend cultural events together.

But in this case, because much of -- in this region that activity occurs in the Gulf of Mexico, it wasn't happening. And so fishermen who couldn't go fishing also couldn't go recreational if they weren't commercial fishing. Oilfield workers couldn't go fishing.

And so what was -- in addition to the fact that you had this conflict, you didn't have the usual support networks that people rely on to work through this. And for this -- the disaster was, for many people, very isolating because they were home without opportunities to do something else.

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Q. And turning to your next finding, please call D-33315. How was this disaster disempowering for local governments and NGOs?
A. Well, in this region, local governments and NGOs provide a lot of the assistance to people in the communities and they're used to providing that to the people who are in their jurisdictions. And so for various reasons, there was uncertainty about how they would help.

We'11 take the example of the oil coming into -potentially coming into the Gulf with a hurricane. The emergency response planners had to -- at the local level had to figure out how to adapt their emergency response plans in the face of a disaster they weren't -- they didn't have much information about and to figure -- to rewrite those plans if, in fact, oil was going to be coming ashore at the time that a hurricane hit.

In addition, for the individuals, but the same for the local governments and NGOs, there was uncertainty who had information, who to get information from, who had the authority to make decisions. All of that challenges your local leaders and their ability to help.

And one of the pervasive challenges that were reported across these communities from leaders was that it was not clear always who needed help or how to help. If we compare this to a hurricane, when you see the blue tarps on the roofs,

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you know whose home was damaged, you know where resources are needed.

In this case, many of those who were affected and harmed were hidden. They may not have been coming forward. They were proud, they didn't want to admit that something was going on, or they were fighting the claims processes on their own.

So for those who are used to responding, they didn't have -- it was very -- it was challenging for them.
Q. And what do you mean by your second point here?
A. Well, to add to that, because of the structure of -- of the response -- first of all, there were high levels of need. Even while it was difficult for governments or for NGOs to figure out where that need was, it was out there. And as people started realizing that they were going to have to come forward, they were going to have to seek help, this was extending over a long period of time, the expectation was they would turn to the same people they turn to after a hurricane, which would be the NGOs or the local agencies. And there were few resources, for multiple reasons, directed to them.

So, for instance, in the case of nonprofits, they by definition don't make a profit and so they couldn't show a business loss. So they were not eligible to apply for claims. In addition, the donors frequently, they would not give money because they recognized BP as the responsible party and said
that BP was going to be cleaning -- you know, was responsible for helping with the financial needs.
Q. Have BP's experts criticized your work in this case?
A. Yes, they have.
Q. Have you prepared a summary to help you explain some of those criticisms?
A. Yes, I have.

MS. FIDLER: Please call D-33316.

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. Can you please explain this first criticism.
A. Yes. The -- I will expand on -- on our discussion earlier about the -- the notion of generalizability. The criticisms are that at best, the information we have can only apply to the people we actually talked to or the communities we actually worked in.

In fact, as I've explained, in qualitative research there are mechanisms for us when situations, events -- or situations or circumstances are similar that these will apply elsewhere. We also incorporate approach -- methods and techniques to ensure that we understand the relationship with the communities that are case studies to other places.

So, for example, when we -- I mentioned we were talking about commodity chains. When we were looking at the effects on the oyster harvesters in Plaquemines Parish, we also talked to restaurants in New Orleans. We talked to oyster

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shuckers and learned what was happening to them as well.
In reverse, we talked to a lot of people in the urban areas notice centers of government who are responsible for providing resources in these communities. And in the fall of 2011, when BP directed money, for instance, to the NGOs to help, at that point we talked to the organizations that were responsible for -- for organizing that response in the NGO community.

And we talked about the extent to -- the kinds of problems that were existing not just in the case study communities, but the extent to which what we were seeing was being found elsewhere as well.
Q. What is BP's criticism regarding preexisting circumstances?
A. We11, one of BP's expert, Dr. Bonanno, argues that -- two things. That first is you -- it's we didn't take into account preexisting circumstances, and then that it's impossible to differentiate the effects of this disaster from preexisting ones.
Q. How do you respond to that criticism?
A. We11, first of all, we did in fact. And the ethnographic research is designed to take into account preexisting circumstances. We consider them elements of the cumulative effects.

And as far as being able to differentiate which of

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these sociocultural harms would result from the disaster as opposed from -- from the Deepwater Horizon disaster as opposed from other disasters, clearly the fishing closures, the claims processes, the things I've described are direct results of this particular disaster.

Also, we identified where the fact that these communities have faced other disasters exacerbate the effects of this disaster. So, for instance, fishermen were -- had -were receiving loans in 2008 to help in response to the damages caused by the hurricanes and the damage to their businesses, et cetera. When this disaster began, they were not eligible to take out any more loans because they had those loans. That's an example of how the effect is exacerbated.
Q. What is BP's criticism regarding resilience?
A. Well, Dr. Bonanno also -- he argues that fundamentally, these -- the communities are -- the people of the region are resilient and, therefore, these effects that -- the effects in -- in the research exacerbate -- that the effects are exacerbated.
Q. And what is your response to that criticism?
A. Well, Dr. Bonanno considers resilience at two levels. He talks about individual resilience, which he defines as being a trajectory -- a stable trajectory of healthy functioning. And -- but, in fact, in his own research, he documents that up to 35 percent of people in the community -- actually, I'm

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sorry, that -- that trajectory of stably functioning is the outcome of exposure to extremely stressful or traumatic events.

And yet he provides data in his own research that up to 35 percent of people actually do not return to a stable -or do not maintain a stable trajectory of healthy functioning after exposure to such an event.

In addition, Dr. Bonanno seems to argue that you can measure resilience at the community level. This is something that is being debated in social science. There are questions about what it means.

He adopts an approach and cites the work of Craig Colton and others that argue that resilience -- community-level resilience is built in the face -- in response to -- or is increased in response to events like hurricanes because people pull together and they increase their resilience.

In this case, as I've already described, that was not the case. And, in fact, in most technological disasters of this nature, they do not cause people to come together for a myriad of reasons. So, if anything, we would argue that the community resilience was decreased as a result of this disaster.
Q. What do you mean by "averaging masks harm"?
A. We11, one of -- another BP expert, Dr. Scott, uses macroeconomic analyses to identify or to assess general increases and decreases in income and revenue.

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Q. And what is your response to that?
A. We11, first of all, that approach dilutes effects in the sense that in that sort of averaging, what you lose are the patterns of losses and gains. You certainly don't get any information about why some individuals or businesses are doing better, some are breaking even and some are doing worse. And it completely misses any effects that are not monetized.
Q. Having read BP's expert reports, what is your overall response to their arguments?
A. Well, first, many individuals, businesses, and organizations were not compensated or were not fully compensated for even their economic losses. But if -- and if we go beyond economic losses, even for those who were compensated, monetary payments cannot erase the disruption of lives and livelihoods, the fracturing of social relationships that occurred as a result of this disaster. And they certainly cannot bring back the lives of the people who were lost in this disaster or erase the suffering of their loved ones.

MS. FIDLER: Thank you, Dr. Austin.
I have no further questions at this time.
MS. KARIS: May I proceed?
THE COURT: Yes.
MS. KARIS: Thank you, Your Honor. Hariklia Karis on behalf of BP conducting the cross-examination of Dr. Austin.

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## CROSS-EXAMINATION

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. Good afternoon, Dr. Austin. You were retained by the United States Government to be an expert in this penalty phase case; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. And you are speaking to the seriousness of the sociocultural effects?
A. That is correct.
Q. And you told us that as part of the work that you did, you looked at some of the actions that BP took, positive effects I think you called them; correct?
A. Our responsibility was to look across the range of effects to all of the aspects of the disaster. That included the response, whoever provided it.
Q. You were not asked to consider, as part of your agreement in this case, what impact BP's mitigation efforts had on the harm that you were reporting on; correct?
A. No. I was asked to look at the sociocultural effects between Apri1 of 2010 and March of 2012.
Q. Is it correct, then, that you were not asked to look at BP's mitigation efforts as to the harm that you are speaking to?
A. No, I was not.
Q. Thank you.

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A. Can I clarify?
Q. And to be clear -- well, let's pull up your deposition, please.

You agree you were not asked, before we pull up your deposition, to look --
A. That's correct.
Q. Okay. Then we don't need the depo.

THE COURT: Well, hold on a second. She's -- she answered, but then she said she wanted to clarify something. So I think the witness has a right to do that.

THE WITNESS: Again, when -- I was -- we were asked -- I -- I was asked to assess the sociocultural effects of the disaster. I was not asked to look -- to separate what was mitigation, what was response. I was asked to assess the effects.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. You were not asked to even consider the impact of BP's mitigation efforts; is that correct?
A. It was not separated out, that is correct.
Q. But you're aware that BP took several steps in order to mitigate the impact of the spill; correct?
A. I'm aware that BP provided extensive response and reported on that.
Q. Okay. We'11 talk about those shortly. But to be clear, your sociocultural effects report is not an econometric study

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of what effect the spill had on the Gulf Coast communities; correct?
A. That is correct. It was not intended to be.
Q. And while your report speaks to mental health effects, you're not a psychologist; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. You're not a psychiatrist?
A. That is correct.
Q. And you're not diagnosing anyone in the Gulf Coast community, any individual as to what effect the spill had on them from a medical perspective; correct?
A. That is correct. That was not the goal and we -- and I did not diagnose anyone.
Q. Now, the study that you did, it was based on a study that BOEM had commissioned shortly after the spill, as you've told us; correct?
A. That is the study that I did, yes.
Q. Okay. And you took the results from that study and then you prepared expert reports in this case?
A. I used the results of that study as well as my 18 years of experience working in this region and the six months I spent in this region after the spill -- the disaster began.
Q. Both the BOEM study and your expert reports in this case, the two that we saw, are qualitative ethnographic studies; correct?

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A. That is correct.
Q. You did not go out and collect any quantitative data as part of that study; correct?
A. The only quantitative data that our researchers collected was that which was provided say, for instance, by a fishing agent on catches or the -- the information in the course of an interview that an individual provided. We did not design the study to collect quantitative data.

MS. KARIS: If you can pull up your deposition, please, lines -- I'm sorry, page 62, lines 11 to 15.

And we have the same question, Your Honor, for each of the industries.

BY MS. KARIS:
Q. Were you asked at your depositions:
"QUESTION: Did you go out and collect any quantitative data regarding the oil and gas industry from April of 2010 to March of 2012?"

And you say what? "We did not," correct?
A. And I say, "We did not." That's, I believe, what I just said. We did not design this study to set out to collect quantitative data, no.
Q. Okay. Now, the purpose of a qualitative study is not to generalize in a quantitative way from the study sample size to a larger population; correct?
A. Qualitative and quantitative research approaches are

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completely -- are distinct. So, no, we do not take the goals or the approaches used in quantitative research and apply them to qualitative research.
Q. At no time have you quantified how many people were affected by the spill; correct?
A. Correct. That was not the intent.
Q. Now, you told us you did a qualitative study, and I'd like to talk about the time period for which your quantitative -I'm sorry, qualitative study uncovered. You contend in your expert report that it is a reflection of what happened for the period of April 2010 to January of 2012; is that correct?
A. That is the time that the researchers were in the field, yes.
Q. And, accordingly, the analysis of the BOEM report and your expert reports look only at the short-term effects of the Deepwater Horizon spil1 and response; correct?
A. That is correct. We are -- we have an ongoing study of the midrange effects; but the data are not analyzed, so I cannot report on that.
Q. Okay. So your opinions in this case pertain to short-term effects that end in early 2012 ; correct?
A. The data upon which I'm drawing, yes, is drawn from the period that ends in March of 2012.
Q. Not only the data, but the opinions that you are offering are limited to research that was conducted through early 2012;

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correct?
A. The opinions that I'm offering are based on the research that was conducted at that time.
Q. You have not conducted any interviews since then that you're relying; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. You are not -- you have not done any analysis of any data since early 2012; correct?
A. That is correct. Not that I'm -- I'm in the process. I have no analyses to report of current research.
Q. So you reference Dr. Bonanno and his comments about resiliency. You have not looked at the resiliency -- haven't opined on the resiliency of the Gulf Coast communities after early 2012 when you stopped your analysis; correct?
A. The report that I'm reporting on is from data from that earlier period.
Q. And so with respect to resiliency after early 2012, you have no opinions in this case on that; correct?
A. As I described in terms of the -- at the level of the individual, we did not measure individual mental health functioning. At the level of the community, there's a question of what that means. But certainly at the -- as of 2012, we did not see that the communities were more resilient based on his definition.
Q. And to the extent that Dr. Bonanno is speaking for the

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community's resiliency after 2012, you haven't looked at that; correct?
A. I don't know that he was speaking to that period after 2012 either.
Q. Now, we're talking about the period of after 2012, but is it correct that for some topics -- tourism, for example -- your research stopped in 2011, September of 2011? So you looked at it from September of 2010 to September of 2011?
A. As I described, in ethnographic research, if the topic that we are studying, we have -- we are learning no new information at the time of that study, we move on. So the study -- tourism was part of the study through the end of the fieldwork. But the data that's reported on tourist, the economic data that's reported in the report was through September of 2011.
Q. Okay. And we'11 talk a little bit more about tourism. But just to be clear on what time period you were looking at, your analysis was stopping basically in September of 2011, or at least the data that you were collecting; correct?
A. No. The quantitative data that was reported in the report stopped then. The interviews on people in the tourism industry continued throughout the report.
Q. Okay.
A. Or throughout the period of the study.
Q. A11 right. And so you learned, then, how tourism was

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performing in the Gulf Coast communities up through the time that you stopped your -- collecting your data in early 2012?
A. We documented what was happening in the tourism industry, yes.
Q. Okay. And to be clear, was the intent of your report to identify the negative effect, but then also identify the positive effects?
A. Excuse me, which report are you referring to?
Q. The expert reports.
A. Yes. The intent of that report was to describe the sociocultural effects, to render an opinion on that and then support that opinion.
Q. Okay. And that would include negative as well as positive is what I'm trying to get at?
A. The -- what went into deciding whether there was, in fact, sociocultural harm or not was a weighing of all of the data, positive and negative. My opinion was that there was sociocultural harm. So the report supports that opinion.
Q. Okay. Now, just so I'm clear, we spoke to the fact that your analysis stops in early 2012. Is it correct that you are not offering any opinions to this Court regarding the impact of the spill after early 2012?
A. I am not offering opinions on data that I collected after that point. I am offering the fact that qualitative research data is generalizable across places and times, as long as

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conditions are the same.
Q. Okay. Now, you say it's generalizable as long as conditions are the same; correct?
A. Yes. So, for example, the claims process is still ongoing. 0il -- tar mats with oil from the Macondo were washing up on the beaches of Florida in 2014. Those are the types of conditions that result in sociocultural harms and that are ongoing.
Q. I'm glad you mentioned Florida. Does your report include impact on Florida?
A. No, it does not. I simply used that as an example of something that has been widely reported in the media.
Q. All right. But not something you studied or are opining on in this case; correct?
A. I am not offering opinions as to what happened in Florida.

I did not --
Q. All right.
A. -- do research in Florida.
Q. And you were saying that they are generalizable as long as conditions are the same.

The conditions of the tourism industry changed on an annual basis; correct?
A. That is true.
Q. And the conditions of the seafood industry which you told us about changed on an annual basis; correct?
A. Some of -- well, let me clarify. Some of those conditions changed, yes.

MS. KARIS: Can you please pul1 up deposition -Dr. Austin's deposition, page 302, line 9 to line 11. BY MS. KARIS:
Q. Were you asked the following question at your deposition and did you give the following answer?
A. I did.
Q. "The conditions of the seafood industry changed on an annual basis; correct?"
A. That is true.
Q. And you said, "That is correct." Correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. Likewise, the conditions of the oil and gas industry changed on an annual basis?
A. That is correct.
Q. And the conditions of the shipyard industry, the other industry you looked at, changed on an annual basis; correct? A. That is correct.
Q. And so when you say things are generalizable, you did not look at any data at all after 2012 to present to generalize whether the conditions of the four industries that you are speaking to changed; correct?
A. I just concluded -- reported that the conditions do change.

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Q. And you did not look at any data to determine whether they changed; correct?
A. No, I did not.
Q. Thank you.

We talked about the time period for your report and where your analysis stopped. I'd like to talk to you a little bit about the geography, the limitations of the geographic scope that you looked at.

You have no opinions at all about the impact of the spill on the State of Florida, as you just told us; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. Your opinions and the work that was done by BOEM researchers -- strike that.

The BOEM researchers prioritized small cities and communities as part of this work; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. And in the states that you did study, none of the communities that you selected were urban communities; correct?
A. Again, the case study focal communities were not urban communities. The research extended into the urban centers.

MS. KARIS: Can we please pull up Dr. Austin's deposition, page 90, lines 9 to 11.
BY MS. KARIS:
Q. Were you asked the following question and did you give the following answer in your deposition, again, page 90, line 9 to

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11:
"QUESTION: None of the communities that you selected were urban communities; correct?"

And you gave the following answer:
"ANSWER: That is correct."
A. And that is what I just said, yes.
Q. Thank you. A11 of the communities that were selected by BO -- by the BOEM study were rural towns within the coastal region; correct?
A. The question of whether they were rural, these are communities with small populations, linear communities with a lot of industrial activity, but they are small communities.
Q. So they're rural towns; correct?
A. Again, from a social science perspective, "rural" implies certain things. They are small communities across this region.

MS. KARIS: Could we pull up Dr. Austin's deposition, please, again, line (verbatim) 90,12 to 15.

BY MS. KARIS:
Q. All the community -- were you asked the following question and did you give the following answer:
"QUESTION: A11 the communities that you selected were rural coastal towns within the coastal region?
"ANSWER: Yes."
Correct?
A. They are within the coastal region, yes.

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Q. You did not conduct any study of any inland communities; correct?
A. We did gather data from inland communities where it was relevant to the case study communities. So, for instance, many people in Mississippi work offshore from the inland communities, and they are tied to the coastal communities, so we were conducting interviews with those -- some of those offshore workers.

MS. KARIS: Can we pull up her deposition again.
Page 100, line 8 to 11.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. While we were talking at your deposition about what you looked at, did I ask you the following question:
"QUESTION: So you did not conduct any case study for any inland communities; correct?"

And you gave me the following answer:
"ANSWER: That is correct."
A. Yes.

MS. FIDLER: Objection, Your Honor. This is improper impeachment.

THE COURT: The problem, Ms. Karis, is the witness is giving essentially the same answers and may be expanding a little bit, and then you're bringing up the deposition. And, I don't know, you seem like you're quibbling about words here, you know. You know, it's not -- you're not proving anything to

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me. You're overdoing this deposition stuff.
Just because she didn't say it exactly the same way maybe, if -- if the substance is the same, I think we ought to move along, you know.
BY MS. KARIS:
Q. Dr. Austin, you would agree that your study does not address the impacts of disaster on large inland areas; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. And your study also does not address the impact of the disaster on large corporations whose offices and decision makers are located outside of the region but operate in the Gulf of Mexico; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. You spoke to the economic effects that individuals experienced with respect to their change in income as a result of the spill; correct? You spoke to the --

THE COURT: Wait. Wait. Reask your question. I think she was changing a tape here.

BY MS. KARIS:
Q. I'm going to try and say it the same. Certainly. I'11 try and ask it the same. Can't promise that.

You spoke to the effect of the spill on the economic situation on various members of the Gulf community; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And to be clear, the information that you had from all the

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research in your study did not at any time collect information about the individuals you were speaking to, their incomes; correct?
A. I'm sorry, you began with "the information you had." Could you repeat the question, please.
Q. Sure. That was a very poorly worded question. So let me back up.

You would consider income level to be a relevant consideration for your study; correct?
A. I would consider that -- they were -- yes, that what -people's income or resources that they had available to them was important, yes.
Q. And to be clear with respect to what information you collected as part of your study, you didn't ask the individuals that you were speaking to about the range of their income or the change in their range of incomes; correct?
A. No. We were not trying to assess income level of the individual households.
Q. The 1300 individuals that you spoke to, you did not decipher them by what their individual range of incomes was; that is, how many were living in poverty levels before the spill, how many were living in affluent households before the spi11; correct?
A. That is correct. We did not -- we did not collect individual household income level.

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Q. You also mentioned that you interviewed some people more than once; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. But using the information that you've collected from your study, it's not possible to determine from any of the pulled reports that you've provided which individuals were interviewed more than once; correct?
A. That is correct. Each interview gets a unique identifier.
Q. And it's not possible to tell how many people you spoke to more than once; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. Dr. Austin, you spent quite a bit of time on direct telling us about the social effects or harms that people told you about, and many of those were the result of interviews that your team conducted; correct?
A. The data that we gathered, yes, came from both interviews and observation -- and participant observation.
Q. The BOEM report that is the result of those interviews, that data and data observation notes in several places a positive impact from BP's actions after the spill. You share those opinions that are in the BOEM report; correct?
A. Yes. The information that we reported, I -- I still stand by.
Q. I'd like to talk about some of the specific positive impacts that you found and that were documented in the BOEM

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report that we did not previously hear about.
You agree that BP's funds were used immediately after the spill to help reduce the immediate economic effects of the spil1; correct?
A. That was the intent of the -- of BP putting money into the communities.
Q. And so the intent of why BP put money into the communities was to help reduce any immediate economic effect; correct?
A. That's what I understood it to be, yes.
Q. And those monetary inputs included both money that individuals and companies received in exchange for participating in cleanup efforts; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And they also included money that individuals and companies received as part of payments in the initial claims process or emergency claims payments; correct?
A. Yes, some individuals and companies did receive money at that time.
Q. And the payments that went to those individuals helped them. You would agree with that?
A. In most cases, yes.
Q. You would agree it was a good thing that BP made those early payments in order to help reduce the immediate economic effects of the disaster?
A. I agree that where family -- households or businesses

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received income that they were able to use to address the effects of this disaster, that was good, yes.
Q. VoO is one of the programs that were put in place immediately after the spill; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. And VoO was a program that BP put in place. When we say, VoO, for the record, that's the Vessels of Opportunity program, first of a11; correct?
A. That's correct.
Q. And the BOEM report specifically discusses the VoO program in some detail; correct?
A. It does.

MS. KARIS: And if we could now look at D-35337,
please.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. And this is from the social effects report that was published, Volume I. It says:
"To he1p mitigate the effects of the disaster on fishermen, BP created the Vessels of Opportunity program to employ local boat owners and operators to develop boom and to seek and clean up oil. Many fishermen did benefit from their participation in the program, but so, too, did others who saw and capitalized on the opportunity to make a lot of money."

## Correct?

A. That's what it says, yes.

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Q. You agree with that statement in the BOEM report?
A. Yes, I do. One of the points being made was that individuals beyond fishermen were, in fact -- entered their boats and were able to make money off of this program.

MS. KARIS: And if we can now look at D-35338, please.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. The report goes on to say: "In May of 2010, soon after the spill, training for the Vessels of Opportunity (VoO) Program, began at various sites along the Mississippi Coast, including Point Cadet in Biloxi. At the program's height, it employed around 800 Mississippi fishermen."

## Correct?

## A. Correct.

Q. And you understand those 800 individuals, they were just in Mississippi, and there were many others who were employed in Louisiana as well as Alabama that participated and benefited from the program; correct?
A. According to this, these 800 were Mississippi fishermen which would be -- I would read that to be they were fishermen from Mississippi.
Q. And you understand that there were, similarly, VoO participants in Louisiana?
A. Certainly.
Q. And there were VoO participants in Alabama; correct?

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A. Yes, there were.
Q. Let's talk about how much money was spent on the VoO program.

> MS. KARIS: If we could pull up D-35309.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. And do you recognize this as coming from the time line of the BOEM report that you were the principal author of?
A. Yes, I do recognize this.
Q. And according to this, BP officially halted the VoO program on September 15th of 2010 in Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi. In these three states, the program spent $\$ 500$ million and hired 3,500 vessels; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. And that does not include Louisiana, where the program continued at this time; is that correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. And to be clear, for every one of those 3500 vessels -- or I should say for many of those 3500 vessels, there were multiple individuals that were hired; correct? To participate as part of VoO. That is, these were multi-person vessels?
A. Okay. It's -- yes, it's impossible to know from this statement how many people were working on any of these vessels. But, yes, some -- the vessels, in fact, hired multiple deck hands.
Q. Are you aware that by the end of the VoO program, BP had

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spent approximately $\$ 600 \mathrm{milli}$ ion for the four states?
A. Yes, I am.
Q. And you understand that BP set that program up voluntarily?
A. Yes. BP -- Vessels of Opportunity is a -- one of many responses that companies can make and -- after a disaster like this, and BP chose to set up a VoO program.
Q. Let's talk about the effects, then, of spending $\$ 600$ million.

MS. KARIS: If we can go to D-35310.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. Again, in your BOEM report, it says, "Fishermen who worked for VoO for a significant amount of time built up a financial reserve they used to maintain their vessels, do repairs, or pay down debts, helping some return to fishing, while others took the rest of 2010 off."

## Correct?

A. That is correct.
Q. And that's consistent with what individuals were telling your team when you were interviewing them; correct?
A. Yes. Those fishermen who worked for VoO for a significant amount of time and were able to build up a reserve, in many cases, they did, in fact, use that money to repair their vessels and/or upgrade, pay down their debts, et cetera.
Q. And you agree that was a good thing that BP voluntarily

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put that program in place that allowed those fishermen that are referenced here to take all those actions; correct?
A. I agree that the VoO program had these kinds of results. I'm not in a position to evaluate it as opposed to other options that they had.
Q. But at least the program that was put in place did have those results?
A. For those fishermen and other individuals who made a lot of money, yes, it had positive effects.

MS. KARIS: Now, if we can pul1 up D-35311.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. We've been looking at the BOEM report. But as part of the case study, various individuals from your team went out and conducted interviews and took notes from what people were telling them; correct?
A. That is the methodology, yes.
Q. And those -- you call those code reports; correct?
A. These are reports pulled from the interviews, yes.
Q. Okay. And so what we're looking at here, to be clear, are notes from your team from a specific interview that was conducted of somebody who was identified as PP 928; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. And what this person told your team was, they said that, "Honestly, the oil spill had probably helped the local economy around Pascagoula more than anything.

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"BP was, quote, just handing money out, end quote, last summer, he said. People were getting money for any sort of claim. Plus, lots of people had been hired into the VoO program and just to clean up the beaches. There had been thousands of people just walking around picking up trash along the beaches."

That's what this individual told your team; correct?
A. Yes. This is exactly the type of conversation that I was referring to in the communities where people have a belief that there are lots of people getting money, and some people are getting money, some people aren't, and it increases local discord.
Q. It also, if BP is handing out money, helps the local economy; correct?
A. Yes, that obviously is a phrase this individual used. I imagine BP was not walking up and down the beach handing out money.
Q. Well, are you aware of the program where BP was writing claims checks for $\$ 5,000$ early on in the program to help the local fishermen and others who had lost their jobs?
A. Certainly I'm aware of that program.
Q. And that program definitely helped the local economy; correct?
A. For the people that got money and were able to use that money to pay off their bills or otherwise invest in their local

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community, it helped the local economy.
Q. And we were talking about VoO, and this individual is referencing VoO here. You're aware that BP did not require anyone to make any deductions from any claims they were filing if they had participated and gotten paid as part of the VoO program; correct?
A. I'm aware that eventually that was the case. When the program began, there was -- people were not certain. There was a lot of mixed information coming out about what was going to be the effect on people's ability to file claims or if they participated in VoO. Eventually, yes, that was clarified. Q. And when you say "eventually," we're talking about how much time? After people started working in the VoO program, did they learn they can double collect, get paid from VoO and also file a claim for having been out of work as fishermen?
A. That's correct. If they could -- if -- if they could document those losses and go through the claims process, they could enter the claims process, and their participation in VoO was seen as a separate action.
Q. You referenced "eventually" when I asked you previously, and I was wondering if you knew how quickly people learned that they could do the double-dipping, if you will?
A. I do not recall the date that that occurred.
Q. Do you know whether it was pretty quickly?
A. No. I -- I don't know what pretty quickly -- it was

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within months of -- I -- I will withdraw that. I do not remember exactly when.
Q. Now, this individual also referenced people participating in the cleanup efforts. And you agree that participation in the cleanup efforts and claims processes made good the losses of many commercial fishermen and seafood businesses; correct?
A. There are -- there were people who participated in this program, in the cleanup, who benefited in the same way there were people who benefited from the VoO program.
Q. You agree that some fishermen would have been worse off economically had BP not set up this VoO program?
A. Certainly some fishermen would have been worse off.
Q. And you agree that this wasn't the only individual that told you that they benefited significantly. Many individuals told your team that they were significantly financially benefited as a result of the VoO program; correct?
A. Yes. To clarify, this individual doesn't say whether he benefited or not. He's referring to people in his -- in Pascagoula. There were people who reported to our team that they had benefited.
Q. And they told you that they had significantly benefited; correct?
A. There were people, in the same way there were people who reported to our team that they had not been able to participate in VoO at all.

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Q. You're familiar with Dr. Luton; correct?
A. Dr. Luton, yes.
Q. Luton. Excuse me. And you read Dr. Luton's testimony in connection with giving your opinions in this case?
A. I read his deposition.
Q. Yes, I'm sorry, deposition.
A. Yes.
Q. And you're aware that he was the United States' corporate representative to speak to the social effects of the spill? A. Yes.

MS. KARIS: And if we can now pull up D-35342.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. And to be clear, Dr. Luton participated in this BOEM study along with you; correct?
A. No. Dr. Luton was the BOEM's contracting officer's technical representative. In that role, he does not play any role in actually conducting the research or analyzing the data or anything else.
Q. Fair enough. He was the technical representative for the BOEM here; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. And he was also the U.S.' corporate representative. And Dr. Luton was asked:
"QUESTION: So what you're saying, Dr. Luton, it sounds you agree that researchers who wrote this report,

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that many fishermen did benefit from participation in the Vesse1 of Opportunity program?"

He says:
"ANSWER: Correct."
And he says:
"QUESTION: It helped both fishermen and nonfishermen, too, make a lot of money?"

He says:
"ANSWER: Some to make a lot of money, yes.
"QUESTION: And that's because, as you understand, participation in the Vessel of Opportunity program was lucrative to many?
"ANSWER: Yes."
And you agree with that testimony; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. We've been talking about fishermen. And to wrap up on VoO, it wasn't just fishermen who -- who benefited. There were others like suppliers, for example, who benefited and made huge profits; correct?
A. I'm sorry, suppliers to -- suppliers to the VoO program, is that what you're referring to?
Q. Suppliers to the VoO vessels.
A. Yes. The -- the suppliers who were providing supplies that were needed in the VoO program, yes, some of them also benefited.
Q. Earlier when you were telling us about the effects of the spil1, you said you looked, for example, even at flower shops that had incurred effects from the spi11; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. All right. And similarly, for the VoO program, it wasn't just those individuals who participated; there was a whole chain of people who benefited from the VoO program, including suppliers, as well as others; correct?
A. Yes. The thing to clarify there is that not all of the suppliers in a program like that are from local areas, so as opposed to the flower shop, which is in the local community we were researching, but certainly there were suppliers to the VoO program, and some of them were local companies.
Q. Okay. And so at least -- you agree that at least some local companies made huge profits off of the VoO program?
A. Yes, some companies did.
Q. You referenced shipbuilding as one of the industries you looked at; correct?
A. That is correct.

MS. KARIS: And if we can look at -- look at D-35339.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. You state in your report that before the start of the 2011 May shrimp season -- I'm sorry -- shipyards were reportedly doing record amounts of repair work on shrimp boats, as many captains reinvested their VoO and claims earnings into the

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vessels.
Yet, this is another example of how the VoO program benefited another industry; correct?
A. That is correct, those yards that got this kind of repair work. This makes the same point we made earlier is that some of the fishermen took their VoO money and reinvested into their vessels to improve their business.
Q. Let's talk about another program that was put in place that benefited or mitigated the impacts of the spill. You referenced the claims process as part of your testimony on direct examination that was put in place; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. You're aware that as early as early May, there was a claims process put in place in order to compensate out-of-work fishermen?
A. Early May 2010.
Q. Yes, I'm sorry.
A. Yes.
Q. Okay.

MS. KARIS: And if we can look at D-35313.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. And this is under a section in your report entitled "Immediate Oil Spil1 Impacts, Summer Through Fall of 2010."

You say: "By early May, out-of-work fishermen could avail themselves of the economic claims offices that BP had

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opened around the Gulf Coast. The first claims process, which ran until August 23rd, directly under BP's authority, focused primarily on paying commercial fisheries' claimants and wrote checks of up to $\$ 5,000$ a month based on presented registration documents, seafood sales receipts, and tax records."

That's the $\$ 5,000$ that we were talking about earlier; correct?

## A. Correct.

Q. And these claims facilities, they were open within a couple of weeks of the spill; correct?
A. Yes. Where those claims office opened, they -- those opened up quickly.

MS. KARIS: If we can now go to D-35347.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. "By May 26th" -- again, this is from your BOEM report -"BP reported receiving 25,000 claims and paying $\$ 29$ million to 12,000 claimants, denying no claimant by that date. Claimants could get up to $\$ 5,000$ a month through the process and were not required to waive their right to sue for future damages. Commercial fishermen, shut down by area closures resulting from the spil1, made up a major part of the claimants during the BP process, as claims offices began regularizing what became monthly payments as the spill stretched through the summer of 2010."

## Correct?

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A. That is correct.
Q. So within just under a month of the spil1, $\$ 29$ million had been paid out under that claims process; correct?
A. According to what BP reported, yes.
Q. And that's what is in BOEM's report; correct?
A. Yes. As it is worded there, BP reported doing that, and we cite the source.
Q. Okay. You referenced on direct that there was some frustration resulting from people needing to document their claims as part of the early claims process or unable to document their claim; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. But you see that at least with respect to those 12,000 claimants, not a single claim was denied; correct?
A. That's what was reported.
Q. Dr. Austin, you're aware that in addition to the early payments, BP has paid out billions of dollars in claims to individuals and businesses in the Gulf states; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. As part of the report that you put together for the BOEM where you were looking at the impacts, did you determine or did you learn what the total amount of claims was that BP had paid out by early 2012 when you stopped interviewing individuals and collecting data and information?
A. Yes, that information was in the report.

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Q. And do you know, sitting here, how much that was?
A. I would misrepresent it if I tried to pull it off the top of my head.

MS. KARIS: Let's look at D-35315, please -- I'm sorry, 35315.

BY MS. KARIS:
Q. This is just through the end of 2010. Total payments to individuals and businesses are over $\$ 3 \mathrm{million}$; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. I'm sorry, billion, excuse me. Yes, $\$ 3.1$ billion.
A. Yes, that is correct.
Q. So within eight months of when the spil1 occurred, BP had paid -- or had put over $\$ 3$ billion into the economy just from claim and government payments; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. And that would be separate and apart from the $\$ 600 \mathrm{million}$ that we spoke to earlier under the VoO claims process; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. Now, one of the things that you did as part of your BOEM work was to inquire or to discuss with people what they did with some of the money they got from this claims process; correct?
A. That is correct.

MS. KARIS: And if we can look at D-35316.

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## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. Under "Specific Effects of the Spi11," you state: "Those who received money from claims used the funds to finance their house or boat," repair -- I'm sorry -- "raise and repair homes, or invest in new nets or engines for their boats."

That's what folks told you they were doing with their money; correct?
A. Yes. That's what some of the folks did report.
Q. And then stories about some people were spending their money on new vehicles or recreational activities were common. That's how described it; correct?
A. Yes, as I mentioned that -- and you can see that the "some" is in italics. This is an example of how in the communities there's starting to become stories of people who didn't deserve the money, they were spending it on things that were inappropriate. So this is part of what creates that local-level discord.
Q. But from BP's perspective, they were putting that money into the economy through paying those claims payments; correct?
A. The money was going to individuals. How it was being spent varied across the communities.
Q. You agree that the money that BP put into the local economy, including the $\$ 3.1$ billion that we just looked at, had a substantial impact on minimizing the economic impact of the spi11; correct?

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A. I'm sorry, would you repeat that again?
Q. Sure. Because it was a poorly phrased question, maybe we can do it easier.

MS. KARIS: Let's go to D-35341, p1ease.
BY MS. KARIS:
Q. This is again the United States' corporate representative on the issue of effects of the spill, and he's asked if $\$ 3.1$ billion had an economic effect -- had an economic effect in Gulf communities along the coast and throughout the Gulf region, and he says, "Correct."

And then he's asked:
"QUESTION: A substantial impact?
"ANSWER: Yes.
"QUESTION: And that substantial impact by those claim payments made early after the spill helped to minimize the economic effects of the spill in the region, didn't it?"

And he says:
"ANSWER: Yes."
Do you see that?
A. Yes, he does.
Q. And you agree with Dr. Luton on that; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. You agree that it was a good thing that BP made those payments in order to help reduce the immediate economic effects

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of the disaster; correct?
A. I agree that the fact that BP -- that the economic payments helped to alleviate the economic harms was a good thing, yes.
Q. You referenced some grants on your direct examination; correct?
A. I referenced tourism grants.
Q. Tourism grants.
A. Yes.
Q. Are you aware that BP, in addition to tourism grants, made block grants to the various states?
A. Yes, I am.

MS. KARIS: And if we can now look at D-35318.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. On May 5th of 2010 -- that's within a couple of weeks of the spill -- BP announces the release of 25 million block grants to each affected state to implement spill response area contingency plans. Do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And do you know whether that, too, was a voluntarily program that BP put in place?
A. No, I don't.
Q. But you're aware that BP did, in fact, put that money into the local economies or the state economies in the Gulf; correct?

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A. I know that they gave the money to the State. Whether those ended up in the local economies, I can't tell you. Q. You referenced tourism grants earlier.
A. That is correct.
Q. Let's talk about the benefits -- the economic benefits from BP's investment into the tourism industry following the spil1. You understand that BP spent a significant amount of money intended to mitigate the effects of the spill on the tourism industry; correct?
A. Yes, I do.

MS. KARIS: If we could look at D-35340, please.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. We looked at this document in your deposition. This is the announcement of those grants.

This says: "The Gulf tourism industry has seen a strong rebound, and numerous tourism records have been" -- I'm sorry -- "have been repeatedly broken in the last three years. BP is supporting Gulf Coast tourism through the payments of $\$ 179$ million for state-led tourism campaigns and $\$ 57 \mathrm{million}$ for nonprofit groups and government entities to promote the tourism and seafood industries."

You're aware of that fact; correct?
A. Yeah. This -- just to be clear, when you mentioned this was referenced, this was a report -- or this was on BP's Web site.

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Q. And there's also a reference to these funds in the BOEM's report; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. Is that "yes"?
A. Yes, I'm sorry. Correct.
Q. No problem. No problem.

MS. KARIS: And just for the record, if we could pul1 up TREX-011923.92.1. I'm sorry, TREX-011923.92.1.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. And this is from the BOEM report; correct? Volume II. Do you recognize this?
A. Yes.
Q. And it says, "In the spring of 2011, BP announced a second round of tourism grants to affected states. The grants were slated to be dispensed and spent over three years. Florida received $\$ 30$ million to be divided between seven coastal counties. In March of 2011, Louisiana received $\$ 30 \mathrm{million}$, with the greater New Orleans area set to receive $\$ 6$ million and with $\$ 2.2$ million set to issue to Jefferson, Terrebonne" -you're going to have to help me.
A. Lafourche.
Q. -- "Lafourche" -- apologies -- "St. Bernard, Plaquemines and St. Tammany Parishes."

You're aware that BP put that money into those tourism industries voluntarily; correct?

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## A. Correct.

Q. "The remainder will go to the State Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to fund general tourism advertisement and marketing for the state and will be divided among the other Louisiana parishes according to the extent of oil spill impacts they each suffered."

## Correct?

## A. Correct.

Q. And we don't need to read the rest of it, but it then goes on to talk about the money put into Alabama as well as Mississippi, again, both to the states and then to local counties to support tourism; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And, again, it was a good thing that BP was putting this money into the tourism industry to assist the local counties as well as the states with tourism; correct?
A. Just to clarify, when you said the money was being put into the states and to the local counties, the money was passed through the state to get to the local counties.
Q. Fair enough. It was given to the states and then directed to the local counties; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And that was a good thing that BP put that money into the states to then pass off to the counties to assist the tourism industry?

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A. It was a good thing that the tourism industry was -- was assisted, yes.
Q. And it was a good thing that BP did that?
A. It was a good thing that BP attempted and did assist the tourism industry. Whether that was the best mechanism by going through the states, I do not offer an opinion on.
Q. Okay. You have no opinion whether it was the best mechanism, only that it helped; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. Dr. Austin, you agree that BP's grants had a positive effect on tourism, that you can't quantify that effect; is that correct?
A. That I -- again, the -- for the communities that got the money and invested it, that had a positive effect; and, no, I cannot quantify that effect.
Q. You spoke to individuals, though, who had knowledge of the tourism industry who tracked, as part of their livelihood, how the tourism industry was doing in the Gulf immediately after the spill or shortly after the spill, within a year; correct? A. In 2011, yes.

MS. KARIS: And if we can now pull up D-35323,
please.
BY MS. KARIS:
Q. And, again, these are field notes or code reports from a member of your team who went out into the community and spoke

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to somebody and came back and reported the results; correct?
A. These are his notes from an interview, yes, with this individual who was in Baldwin County, Alabama.
Q. And the top got cut off there, but there's a question that's asked:
"PP: Are you working on a study regarding the impacts of the oil spill at the moment?"

And here's the answer. It says:
"No, we're not working on any particular studies. The business council will continue to report, as always, but we do not have a specific study of the spil1."

Do you know who the business council is that's referenced there?
A. Okay. Actually, I misspoke. This is an individual in Mississippi. He's referring to the University of Southern Mississippi.
Q. Okay.
A. The business council would be the council of the local government, and that information has been retracted to protect people's identities.
Q. It goes on to say that "USM recently did a project and partnership with us, but this has been stalled now due to the bureaucracy. There is a lot of emotion built into the issue of the oil spill and there is a lot of thinking that things must have gotten worse since the spill, but the numbers say the

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exact opposite. When you look at the numbers, you see that the casinos are up, the hotels are up, sales are up. The last two months have been very good. There were 5,000 people from BP here at one point during the summer, and this helped the economy a lot."

That's what somebody from the business council told your team; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. The BOEM report speaks to the tourism numbers following the spill; correct?
A. Correct.

MS. KARIS: If we could look at D-35324.
BY MS. KARIS:
Q. According to the BOEM's report, at the end of 2011, Alabama's tourism numbers were reported to be up 51 percent since the previous year, while Mississippi was up 7 percent over 2010; correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. And individuals that you spoke to mentioned that part of the reason for the improvement in the tourism number was the grants and the money that BP had been putting into the economy, giving the states, which were then passed -- as well as the money given to the states, passed on to the local communities; correct?
A. Yes. And in this example, they're referring to the money

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that went to South Baldwin County to invest there.
Q. That was in Mississippi, you said?
A. No, that's South Baldwin County, Alabama. That's one of the more well-off counties in the region, and they were able to access resources fairly quickly.
Q. And to be clear, Alabama reported benefits through the tourism grant, Mississippi reported benefits. You're aware Louisiana also benefited from the tourism grants; correct?
A. Those communities that received the money, yes, they did.
Q. Just to wrap this up, Dr. Austin, you agree that the money that BP spent on VoO, on the claims process, on the block grants, on tourism grants all had the effect of mitigating the impact of the spill; correct?
A. I agree that all of those helped some individuals and for those individuals and businesses to address the economic losses that they had from the spill.
Q. Those individuals who received money from any of those programs, VoO, either a result of the tourism grants, the block grants or the claims payment process, were benefited by BP's programs; correct?
A. By and large, that is the case, yes.
Q. Thank you.

MS. KARIS: No further questions.
THE COURT: Does Anadarko have any questions of this witness?

MS. KIRBY: No, Your Honor.
THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. Redirect?
MS. FIDLER: Your Honor, a very short redirect.
REDIRECT EXAMINATION

## BY MS. FIDLER:

Q. Danielle Fidler on behalf of the United States.

Dr. Austin, you were asked about the failure to include quantitative data in your -- in the social effects study. I'd just like to know, do you try to include a quantitative assessment when designing a social effects study? A. Yes. When I was asked to design the study, as I mentioned, I went to the region and I talked to people with whom we've worked with before and talked to, for instance, economists, who argued that they were happy we were doing the study, they could not participate in the early phases of the study because the data would not be available.

And that this particular disaster and the way that it was manifest would cause problems for their economic modeling because in the fact that all of the successful businesses -businesses, whether they were successful or not, were all being affected at the same time. So and -- so from an economics point of view, there were -- there was not data available, there wasn't -- there weren't economists that were in a position to be part of this study.

From the demographers, we are currently involved.

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Our phase 2 study involves demographers, and the purpose is to compare results from demography and ethnography and to understand for the BOEM how this -- you know, the results that were generated.

The problem for the demographers is in -- they need data over a period before the spill and after the spil1. And for small communities, that means that in order to make sure that the -- the data has to be aggregated because of the size of the communities. So they have to go over a three-year period.

So this year is the first year that, for instance, the American Community Survey data will come out with three years post spill, three years prespi11, in order for them to do that kind of an assessment.
Q. Dr. Austin, you testified that your opinions are generalizable if the conditions are the same. Are there any conditions that you believe are the same?
A. Certainly, as I mentioned, there are claims processes that are ongoing. As one of the other experts reports, 30 percent of the claims as of June 30th, 2014 have not been processed. Q. Finally, in your opinion, did the positive effects of the BP actions BP asked you about on redirect -- I mean on cross-examination fully remedy the sociocultural harms that you identify in your report?
A. No. As I testified, the sociocultural harms are -- arise

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from disparities. And so BP did invest resources and respond to the spill. Many people benefited, many people did not. It is that disparity that generates sociocultural harms.

And among those who did not benefit from this disaster were some of the individuals, businesses, and communities that could least afford another blow.

MS. FIDLER: Thank you, Dr. Austin.
I have no further questions.
THE COURT: Al1 right. Thank you, ma'am.
THE WITNESS: Thank you.
THE COURT: All right. All right. It's just about
3:30. Let's take a 15 -minute recess.
THE DEPUTY CLERK: Al1 rise.
(WHEREUPON, the Court took a recess.)
THE DEPUTY CLERK: All rise.
THE COURT: Al1 right. Please be seated, everyone.
A11 right. The government can call its next witness.

MS. PENCAK: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Erica Pencak for the United States. The United States calls Dr. Richard Clapp.

THE COURT: Okay.
(WHEREUPON, DR. RICHARD CLAPP, having been duly sworn, testified as follows:)

THE DEPUTY CLERK: Please state your full name and

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correct spelling for the record.
THE WITNESS: My name is Richard Clapp, spelled C-L-A-P-P.

MS. PENCAK: May I proceed, Your Honor?
THE COURT: Yes. There is a Daubert motion with respect to this witness also?

MS. PENCAK: Yes, Your Honor. That's correct.
THE COURT: And again, I've read the -- I've read the motion, I've read the expert reports of the witness, and I'm going to deny the motion. But, again, of course, if there are any particular questions that the -- that the other side feels are objectionable beyond the expertise of this expert, they can object as we go along.

Go ahead. Go ahead.
MS. PENCAK: Thank you, Your Honor.

## DIRECT EXAMINATION

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, what question were you asked to address in your work in this matter?
A. I was asked to evaluate the evidence of health impacts of the Deepwater Horizon explosion, spill, and cleanup.
Q. And what do you consider to be your expertise as it relates to your work in this matter?
A. Epidemiology and public health.
Q. What is epidemiology?

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A. It's the study of the patterns and causes of diseases in humans.
Q. Do you have a specialty within the field of epidemiology?
A. Yes.
Q. What's that specialty?
A. Cancer epidemiology.
Q. Let's take a look at your educational and professional background. Dr. Clapp, did you prepare a slide that describes that background?
A. Yes.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, can you please pull up D-33600.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, could you please walk through your educational background.
A. I have a Bachelor's in biology from Dartmouth College, a Master's in public health from Harvard School of Public Health, and a Doctorate in epidemiology from Boston University.
Q. Have you taken any courses related to the investigation of long-term health effects observed in populations?
A. Yes.
Q. What are those classes?
A. Primarily epidemiology classes, several of those over the years.
Q. Have you taken any courses related to the health effects of exposure to hazardous substances?

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A. Yes. A course called, "Introduction to the Workplace," which is all about workplace or occupational exposures, and then a number of environmental health courses which also described, among other things, environmental hazardous exposures.
Q. Have you taken any courses related to mental or behavioral health?
A. Yeah.
Q. Can you describe those.
A. I took a course actually in medical school called "Psychiatry," and then courses in public health school called "Social and Behavioral Sciences," and actually undergraduate psychological courses as well.
Q. Let's talk about your professional background. How many years of experience do you have in the fields of epidemiology and public health?
A. We11, epidemiology, perhaps going back 20 or 25 years, but public health more like 40 years.
Q. And it says here on the slide that you have spent over 15 years teaching epidemiology and environmental health. Are you currently teaching?
A. Yes.
Q. Where do you currently teach?
A. At Boston University School of Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health, University of Massachusetts at Lowe11,

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and then occasionally at Clark University.
Q. Have you taught classes on any subjects that you believe are related to the work you did in this case?
A. Yes. Occupational epidemiology and environmental epidemiology, in particular, and then other courses where I have given lectures.
Q. Turning back to the slide on the screen, Dr. Clapp, can you describe your experience managing and directing local and state-leve1 public health programs?
A. Yes. I think the first local state -- or local public health program actually I was involved in was in prisons in New York City in the New York City Health Services Administration, where I worked in the prison health program. And then I did a similar job at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. I was deputy director of prison health for the state prisons in Massachusetts.

After that, I worked as director of a community health and counseling center in a small city called Lynn, Massachusetts. I was director of the statewide childhood lead poisoning prevention program in Massachusetts. And subsequent to that, director of the child -- sorry, the state cancer registry, also in the Department of Public Health in Massachusetts.
Q. It says here you also have done some consulting work.

Could you describe that work briefly?

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A. Briefly, it was basically two jobs, one at a consulting company called JSI, which stands for John Snow, Incorporated, where we, among other things, provided technical assistance to communities concerned about toxic exposures and their health. And then a similar job at a place called -- another nonprofit, an environmental consulting company called Tellus Incorporated in -- or Tellus Institute in Boston.
Q. It states on the slide you've written over

70 peer-reviewed publications. Do any of the peer-reviewed publications you've written investigate the health effects of exposure to substances that are constituents of crude oil or to substances that are created during the burning of crude oil?
A. Yes.
Q. Could you describe those publications?
A. Well, one was actually a review article reviewing the literature about petroleum refineries and exposure to benzene and the effects of that. I've written a number of publications regarding Agent Orange and its contaminant dioxin, which was produced in the Deepwater Horizon response.
Q. Do any of the peer-reviewed publications you've written investigate the long-term health effects of exposure to hazardous substances?
A. Yes.
Q. Can you briefly name those?
A. Well, several. But particularly, for example, studies of

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workers at IBM in the United States and especially in San Jose, California, and what IBM workers died of. Workers at a company where they were exposed to airborne synthetic fibers and what their incidence of lung cancer was and a number of other similar reports.
Q. Do any of the peer-reviewed publications you've written investigate the health effects of exposure to low levels of hazardous substances?
A. Yes.
Q. Could you briefly describe those.
A. Well, one, for example, was people who lived near the General Electric plant in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where they were exposed to waste contaminant -- the waste transformer oil. It was actually used as fill -- the soil that was contaminated with transformer oil, it was used as fill in their backyards. And some of the people in that study were exposed to low levels of waste oil.
Q. And do any of the peer-reviewed publications you've written investigate mental or behavioral health issues?
A. Yes.
Q. Could you describe those?
A. We11, one in particular was Gulf War veterans, the first Persian Gulf war. And among other things, these were veterans who had been exposed to nerve gas; and the question was whether their symptoms might be also due to stress.

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Another publication was looking at an aluminum smelting factory in Washington State where one of the symptoms that was at issue was depress -- depression.
Q. Are any of the peer-reviewed publications you've written cohort studies?
A. Yes.
Q. What is a cohort study?
A. It's a study where you define a group of people based on their exposure. So, for example, it might be people who worked at a particular plant or in a particular industry, and then you follow them over time to see what happened to their health.
Q. How long do you follow them over time?
A. It depends on what it is you're studying. But they can -if it's a chronic disease, such as cancer, for example, those studies may take $10,15,20$, or more years of follow-up. Q. Dr. Clapp, what professional memberships do you hold? A. I'm a member of the Society for Epidemiologic Research, the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology, the American Public Health Association, and the Massachusetts Public Health Association.
Q. Have you received any honors or awards you fee1 are relevant to your work in this case?
A. Yes. I think the most relevant perhaps is the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology gave me their Research Integrity Award in 2008. And also the

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Occupational Health and Safety section of the American Public Health Association gave me a research award in 2012.
Q. Turning to your work in this case, you prepared three expert reports; is that correct?
A. Yes.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, could you please pull up TREXs 13346, 13347, and 13348.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, are the bases for all of your opinions and conclusions set forth in your three expert reports in this matter?
A. Yes.
Q. And do you adopt the contents of these reports as your testimony in this matter?
A. I do.

MS. PENCAK: Your Honor, at this time I tender Dr. Clapp as an expert in epidemiology and public health, and I would also move his expert reports into evidence.

THE COURT: Al1 right. Are there any questions on his qualifications?

MS. KARIS: Subject to our Daubert motion, Your Honor, none.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Go ahead.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. So, Dr. Clapp, turning to your work in this case, what are

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your opinions regarding the health effects of the Deepwater Horizon explosion, oil spi11, and response?
A. We11, that there is -- there are substantial and numerous health effects for people who were, you know, exposed in the Deepwater Horizon explosion and subsequent activities.
Q. What are your opinions regarding long-term health effects of the explosion, oil spill, and response?
A. Well, it's, I think, too early to say; that the long-term effects will be observed in future studies.
Q. Did you prepare a slide that summarized the elements of your opinion?
A. Yes.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, could you please call up D-33601.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, could you briefly walk through the elements of your opinion?
A. Yes. Well, first, 11 people were killed and then many others were injured -- injured or burned in the explosion and the fire that occurred on the rig in April of 2010. Thousands of injuries and illnesses were then documented amongst cleanup workers, volunteers, and others exposed during that time period.

There is an ongoing study, a cohort study that's being conducted now and will go on for several more years to

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determine the long-term effects of this spil1 and the -- and the aftermath.

And Dr. Cox's opinions in this matter and his conclusions don't alter my opinion, as I've expressed it in my reports.
Q. Let's take a look at the first element of your opinion.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, D-33601.1.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, what information, if any, did you review that support this finding?
A. I read deposition transcripts and trial testimony, transcripts of people who were actually at -- on the rig at the time of the explosion. I've read a report published in the New England Journal of Medicine, first author is Goldstein and colleagues that describes this. And also the Institute of Medicine workshop summary from a workshop held in the summer of -- or I guess it was in June of 2010, also refers to this immediate effect.
Q. What types of injuries were described in the materials you reviewed?
A. Well, the deaths. And then, also, people got burns, fractures, and what I would call massive trauma, for example, from being blown across the room in the -- on the rig. So a combination of those things.
Q. Let's take a look at the second element of your opinion.

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MS. PENCAK: Charles, D-33601.2, please.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. It says on the screen: "Thousands of injuries and
illnesses were documented amongst cleanup workers and
volunteers during the response to the DWH oil spill."
Dr. Clapp, did you review any information that supports this finding?
A. Yes, I did.
Q. And did you prepare a demonstrative to help you walk through the information you prepared?
A. Yes.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, D-33602, please.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, is this the demonstrative?
A. Yes.
Q. Could you walk through the information listed on this demonstrative?
A. The first line, the first bullet is NIOSH Health Hazard Evaluations. And these reports -- there's a series of them, actually, that describe work -- cleanup worker injuries and illnesses.

Next is a British Petroleum Deepwater Horizon incident response and recordable injury and illness data report that covered the time period April 22nd through December 3rd of 2010.

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Next was a BP Medical Encounters Database. And then, lastly, a status report from the Deepwater Horizon medical benefits claims administrator, the one that was at least filed last August.
Q. Starting at the top, Dr. Clapp, what does "NIOSH" stand for?
A. It stands for National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.
Q. And what is a Health Hazard Evaluation?
A. These are reports that NIOSH does periodically. They're based on observations or measurements taken at work sites where there was concern about health problems.
Q. Have you reviewed NIOSH Health Hazard Evaluations prior to your work in this case?
A. Yes.
Q. What is your opinion regarding the reliability of information set forth in NIOSH HHEs?
A. These are -- those are reliable documents in my view.
Q. Did you prepare a slide that describes what the NIOSH HHE in this instance entails?
A. Yes.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, D-33603, please.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, can you explain what NIOSH HHEs entails?
A. This was a response to a request from British Petroleum,

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actually, to investigate health hazards in a variety of work sites in the -- in the Gulf of Mexico following the DWH spill and response.

So the first were teams that would go actually to places where workers were actually engaged in the cleanup or on the shore even. Secondly, they conducted quantitative and qualitative data collections. So the quantitative data included monitoring of the air levels of various contaminants. And the qualitative data was symptom surveys that were administered and then compiled.

There was some quantitative analysis of the symptom surveys, and a couple of these are in their Health Hazard Evaluations. And then they reported on what they saw in the form of work practices and procedures, such as personal protective equipment being used.

They also record -- reviewed records of people who had been hospitalized, either fishermen or others who had been hospitalized in the response. And then, finally, in almost all of these, they produced conclusions and recommendations.
Q. Dr. Clapp, you noticed that -- you noted that NIOSH collected air monitoring data. What is your opinion regarding the comprehensiveness of that data?
A. It was not comprehensive.
Q. What is the basis of that opinion?
A. The -- the air monitoring data was collected at the time

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of the site visit, so that might be on a particular day or a particular short -- short time period, and it could be different on other days or in other meteorologic conditions than on the days that the site -- the site visit occurred.

So it wasn't comprehensive. In fact, I don't think NIOSH would claim that it was comprehensive.
Q. Speaking generally right now, not necessarily about NIOSH, are there certain types of symptoms that are associated with human exposure to crude oil?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you prepare a slide to summarize those symptoms?
A. Yes, I did.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, could you pull up D-33604.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, what is the source of this chart we're looking at?
A. This is a table from the workshop summary of that Institute of Medicine workshop that I mentioned. So it's a workshop entitled, "Assessing the Health Effects" -- sorry, "Assessing the Effects of the Gulf of Mexico Spill on Human Health: A Summary of the June 2010 Workshop."

So this is a table from that workshop summary.
Q. What is the Institute of Medicine?
A. It's one of the three components of the National Academy of Sciences. It's the one that deals with health and public

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health.
Q. Who participated in the IOM June workshop?
A. This workshop was public health experts, researchers who had studied the health effects of previous oil spills and -that was in the published literature. The agency representatives from a variety of government agencies and the public all participated in this workshop.
Q. What is your opinion regarding the reputation of the IOM?
A. Oh, the IOM has a good reputation. It's well respected in the field that I'm familiar with.
Q. What's your opinion on the reliability of information published by the IOM?
A. Their reports are reliable in my view.
Q. So going back to the demonstrative on the screen, D-33604, which for the record is a call-out from TREX-232509.066.

Dr. Clapp, what are some of the symptoms associated with human exposure to crude oil?
A. Well, first is the skin, dermal symptoms. So that can include redness, swelling, irritation, and a rash. Next, there are ocular -- in other words, the eyes -- which also can get, from exposure to airborne contaminants, redness, soreness, watering, itching of the eyes.

Respiratory effects, including cough, shortness of breath, wheezing, those kinds of things.

And then lastly, neurological effects, which include

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nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness, confusion, weakness of the extremities.
Q. Have you reviewed other sources of information that list symptoms associated with human exposure to crude oil?
A. Yes.
Q. What are those other sources?
A. The article I mentioned in the New England Journal of Medicine mentions these, the article authored by Goldstein and coauthors. The previously studied oil spills that are in the published literature list all of these, actually, and different situations as symptoms from the exposures from previous oil spills.
Q. Dr. Clapp, turning back to the NIOSH HHEs, were symptoms associated with human exposure to crude oil reported in the responses to NIOSH's human health surveys?
A. Yes.
Q. What types of symptoms associated with human exposure to crude oil were reported in the responses to NIOSH's human health surveys?
A. All of these. Skin -- skin symptoms, ocular symptoms, respiratory symptoms, and neurological symptoms were all reported in the various databases.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, can you please bring up D-33603.

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## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, as you discussed before, NIOSH conducted some quantitative analysis of the health systems surveys. Can you describe that analysis?
A. Yes. In particular, there was a survey that was done of workers who had been exposed to oil or dispersants. And they would compare -- the prevalence of certain symptoms were compared to the same symptoms in those not exposed. So it was a comparison of exposed to unexposed on specific symptoms.
Q. And you used the word "prevalence." Is this also known as a prevalence study?
A. Yes.
Q. What basis -- on what basis were the workers placed into an unexposed or exposed group?
A. It was based on self-report and also where they worked, where their jobs were located.
Q. How are prevalence studies used as a tool by epidemiologists?
A. We11, they're a way of estimating risks. I mean, there is -- it is one of the methods used by epidemiologists to estimate risk, either excess risk or even reduced risk in exposed populations.
Q. What did NIOSH find when it conducted its prevalence study?
A. We11, in particular, the respiratory symptoms were

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significantly higher amongst those who were exposed to either oil or dispersants in one particular analysis that they did. Q. All right. Let's take a closer look at one of those analyses.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, can you pul1 up D-33605.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, what are we looking at here?
A. This is a table from one of the NIOSH Health Hazard Evaluation reports, and it actually lists the symptoms on the left, the upper left. It says either upper respiratory cough or lower respiratory symptoms. And this analysis lists -focuses on lower respiratory, which they define in the footnote as trouble breathing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, or wheezing.

So in those who were exposed to oil -- since I have Charles' pointer, I'm going to use it here.

Those who were exposed to oil, 12 percent had lower respiratory symptoms. Those who were unexposed to oil, only 4 percent had respiratory symptoms in this survey. And so the ratio of 12 percent divided by 4 percent is roughly 3 , or 2.99, and that's what's referred to here as a prevalence ratio.

And then in the same column, lower -- or on the same line, lower respiratory symptoms, those who were exposed to dispersant, 18 percent got these lower respiratory symptoms. Those who were unexposed to dispersant, 4.7 percent had the

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lower respiratory symptoms. So that ratio of 18 divided by 4.7 is 3.76 , or almost a fourfold increased prevalence in the exposed population.
Q. Dr. Clapp, are any of the prevalence ratios shown on this slide statistically significant?
A. Yes, they all are. In this particular slide, all of them are.
Q. How can you tell?
A. There's a column here called "p-value." And then for the oil comparison, all of the p-values are less than . 01 . And similarly for dispersant, all of the p-values are less than .01. And in my field, by definition, that refer -- that is referred to as a statistically significant comparison and finding.
Q. And what does it mean that the -- the finding is statistically significant?
A. It's a way of saying the -- the likelihood -- the likelihood that this difference could be occurred -- could have occurred by chance is less than 1 percent.
Q. What relevance does this prevalence study have to your opinions in this case?
A. We11, it supports my opinions. It's part of the information I take into account to say that there was substantial evidence of health effects in the people exposed in the Deepwater Horizon.

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Q. Now, I want to be clear, are you testifying that any specific symptom reported in NIOSH's health symptom surveys was, in fact, caused by exposure to oil?
A. No.
Q. So have you drawn any conclusions about the specific cause of any given symptom observed or reported during the response? A. No.
Q. Dr. Clapp, what is your opinion about the short-term human health effects of the spill?
A. That there were substantial -- the people who were exposed in the response work or in the cleanup showed evidence of substantial health effects, adverse health effects.
Q. How can you reach that opinion without drawing any conclusions about the specific cause of any given symptom observed or reported?
A. I'm looking at the pattern in the groups, in the groups of people who worked on the ships as doing, you know, immediate response, people who worked onshore, and the pattern in the databases that collected information about the health consequences.

MS. KARIS: Your Honor, I apologize. But at this time we renew our Daubert motion in light of testimony of Dr. Clapp, that he cannot -- he has no opinion connecting a single injury that was reported in these databases to the Deepwater Horizon spill. Without that connection, we believe

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that Dr. Clapp's testimony should be stricken.
THE COURT: Okay. I'11 overrule the objection. I don't understand that that's the point of his testimony.

Am I right about that?
THE WITNESS: Yes.
THE COURT: Yeah. Okay. Go ahead.
MS. PENCAK: Thank you, Your Honor.
Charles, could you please pull up D-33602.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. And the second bullet point here, the BP Deepwater Horizon incident response and recordable injury and illness data report, can we refer to that more briefly as the BP injury and illness data report?
A. Yes, please.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, could you please pull up TREX-12020.003, please.
by MS. PENCAK:
Q. Dr. Clapp, is this the -- the report?
A. This is the cover, yes.
Q. It says here on the screen that this information covers occupational illnesses and injuries. What is an occupational illness or injury?
A. In my field, that means something that occurred at work or arose as a result of the things that happened at work.
Q. What information, if any, did you find in this document

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that was pertinent to your work in this case?
A. We11, there were lots of examples actually, lots of documented cases that indicate that adverse health effect.
Q. In the fields of epidemiology and public health, are symptom summary reports like this something you or your colleagues rely on?
A. Yes.
Q. In what way?
A. It's a way of understanding the pattern of illness in an exposed or even a population of interest, what -- whatever they were exposed to. So these databases are used in other settings as well.
Q. In your work, have you relied on symptom databases in the past?
A. Yes.
Q. Can you give an example?
A. Well, I mentioned before, the Gulf War illnesses -Gulf War veterans. There was a database like this of Gulf War illnesses collected by the Veterans Administration that I and my colleagues looked at and relied upon.

Similarly, Agent Orange exposed Vietnam veterans.
There were, you know, databases collected by the VA -- or data collected by the VA of people with illnesses that they considered were potentially related to Agent Orange.
Q. And what's your opinion regarding the reliability of such

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databases or reports compiling information of such databases? A. Well, it's certainly reliable information and one takes those into account in perhaps doing further studies.
Q. Let's take a look at some of the injuries and illnesses described in this report.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, could you please turn to TREX-12020.041, please. Is there a way to blow that up to make it a little less blurry?

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. I apologize for the quality. This is another deposition exhibit that's been scanned a few times.

Dr. Clapp, could you -- what is the title of this slide we're looking at?
A. The title is "Medical Treatment, Restricted Duty and Days Away from Work, Recordable Incidents," and this looks like all from July 10th.
Q. And if you can read on the screen in front of you, if the print is good enough, can you just describe a few of the injuries and illnesses on this slide?
A. Oh, I'11 just read it. I think the third entry says, "Worker slipped and fell on oil covered stem of vessel," and then "pain in left arm and neck." And the treatment he received were -- he was -- his arm put in a splint, wrapped with an ACE bandage, transported to the hospital. And his arm was -- his arm was fractured.

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Going down another three or four, there's a person who had heat stress, nausea, vomiting, dehydration. And that person's treatment included IV, which I think means intravenous fluids, and cooling pack.

Further down, there was a worker who was -- had rapid progression of heart-related illness, clammy, chills, disoriented. He was transported to the hospital and also got intravenous fluids, and on with that.
Q. I know the print is bad, but is that heat-related illness, not heart?
A. Yes.
Q. Not heart-related --
A. Yes. That's what it said, rapid progression of heat-related illness, clammy, chil1s, disoriented.
Q. And then let's just briefly take a look at one more page.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, can you pul1 up TREX-12020.066.
And if you can blow that up just a little bit.
BY MS. PENCAK:
Q. Dr. Clapp, can you walk through just a few of the injuries and illnesses reported on this page?
A. Yes. Here I think -- oh, what is it? The fourth one down, it's a person who was cutting rope on a boom, a wave hit the boat, his knife slipped, his or her knife slipped and the worker was stabbed in the arm. Then the treatment was pressure bandage, transported to medical center, and IV.

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And, again, further down, a little below the middle of that, there is another nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness entry, and there the treatment was oxygen. And a similar combination of, I would say, symptoms and injuries are reported on this page.
Q. We just looked at injuries and symptoms that were reported on a few days during the response. Were the types of injuries you've just testified about reported on other days during the spi11?
A. Yes.
Q. Dr. Clapp, were any of the symptoms you saw reported in the BP injury and illness data report symptoms that are associated with exposure to crude oil?
A. Yes.
Q. Can you give some examples just using the page that's still up on the screen?
A. Well, nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness, those are all symptoms, as we've seen from the previous summary, that are related to exposure to oil.

It looks like the eyes in this instance on the bottom -- the line at the bottom is from sand. So that's not specifically to -- to oil. Those are the ones that I can see. The others on this page are more injuries.
Q. What relevance does the BP injury and illness data report have to your opinions in this case?

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A. Well, it's certainly one of the databases that I take into account. And I think it does document numerous illnesses and injuries in people exposed during the response.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, D-33602, please.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, the third item on this list of information you reviewed is the BP Medical Encounters Database. What is the BP Medical Encounters Database?
A. This is a compilation of information at BP clinics that were compiled by people who visited or compiled, I believe, by medics who worked in these BP clinics, but it was people who visited those clinics over a time period.
Q. What are some of the symptoms you saw in the Medical Encounters Database?
A. These same types of symptoms: neurological effects such as dizziness, lightheadedness, respiratory effects, cough, upper respiratory irritation, skin rashes. A11 of that was recorded in the Medical Encounters Database.
Q. Let's take a look at the Medical Encounters Database for just a moment.

MS. PENCAK: And for the record, Your Honor, I'11 let you know that a few of the columns have been hidden in order to, out of an abundance of caution, protect personal privacy. Charles, can you please pull up TREX-230437 NR.

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## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, is that the Medical Encounters Database with some of the columns redacted?
A. Yes.
Q. And is there a way of telling from this database whether or not the symptoms reported are occupational?
A. Yes.
Q. How do you use this database to find that out?
A. There's a column where that is entered. It's either yes or no, occupational.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, you can pull down this TREX.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, what relevance does the Medical Encounters Database have to your opinions in this case?
A. Well, this also supports my opinion that there's considerable evidence of adverse health effects in people who were exposed during the Deepwater Horizon spill and the aftermath.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, sorry, we're already there.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, you also note that you reviewed the status report from the Deepwater Horizon Medical Benefits Settlement claims administrator. Is that correct?
A. Yes.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, can you please pull up

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TREX-232524.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, is this the status report that you reviewed or the first page of it, at least?
A. Yes.
Q. What relevance does the status report from the Deepwater Horizon Medical Benefits Settlement claims administrator have to your opinions?
A. Again, it provides evidence that people are already being compensated for claims that were described in this process as having occurred within 72 hours, for example, of the Deepwater Horizon event.
Q. Now, Dr. Clapp, you also reviewed peer-reviewed literature about prior spills; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. Why did you review that peer-reviewed literature?
A. I thought it would be important to know what had been seen in previous spills where people were exposed to oil from an accident at sea.
Q. Are there differences between those prior oil spills and this spill?
A. Yes.
Q. What impact do those differences have, in your opinion, on the applicability of that peer-reviewed literature on prior oil spills to an assessment of this spill?

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A. The differences did not render the prior oil spills inapplicable and the lessons learned in the prior oil spills inapplicable, even though the conditions themselves may have been somewhat different.
Q. Continuing on with the elements of your opinion --

MS. PENCAK: Charles, can you pull up D-33600.3, please.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, this third element of your opinion is that ongoing work is being conducted to determine the long-term impact of the spill on human health and it is premature to draw conclusions about the long-term impacts at this time.

Can you explain about the ongoing work that is being conducted?
A. Yes. There is a cohort study, a large one, actually, of 30,000 people or more that is being conducted by a federal agency called the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The people who have been enrolled in this study have already -- many of them had home visits, have given biological samples, and will be followed for another ten years or another five years. We're not quite halfway through the initial plan for the length of this particular cohort study. But it's still not quite half -- half finished.
Q. So what is the initial plan for the length of the cohort

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study?
A. The initial plan is for ten years.
Q. Dr. Clapp, have you read the report submitted by BP's expert, Dr. Cox, in this matter?
A. Yes.

MS. PENCAK: Charles, D-33604, please.

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, what's the final element of your opinion listed on this slide?
A. Well, Dr. Cox's opinions and conclusions have not altered mine in this matter in that this -- this Deepwater Horizon explosion, spill, and the response resulted in substantial human health impact.
Q. Does Dr. Cox draw any conclusions regarding the long-term impacts of the spill?
A. He says the long-term impacts of the spill are unlikely.

MS. PENCAK: Just for the record, I said the demonstrative number wrong. This is D-33601.4 that we're looking at.

## bY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, what is your opinion regarding Dr. Cox's conclusions regarding long-term effects?
A. I don't think they're correct.
Q. Why is that?
A. Well, I think it's premature to have such an opinion,

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actually, that they were unlikely -- that it would be unlikely that there would be any effects. We're still looking.
Q. Does Dr. Cox draw any conclusions regarding the likelihood of adverse health effects due to inhalation exposure to oil or dispersants during the spill and response?
A. Yes.
Q. What are those conclusions?
A. Again, I think that they're unlikely.
Q. And do you agree with that conclusion?
A. No.
Q. What is the methodology that Dr. Cox relies upon to form that conclusion?
A. He conducted what he called a risk assessment, and in that, he relied on something called benchmark levels or benchmark doses.
Q. And how does he define a benchmark dose?
A. A level below which no adverse human health impact is likely to occur.
Q. And do you agree that benchmark doses, those that Dr. Cox relied upon, are levels below which no adverse health effects are expected?
A. No.
Q. Based on the data you reviewed, do you agree with Dr. Cox that most air measurements taken during the response were below the benchmarks used by Dr. Cox?

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A. Yes.
Q. What is your opinion regarding the health effects of exposure to components of crude oil at levels below the benchmarks used by Dr. Cox in his report?
A. It's my opinion that they can still occur.
Q. What's the basis for that opinion?
A. That there are, in any population, susceptible subgroups and people who are, for example, stressed from other conditions that were in their lives at the time. And also that there are some particular exposures, like, to benzene, which is a known human carcinogen, where there's no safe level. There's no benchmark level that would adequately protect all future health events.
Q. What do you mean by "no safe level"?
A. That any exposure to that chemical -- benzene, in particular -- above zero, can cause an adverse health effect. Q. And what is the basis for -- what is your basis for that opinion?
A. Two things. There's an EPA guidance document which -- for benzene which suggests that the dose response for benzene exposure is linear, and that means that it just goes up with any increasing dose from zero. So that's guidance that the EPA uses.

Also, there's a journal article by, I think, one of the country's most -- foremost experts on how benzene affects

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| 04:30 | 1 | the human body -- his name is Martin Smith -- where he says the |
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| $04: 30$ | 2 | same thing, there is no safe level of benzene. |
| 04 : 30 | 3 | MS. PENCAK: Charles, could you please pull up |
| $04: 30$ | 4 | TREX-13108. |
| $04: 30$ | 5 | BY MS. PENCAK: |
| $04: 30$ | 6 | Q. Dr. Clapp, is this the first page of the EPA guidance you |
| $04: 30$ | 7 | just mentioned? |
| $04: 30$ | 8 | A. Yes. |
| $04: 30$ | 9 | MS. PENCAK: And, Charles, could you please call up |
| $04: 30$ | 10 | TREX-233329. |
| 04:30 | 11 | BY MS. PENCAK: |
| $04: 30$ | 12 | Q. Dr. Clapp, is this the first page of the Martin Smith |
| $04: 30$ | 13 | article you just mentioned? |
| $04: 30$ | 14 | A. Yes, it is. |
| $04: 31$ | 15 | Q. Dr. Clapp, does Dr. Cox draw any conclusions regarding the |
| 04 : 31 | 16 | likelihood of adverse health effects due to dermal exposure to |
| 04 : 31 | 17 | oil or dispersant during the spil1 and response? |
| 04 : 31 | 18 | A. Yes, he does. |
| 04 : 31 | 19 | Q. What is his conclusion? |
| 04 : 31 | 20 | A. That they're unlikely, and I actually think he even says |
| 04 : 31 | 21 | that because of personal protection equipment, there may be no |
| 04 : 31 | 22 | dermal effects. |
| 04 : 31 | 23 | Q. Do you agree with that? |
| $04: 31$ | 24 | A. No. |
| $04: 31$ | 25 | Q. Why not? |

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## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, is this another one of the photos you were referring to?
A. Yes.
Q. Can you describe what we're looking at here?
A. Well, here it looks like a man is dropping some kind of solution on the bird's feet, without gloves. And then the woman who is holding the bird does have gloves, but it looks as though there are some sort of smears on her right leg.
Q. Dr. Clapp, did NIOSH make any conclusions about PPEs during their response?
A. Yes.
Q. What were those conclusions?
A. Well, they concluded that it was used appropriately in many instances but that it was not always used.
Q. Switching topics for just a few questions.

Dr. Clapp, what is biomonitoring?
A. That refers to the collecting of biological specimens. Usually it's blood or urine.
Q. Was biomonitoring conducted by BP or federal agencies during the response?
A. No.
Q. What is your opinion regarding the implications, if any, of the absence of biomonitoring during the response?
A. It's going to -- it's going to make it more difficult to

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accurately characterize exposure. And it also will have implications for the cohort study and, again, the inability to fully characterize exposure.
Q. Did Dr. Cox rely on any -- did Dr. Cox rely on any biomonitoring data in forming his conclusions?
A. No.
Q. Does Dr. Cox criticize you for not conducting a risk assessment in this case?
A. Yes.
Q. What is your opinion regarding the necessity of conducting a risk assessment to answer the question you were asked to address here?
A. It doesn't affect my ability to answer the question I was asked. It isn't necessary for that purpose.
Q. Why not?
A. Well, there's -- in the databases that we've been discussing, there's ample evidence that there were health impacts and people were either going to clinics or being admitted to the hospital or getting IVs. That, you don't need a risk assessment to produce. It's already been -- it's already occurred, and the databases summarize that.

MS. PENCAK: Thank you.
No further questions for this witness at this time, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Al1 right. Okay.

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MS. KARIS: May I proceed, Your Honor?
THE COURT: Yes.

## CROSS-EXAMINATION

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. Hariklia Karis for BP. And, Dr. Clapp, for the record, I have you on cross-examination.

Dr. Clapp, you are not a medical doctor; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. You are not licensed to evaluate or treat patients for medical conditions; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. You're not board-certified in any medical specialty; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And you are also not a toxicologist; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. You spoke about Dr. Cox. You're aware that he is a board-certified toxicologist; correct?
A. I recall that on his CV, yes.
Q. And he is also a board-certified physician; correct?
A. As I recall, yes.
Q. You spoke about your prior experience. And to be clear, you have no prior experience assessing the potential toxicity of oil or oil constituents following an oil spill; correct?
A. Not of this type, correct.

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Q. You have no prior experience assessing the potential toxicity of dispersants or constituents of dispersants following an oil spill; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. You have no experience assessing potential human exposure to weathered oil or its constituents following a marine oil spil1; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. You have no experience assessing potential human exposure to volatile organic compounds, or VOCs, after a marine oil spi11; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And the same is true, with no experience for assessing potential human exposures to polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, PAHs as they're referred to, correct, following a marine oil spi11?
A. We11, with that addition, yes, correct.
Q. You have no experience assessing any acute health conditions from potential exposure to oil or oil constituents following a marine oil spill; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And the same is true with respect to chronic health conditions; correct? No prior experience following a marine oil spill?
A. With respect to chronic conditions, that's correct.

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Q. Dr. Clapp, it's correct that you have no experience assessing any potential human health impacts to workers or to communities following a marine oil spill; correct?
A. Not an ocean spill such as this, no.
Q. Now, I noticed in your direct exam you didn't speak much of mental health; but in the reports that were put into the record, you have some opinions on mental health. And I want to be clear, although you speak in your report about mental health, you are not an expert in mental health generally; correct?
A. Well, I understand that it's the Court who decides who's an expert. I don't hold myself to be an expert in mental health as I sit here.
Q. And you don't hold yourself out to be an expert in psychiatry or psychology; correct?

## A. Correct.

Q. In fact, you've never diagnosed any patient with any mental health condition; correct?

## A. Correct.

Q. You have never conducted any research regarding individuals or community responses to disasters or highly stressful events, have you?
A. The Gulf War illnesses, I think, were an example of a highly stressful event, people were exposed to a nerve gas explosion.

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Q. Let me make sure I asked the correct question. You have no experience conducting research regarding individuals or community responses to disasters in highly stressful events; correct?
A. Well, again, the individuals were U.S. veterans who were exposed to a highly stressful event, so I think it does apply. Q. A11 right. Then if we can now look at your deposition. MS. KARIS: Page 48, line 1 through 8, please. I'm sorry. 49, line 1 through 8.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. You were asked:
"QUESTION: You've never conducted research regarding individual and community responses to disasters and highly stressful events, have you?"

And then you say:
"ANSWER: The question was specifically about research, had I conducted research. The answer is no." Correct?
A. Yes. There I responded -- referring particularly to communities.
Q. You are not an industrial hygienist?
A. I am not.
Q. And you've never evaluated safety programs for workers; correct?
A. No, correct.
Q. Now, you just testified you're not a toxicologist. Is it correct that in connection with rendering your opinions in this case, you did not consult with any toxicologist prior to issuing your report?
A. It's true I didn't consult with any toxicologist. I read the toxicological literature. In fact, I refer to several articles in the toxicological literature in my reports.
Q. We'11 get to that toxicological literature. But with respect to consulting with any toxicologist, you did not consult with anyone; correct?

## A. Correct.

Q. And there's extensive sampling -- toxicological sampling, air monitoring, water sampling -- that was done in this case; correct?
A. Yes. And I refer to that, and I think I even refer to Dr. Cox's summary of that.
Q. And you did not speak to any toxicologist about sampling that was done specifically following the Deepwater Horizon spi11; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And while you render -- you have in your expert report opinions about mental health, similarly, you did not consult with any mental health experts in reaching your opinions in this case; correct?
A. Correct.

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Q. I heard you testify on direct that you did not conduct a risk assessment. Correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And you referenced Dr. Cox just a minute ago. You're aware that Dr. Cox did conduct a risk assessment; correct?
A. I am aware that he did something he called a risk assessment, yes.
Q. And you would agree with me that toxicologists are typically the discipline who do risk assessments; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, you said that you reviewed publically available data. And you focused on literature, if I understood you correctly.
A. We11, I looked at databases that were part of the materials for this matter and then previously published peer-reviewed literature.
Q. And let's be clear when you reviewed databases. When you issued your opinions in this case on August 15th, the opinions that we saw -- not the rebuttal opinions, but the initial opinions -- you issued those opinions without having reviewed any of the data on the publically available databases; correct?
A. Could you tell me what you mean by "publically available databases"?

MS. KARIS: Sure. Let's pul1 up D-353 -- I'm sorry, 35270.

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## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. Dr. Clapp, you're aware that numerous U.S. federa1 agencies and various entities of the government performed environmental sampling and monitoring for potential human health effects following the Deepwater Horizon spill; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And I have here just a smattering -- a sample of some of the testing that was done. And to be clear, some of the agencies that conducted air sampling and other monitoring testing -- and testing included OSHA; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. NIOSH; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And that would be the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And OSHA, to go back, is the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. The EPA conducted some, the Environmental Protection Agency; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. You see at the bottom there OSAT, Operational Science Advisory Team. They conducted some sampling as well; correct? A. Correct.
Q. And prior to issuing your opinions in this case, you had not reviewed any of that data and analysis, in -- on August 15th of 2014, in connection with this case; correct? A. I had reviewed some of the materials that were in the database provided to me by attorneys for the Department of Justice. I can't speak to all of these that are listed on this chart that you have up on the table -- or on the screen, but some.
Q. Okay. We'11 get to that in a minute.

BP also conducted sampling and testing; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And you would agree with me, in total, there is over 1.4 million pieces of data that has been analyzed from sampling that has been conducted following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill from the relevant area; correct?
A. The way you put that it was interesting. "Pieces of data" is correct, as I understand it. And I understand this from Dr. Cox's report, actually, not from my own counting of the pieces of data.
Q. I understand. But you had access to every single piece of data on any one of these databases; correct?
A. Potentially, I suppose. It wasn't pertinent to my opinion in this matter.
Q. You're aware that Dr. Cox has actually looked at that data, including all of those pieces of analyses, the

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1.4 million pieces of analyses; correct?
A. You know, I haven't actually heard him say that he looked at 1.4 million pieces of data in any of his reports. But he has provided a summary of it, which I have looked at.
Q. Did you look at what Dr. Cox said about his review of this data?
A. Yes.
Q. And he relied on this data in rendering his opinions in this case; correct?
A. He did, for his opinions, yes.
Q. And you criticized some of his opinions in this case; correct?
A. I did.
Q. And you're not sure what data he looked at in rendering those opinions, how much of this 1.4 million piece of analysis he looked at; correct?
A. Correct. I'm not sure how much of the 1.4 million pieces of data he looked at.
Q. And to be clear, Dr. Clapp, this data included occupational exposure data; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. That would be data that was collected by BP and various federal agencies from cleanup workers at various locations; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. It would include response workers who were working near the well site, onshore, offshore, in various locations; correct?
A. Yes. And on ships, as I suppose you mean "offshore."
Q. Yes.

And it would also include air sampling data that was collected; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And there was community exposure data that is not data from those who were working on the response, but from the various communities that were being impacted by the spill; correct?
A. Yes. I mean, I think those are described in, for example, the EPA TAGA reports, where the -- where the sampling was done.
Q. EPA deployed TAGA, that you referenced, the Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzers, which were mobile labs, basically, to go and collect air monitoring -- air quality data; correct? A. Correct.
Q. And as a result, they collected data from May through August of 2010 from Alabama, from Florida, from Louisiana, and from Mississippi; correct?
A. Well, that's not described on this slide. As I recall, they did do air TAGA sampling in all of those states, yes. Q. But you know that from your access to the publically available data?
A. Yes.
Q. Thank you.

The EPA set up 19 different sites to collect air monitoring and sampling data; correct?
A. Correct. I believe those are on the shore, primarily.
Q. And OSHA, they collected over 4500 pieces -- strike that.

They collected over 4500 exposure measurements, again, from May through -- May 27th through September 9th of 2010; correct?
A. It looks to me like it's September 6th, but that's the OSHA entry.
Q. Let me reask the question. I apologize if I asked it incorrectly.

From May 27th, following the spill, through
September 6th of 2010, OSHA collected 4500 pieces -- or exposure measurements from the vicinity in the Deepwater Horizon spill cleanup activities; correct?
A. I'd like to know what you mean by "from the vicinity."
Q. Do you know where OSHA collected -- I'm sorry -- yeah. Do you know where OSHA collected their information from?
A. Not specifically. It was work sites, but I'm not sure whether that means from the vicinity.
Q. Okay. Do you know whether these were air monitoring samples?
A. As I recall, OSHA was collecting air monitoring samples,

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yes.
Q. And do you know -- where it says "occupational," what would that indicate?
A. Where people were working.
Q. Where people were working on the response; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. So to summarize, there was data collected both from people working on the -- or in the areas where people were working on the response and from local communities, and in total that was approximately one and a half million pieces of analysis that comes out of that work; correct?
A. Well, now you're using the phrase "one and a half million pieces of analysis." I'm not sure I would agree to that. There certainly seems to be that many data points, but the analysis was something different from that.
Q. Now, you've referenced the NIOSH data. And I believe I heard you testify that you did not think that was comprehensive?
A. Yes, nor do I think NIOSH thought it was comprehensive.
Q. Do you know who John Howard is?
A. Yes.
Q. Who is Mr. Howard?
A. He's the director of NIOSH.
Q. He's the director of NIOSH. And you are aware that he was deposed in this case; correct?

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A. Correct.
Q. And you read his deposition and you relied on it?
A. Correct.

MS. KARIS: Can we look at Mr. Howard -- Dr. Howard's deposition, please? Page 75, line 18 to page 76 , line 6. BY MS. KARIS:
Q. This is from Dr. Howard's deposition. He's asked:
"QUESTION: Would you describe NIOSH's -- oops, let's try it again.

Thank you.
"QUESTION: "Would you describe NIOSH's sampling for chemicals of concern that could be encountered by DWH workers as comprehensive?"

Do you see his answer? He says, "Yes."
A. Yes, I see that.
Q. And then it goes on. He was asked:
"QUESTION: Would you agree that NIOSH's HHEs were a thorough evaluation of potential Deepwater Horizon response worker exposures to chemicals of concern?
"ANSWER: Yes, to chemicals of concern."

## Correct?

A. That's what he says in this deposition, yes.
Q. Did you consult with anyone who analyzed any of the environmental sampling or monitoring data associated with the Deepwater Horizon incident?
A. No.
Q. If we can now pull up 13346.6.1.

Do you recognize this from your Round 1 report in this case, Dr. Clapp? This is your expert report; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And I asked you earlier whether you had looked at any of the data that we just looked at prior to issuing your report. Do you recall me asking you that question?
A. I do.
Q. And do you see here when you say, "I've been asked to offer an opinion regarding health effects of the Deepwater Horizon explosion, the oil spill, and response in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. My opinion is based on my review of documents provided to me by attorneys of the U.S. Department of Justice and my review of a summary of a June 2010 workshop at the Institute of Medicine"?

## Correct?

A. Yes, and it lists where those references are to be found in my report.
Q. Okay. Now, I want to talk first about the June 2010 workshop at the Institute of Medicine that you relied on. That was a workshop that was held, to be clear, less than two months after the spill took place; correct?

## A. Correct.

Q. You did not participate in that workshop?

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A. I did not, is that a question?
Q. Yes. Is that correct, that you did not participate in that workshop?
A. It is correct.
Q. And is it also correct that you didn't review any audio or video from that workshop?
A. That's correct.
Q. You did look, though, at the summary that was developed from that workshop; correct?

## A. Correct.

Q. And to be clear, let's first pull up D-35287. Is this the summary -- it's hard to see.

MS. KARIS: If you can -- pull up in the middle where it says a summary of the 2010 workshop. Just above there.

There you go.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. And to be clear, this package that you relied on prior to issuing your expert report is merely a summary of publications referenced therein; correct?
A. No. This is a summary of the discussion in the -- in the workshop by people, some of whom I know and some of whom I've had personal professional contact with, as well as prior publications. So it's a combination of both of those.
Q. And to be clear, it has the discussions and then it has a summary of prior publications; correct? It doesn't have the

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actual publications?
A. Well, with one exception. It actually does have a table in this report that is from a prior publication.
Q. It has one table from a prior publication, but none of the actual -- and none of the other actual publications referenced herein; correct?
A. Your -- your question is confusing me. I mean --
Q. I apologize. It was. Let me start again.

This summary document that you looked at prior to issuing your report, it references various publications; correct?
A. It does.
Q. The document itself, with the exception of that one table, doesn't actually contain those publications; correct?
A. Correct. It refers to them in the reference list.
Q. And at the time that you issued your -- I mean -- yeah, at the time you issued your report, you had not actually read the literature that was the subject of the IOM summary; correct?
A. I hadn't read the original articles. I read the author's summary of what was in those original articles, however.
Q. You had not read the original articles, nor had you looked at any of the data that was referenced in any of those original articles; correct?
A. No, that's not correct. As I just said, there was a data table from one of the original articles in this summary report.

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Q. I stand corrected. With that one single table as an exception, al1 the other publications referenced in this summary, you did not look at any of the other underlying data prior to issuing your expert report in this case; correct?
A. In August, that's correct.
Q. And, Dr. Clapp, you've testified on over 120 occasions; is that correct?
A. Yes.
Q. In fact, you've testified in court about 25 times?
A. Correct.
Q. At the time of your deposition, you could not recall any other expert report that you had ever written in which you relied only on the summary and had not actually read the studies as the basis for your opinions; correct?
A. Correct. And I gave the reason for that.
Q. And what you told us is after you issued your report, you then had the time to go and read the actual publications; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. But you didn't have the time to do that before you issued your expert report?
A. Correct. I was reading a lot of things, so I didn't go back to those particular articles.
Q. Now, the Institute of Medicine conference or workshop that was held in June of 2010.

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1 MS. KARIS: If we can pul1 up D-35286, please.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. This is from the institute of workshop (verbatim) summary that you reviewed; correct?
A. I don't see a specific citation for that, but it looks familiar, yes.
Q. A11 right. I'11 represent to you that this is straight out of the summary, and we've just retyped it because it was difficult to read.

It says: "While studies of previous oil spills provide some basis for identifying and mitigating the human health effects of these exposures, the existing data are insufficient to fully understand and predict the overall impact of hazards from the Deepwater oil spill on the health of individuals, including workers, volunteers, residents, visitors and special populations." Correct?
A. Correct. At the time of this workshop, that's what they were saying.
Q. And what they were saying is previous -- data from previous oil spills, which you testified about to on direct, was insufficient to fully understand and predict the overall impact of hazards arising from the Deepwater Horizon spill on humans -- I'm sorry, on health of individuals; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And so you told us about prior publications that you

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consulted, or at least read the summary from, that referenced earlier spills; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And to be clear, those earlier spills that are referenced -- strike that.

Those early -- those prior oil spills that are referenced in your report, those were surface spills. They were not deep sea spil1s; correct?
A. They were not underwater spills. They were surface spills. Two in particular are Prestige off the coast of Spain and the Exxon Valdez spill.
Q. They certainly were not at 5,000 feet below the surface of the water where the oil was being released; correct?
A. Those previous spills that I just referred to were not.
Q. And you agree that weathering is one of the factors that can affect the toxicity of oil; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And weathering is one of the factors that can not only affect the toxicity, but may affect, then, the potential for having a human health effect; correct?
A. Correct. It might actually make the spilled oil more toxic, actually.
Q. But if the spill is closer to the shore, the oil would be weathered less if it had occurred -- than had it occurred further away; correct?

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A. Depending on how further away it was, as you've just put it. This is an area that others in this matter are going to testify to, and it's not something that I'm providing a strong opinion about.
Q. But you agree with me the further away from the shoreline -- I'm sorry, the further away the oil is from the shoreline, by the time it travels from 5,000 feet below the surface, to the surface, and then to the shoreline, that weather -- I mean, that oil weathers more; correct?
A. It certainly weathers. It transforms in some ways. The conditions under which the spill occurs and the distance from the shore all -- all would vary, in answer to your question. Q. And you did not study in this case what effect that weathering had on the potential for harm or impact to human health; correct?

## A. Correct.

Q. Now, I heard you testify that you're not offering any causal opinions in this case; correct?
A. With respect to individuals and individual symptoms, that's correct.

MS. KARIS: And if you can now pul1 up
TREX-13348.5.2, please.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. You say here in the report: "As I mentioned above, I made no causal conclusions in my report." Correct?

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A. Correct.
Q. And that's no causal conclusions for any cleanup workers or for anyone else that was exposed to any constituents from the Deepwater Horizon; correct?
A. For any individuals, that's correct.
Q. You're not offering any opinions concerning any causal
link between symptoms reported by any Gulf Coast residents and potential exposures to oil or oil constituents; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. Likewise, you are not offering any opinions concerning any causal link between symptoms reported by Gulf Coast residents and potential exposure to dispersants or dispersant constituents; correct?

## A. Correct.

Q. You're not offering any opinions that constitute causal conclusions for any observed symptoms; correct?
A. Correct. In any individual, that's true.
Q. Now, you agree, Dr. Clapp, that the measured air concentrations of specific chemicals sampled during the response were, as you describe them, relatively low; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And even with the measured air concentrations being relatively low, you're aware that steps were taken to limit human health impact on response workers; correct?
A. Correct.

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Q. Some of those steps included the requirement for personal protective equipment to be used, PPE, as it's sometimes called; correct?
A. Yes, it was required. It wasn't always used.

MS. KARIS: If we can look at D-35280, please.
BY MS. KARIS:
Q. Do you recognize this document titled "Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: OSHA's Role in the Response"?
A. Yes, I recognize that.
Q. Okay. And this is a government document generated from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration speaking specifically to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And you reviewed this as part of your subsequent reports and opinions in this case; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. If we can go to D-35281. OSHA writes: "OSHA stressed throughout the response that decisions about PPE should be based on a scientific characterization of the hazards, including air sampling."

It goes on to say: "OSHA assisted UC," Unified Command, "with performing these characterizations for each job task to determine the appropriate level of protection."

## Correct?

A. Yes.

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Q. And then OSHA, based on these hazard assessments and guidance -- I'm sorry. "Based on these hazard assessments and guidance from OSHA and NIOSH, in early May, BP developed a matrix outlining the PPE that workers should use for each category of cleanup work."

## Correct?

A. That's what it says, yes.
Q. And so OSHA and NIOSH provided to BP the matrix for what PPE equipment should be required; correct?
A. It does, yes.
Q. BP, as the report says, complied with OSHA's request to institute a credentialing program whereby workers received certificates after completing training; correct?
A. Yes, that's what it says.
Q. And then all workers engaged in the response and cleanup activities have to have a training certification card showing that they had completed the BP-sponsored training program; correct?
A. Again, that seems to be an accurate reading of what's in this document.
Q. And to your knowledge, that's an accurate reflection of what OSHA required and what BP did; correct?
A. Correct. Again, it was not always followed.
Q. You reference in your report that somebody elected to not follow it and held themselves out as a trainer and that person

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turned out to be a fraud; is that correct?
A. Yes.
Q. But you agree that BP put the steps in place in order for the OSHA requirements to be followed; correct?
A. BP did do that, and they apparently weren't always followed.
Q. Now, the sampling data that we looked at earlier -- and we don't have to put it -- we don't need to put it back up, but that data was taken with these PPE requirements in place; correct?
A. I don't know how to answer that question. I don't have any direct evidence of that.
Q. Do you know one way or the other?
A. No, not as I sit here.
Q. Dr. Clapp, we saw a couple of pages from different databases where it listed injuries that various individuals reported, one from the medical encounters database and one from another database. Do you recall those?
A. No, I think they were just from the BP occupational recordable injuries and illness database.
Q. So from the BP database; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And to be clear, that information is all of the information that you have about what may cause those individuals' injuries; correct?

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A. The individuals on that table, yes, that's all the information I had. There's certainly other information about individuals injured in other ways.
Q. And I believe you testified that based on the two pages -two tables that you've put up there, you saw evidence of respiratory or dermatological or other effects like dizziness and headaches; correct?
A. Did I say that? I have to go --
Q. Well, would you agree that what those databases showed is some people complained of headaches, some people complained of certain other injuries like a bug bite or some other effect that was on that list?
A. Those things were on the list. I don't think I referred to bug bites in my testimony prior today.
Q. That's probably right. But the page that you showed had a bug bite on there?
A. It did.
Q. Now, for the -- I believe you said that you saw evidence of short-term effects, including, for example, respiratory effects; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. You would agree with me that acute respiratory effects could be caused by factors other than exposure to oil and oil constituents; correct?

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A. Correct.
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Q. And similarly, there -- you said that there was evidence of acute -- or at least a reference to acute dermatological effects, rashes and the like; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And you would agree with me that acute dermatological effects could likewise be caused by factors other than oil and oil constituents?
A. They can be. They could also be caused by oil and its constituents.
Q. Understood. You did not look at what caused those specific illnesses or effects; correct?

## A. Correct.

Q. Dr. Clapp, to wrap this piece up, you agree you have no information or data that any short-term health effects for any population were, in fact, caused by exposure to any toxins or chemicals associated with the Deepwater Horizon incident; correct?
A. Well, not specific to that link as you put it, no, in your question.
Q. You referenced earlier NIOSH's work, and we talked a little bit about the sampling data that NIOSH had done, and we talked about Dr. Howard's testimony describing that data as comprehensive and robust.

MS. KARIS: If we can pull up D-35271, please.

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BY MS. KARIS:
Q. Do you recognize this document that we have here entitled "Review of the OSHA-NIOSH Response to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spil1" --
A. Yes.
Q. -- "Protecting the Health and Safety of Cleanup Workers?

Do you --
A. Yes.
Q. -- recognize this?
A. Yes, that's the full title.
Q. And this is a publication written by the directors of both OSHA and NIOSH; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And it's published in PLOS; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And you -- you have seen this article, I think you said; correct?
A. I have.
Q. NIOSH, to be clear, is the federal government agency responsible for conducting research and issuing recommendations for prevention of work-related injuries and illnesses?
A. Yes.
Q. And OSHA is the federal government agency within the Department of Labor responsible for regulating workplace safety and health; correct?

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A. Correct.
Q. And in this article, Drs. Michae1 and Howard, the directors of OSHA and NIOSH, respectively, discuss efforts taken by federal agencies and BP to protect health -- worker health; correct?
A. Yes, they do.

MS. KARIS: And if we can now look at D-35251.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. And what they write and conclude in their report is that, "Overall, the efforts to ensure the safety and health of these cleanup workers were very effective." Correct?
A. That's in their conclusions. They also have a further statement that there should be follow-up to make sure that there aren't future health effects.
Q. The way they described the cleanup efforts -- or I'm sorry, the efforts to ensure the safety and health of cleanup workers was by using the words "very effective"; correct?
A. These are the words in this sentence, that's correct, and there's more.
Q. Okay.

MS. KARIS: And now let's look at D-35279, please.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. In this same publication, they write: "OSHA worked closely with USCG" -- that is the Coast Guard -- "BP, and local, state, and federal health agencies to jointly plan and

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execute response actions and worker safety and health programs." Correct?
A. Yes.
Q. You reviewed Dr. Howard's deposition specifically regarding these efforts and the effectiveness of these efforts; correct?
A. Yes. This is about their collaborations.
Q. Right.

MS. KARIS: And we can pul1 it up, but D-5266 (verbatim), please.
BY MS. KARIS:
Q. Dr. Howard says that it was his experience that NIOSH worked collaboratively with BP from early stages of the response; correct?
A. That was the question, and his answer was "Yes."
Q. You have no reason to disagree with that?
A. No, not as I sit here.
Q. And it says:
"QUESTION: It was your experience that other governmental agencies, such as OSHA, were working collaboratively with BP from the early stages of the response to protect human health?"

## Correct?

A. Again, that's the question.
Q. And the answer was "Yes"?

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A. Correct.
Q. And, again, you have no reason to disagree with

Dr. Howard, the director of NIOSH, in connection with those collaborative efforts; correct?
A. Not as I sit here. I don't know what the details were.

MS. KARIS: And to close this off, D-35268, please.
BY MS. KARIS:
Q. Dr. Howard was asked:
"QUESTION: So it was your view that NIOSH successfully partnered with BP and with other governmental entities within the Unified Command in successfully mitigating most" human -- I'm sorry, "most acute health effects on Deepwater Horizon response workers?"

And his answer was "Correct."
Is that right?
A. No, the last word in the question was "correct" and his answer was "Yes."
Q. Sorry. I stand corrected. Yes.

What he said is it was his view that NIOSH successfully partnered with BP and other governmental agencies in successfully mitigating most human health effects on response workers. He agreed with that; correct?
A. No --

MS. PENCAK: Objection to the characterization of the testimony. You left out a word, Counsel, "acute."

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## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. I thought I said "acute." But to be clear, he's talking about successfully mitigating most acute health effects on Deepwater Horizon response workers; correct?
A. That's the way it read -- that's how the question reads, yes.
Q. Now, you've referenced the HHEs, the Health Hazard Evaluations, that were performed by NIOSH; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And you reference those in connection with saying they supported your opinions in this case about human health effects, if I understood you correctly?
A. Yes.

MS. KARIS: If we can pul1 up TREX-232463.23.1.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. And just to orient ourselves, HHEs are field investigations that were conducted by NIOSH to determine whether any substance was found in the place of employment or would potential -- that potential -- that potentially had a toxic effect; correct?
A. I'm not sure what this --
Q. We'11 get to this in a second. But just to orient ourselves, HHEs, they were human health evaluations (verbatim) where field investigations were conducted to determine whether any substance was found in a place of employment that was
potentially toxic; correct?
A. We11, there's a word missing in what you've just read.

Any substance normally found in a place of employment that has potentially toxic effects in such concentrations as used or found. This is sort of preamble of what they're going to do. Q. Okay. And as part of what they were going to do, they actually went forward and conducted those human health evaluations; correct?
A. Health Hazard Evaluations is what they did, yes.
Q. Okay. And they published a series of reports, you told us?
A. Yes.
Q. And you reviewed the results of those reports?
A. I did.

MS. KARIS: If we could look at TREX-232463.5.1, please.

BY MS. KARIS:
Q. Do you recognize this --

MS. KARIS: Actually, maybe we need to pull up D-35272 first.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. These are the human health evaluation reports, correct, that we've just been referencing?
A. This is one of them, yes. This is the August 2011 one.

MS. KARIS: And then if we could pull up

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TREX-232463.5.1.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. Coming from this report, what NIOSH reports on these human health -- in these human health evaluation reports is, "The results of these investigations were reported in a series of nine reports and report summaries were posted on NIOSH's website." Correct?
A. That's what this says, with one additional word, nine interim reports.
Q. This -- I'm sorry. Nine interims and then report summaries were posted on NIOSH's website; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And you're aware that BP requested that NIOSH expand the scope of this work in order to include all major offshore response activities; correct?
A. I'd have to see how that -- the sequence of those things occurred, but that's how I recollect it, yes.
Q. All right. Let's see if we can refresh your recollection. D-35252.
"As the plans were developing, BP requested that we expand the scope of the HHE to include all major offshore response activities. In addition to oil booming and skimming conducted by workers on VoO vessels, these activities included aerial and vessel-based dispersant releases, in-situ surface-oil-burning containment and recovery work at the oil
source and other related offshore oil removal activities." Correct?
A. Yes, that's approximately correct.
Q. "And in the weeks that followed, teams of NIOSH industrial hygienists, medical officers, and other occupational health specialists conducted on-site investigations at locations throughout the Gulf region to collect quantitative and qualitative data on potential worker exposures, health symptoms, work practices and procedures and work organizations"; correct?
A. Yes. I think I put that on one of the slides we were looking at earlier.
Q. And then on June 22nd, NIOSH received a request from BP for a second HHE to investigate potential hazards associated with onshore response work activities; correct?
A. Yes. And I think here it's saying "onshore response."

Earlier I think you were asking me about offshore.
Q. So they did offshore; they also did onshore?
A. That's correct.
Q. And in response, again, to this request, teams of NIOSH personnel evaluated practices and procedures, including wildlife cleanup operations, beach cleanup operations, and decontamination, and waste management activities throughout the states of Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida; correct?

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A. Correct.
Q. "The goal of the NIOSH HHE assessment was to describe acute health effects, to evaluate occupational exposures in both qualitative and quantitative assessments"; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. As part of this work, a large number of chemicals were sampled over the course of the HHEs; correct?
A. I'm not sure what you mean by "a large number." There were certainly more than one or two. I don't know how large. Q. We can go back to D-35270, but there were over 4,000 samples -- or analyses of samples; correct?
A. There were that many samples collected, but I'm not sure how many -- I think your question was about different substances.
Q. There were over 4,000 samples collected over the course of this work?
A. Yes.
Q. And those samples included VOCs, or volatile organic compounds; polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons; carbon monoxide; glycol ethers; and a bunch of other compounds. Correct?
A. I would be interested in what the "bunch" includes, but, yes, other compounds than the ones you just named.
Q. We11, you looked at these HHEs. You know what they included?
A. Yes, I did.

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Q. You know that they included a number of different compounds, and we can go through them. But you have no doubt that they included particulates from combustion sources, including burning oil and natural gas; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And then NIOSH compared the air monitoring data to its benchmarks for OELs; correct?
A. Yes -- no, sorry. NIOSH refers to RELs as its reference levels, not OELs.
Q. Tell the Court what an REL is.
A. It's a recommended exposure limit.
Q. So NIOSH took the air monitoring data and compared it to its recommended exposure limits; correct?
A. It did, as well as to the OSHA what are called OELs or PELs, which are different --
Q. And OELs are what?
A. Occupational exposure limits, and that's a term of art that's used by OSHA in particular.
Q. And PELs?
A. It's a permissible exposure limits. And all of those are different from what NIOSH represents.
Q. These are all benchmarks or limits that government agencies have set for exposure limits; correct?
A. No, they're not benchmarks. That's a different concept.
Q. Well, those are all exposure limits that various

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government agencies have set as recommended exposure levels; correct?
A. We11, no. You're confusing two different things here. OSHA sets permissible exposure limits as not just recommended; that's the law, so to speak. Whereas NIOSH recommends levels of exposure that might be different from what OSHA has. In fact, that's the case with respect to benzene.
Q. So whether they're required levels or recommended levels, those are levels that are set for exposure limits for people to be exposed to; correct?
A. In this context we're talking about work place exposures?
Q. Yes.
A. Yes.
Q. And when NIOSH collected these air samples and compared the air monitoring data to these RELs, they then posted that data on a public Web site; correct?
A. Yes. I think they have a column that includes both RELs and OELs.
Q. Did you look at that data as a part of your work in this case?
A. Yes, I did.

MS. KARIS: If we can go to TREX-232463.5.2.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. And this is on NIOSH's Web site. "All exposure and health symptom survey data were compiled into electronic spreadsheets
and posted on all NIOSH Web sites."
And it tells you where to go get this information; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And let's look now at what NIOSH found from those samples that it tested -- or I'm sorry, compared to air monitoring data and posted the results on1ine.

MS. KARIS: D-35254, please.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. As reported in NIOSH's health hazard evaluation report, they write, "Throughout the evaluation, results for all airborne chemical samples were uniform7y nondetectable or at levels below applicable OELs"; correct?
A. Yes. Actually, they say "well below applicable OELs."
Q. Right. I need new glasses, I think.

So they were at levels well below applicable OELs, or occupational exposure levels, that you told us were requirements; correct?
A. Yes. The OSHA so-called PELs is what they're referring to here.
Q. Now, NIOSH wasn't the only government agency that's published how these samples that were collected compared to RELs, OELs, or PELs; correct?
A. Correct. I think the others issues we're referring to are environmental limits, which would not be applicable to

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workplaces.
Q. Well, let's look at OSHA's publication, D-35273. We'11 move through this quickly.

You recognize this document. It's from OSHA's Web site; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And it's entitled "OSHA Activities During the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spi11"; correct?
A. Yes.

MS. KARIS: And if we can pull out the top there, it says "Efforts to protect workers." There you go. Thank you. And if we can go to D-35255.
BY MS. KARIS:
Q. OSHA writes in their publication: "To determine whether or not workers were exposed to dangerous levels of toxic chemicals, OSHA conducted its own independent air monitoring, both onshore and on the cleanup vessels, and reviewed data from BP; the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA; and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA. Correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And if we can go to D-35256. And what they found is, "No air samples by OSHA detected any hazardous chemicals at levels of concern"; correct?
A. That's what they say, and I think they're referring to exceeding the OELs.

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Q. So they didn't find a single air sampling result that exceeded the OELs; correct?
A. We11, again, I think that's what they mean by "at levels of concern." RELs are lower than that, and there were definitely BP samples that were above the REL.
Q. Well, to be clear, for the mandatory standards that OSHA sets, the sampling test showed -- the air sampling showed not a single level that was above the OSHA-required OEL level; correct?
A. That's my understanding, yes.
Q. You're familiar with the CDC as well; correct?
A. I am.
Q. And the CDC and the EPA did an independent analysis of its own; correct?
A. They did an analysis, yes.

MS. KARIS: D-35274. If we can pul1 out the top, please. Just call out the top with the title. Thank you. BY MS. KARIS:
Q. And, again, this is the CDC response to the Gulf of Mexico oil spil1; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And what they were looking at is to determine -- they were looking at the sampling data to determine whether exposure to oil or oil constituents or dispersants might cause short-term or long-term health effects; correct?

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A. I don't see that on this page.
Q. Okay. Let's go to D-35257. If you can -- do you see where it says the CDC -- let's start at the beginning.
"CDC's Environmental Health Team reviewed nearly 400 packages of data taken from environmental samples collected on Gulf Coast at the request of the EPA. CDC reviewed this sampling data to determine whether exposure to oil, oil constituents, or dispersants might cause short-term or long-term health effects. The data included sampling results for air, water, soil/sediment, and waste of oil samples (material actually reaching the beach or the marsh.)
"CDC's review was one of multiple independent reviews of this EPA data."

## Correct?

A. Yes.

MS. KARIS: And if we can now pul1 up D-35258.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. What they report here is that "...the samples collected in places where nonresponse workers would spend time showed none of those substances at levels high enough to cause long-term health effects"; correct?
A. Correct, in nonresponse workers.
Q. Correct. And then, "Working separately, EPA and CDC came to the same conclusion, that with respect to nonresponse workers - the agencies found no direct exposures to these
substances at levels high enough to be expected to cause harm"; correct?
A. That's what they say.
Q. The EPA put out its own publication, separate from the CDC; correct --
A. Yes.
Q. -- regarding monitoring air quality along the Gulf Coast; correct?
A. That's correct.

MS. KARIS: And if we can look at D-35282.
BY MS. KARIS:
Q. This is that publication, last updated Thursday, February 14th of 2013; correct?
A. That's what it says. I recall seeing that.
Q. And you have seen this document before?
A. Yes.

MS. KARIS: If we can go to D-35283.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. "The EPA has been monitoring the air at multiple sites onshore along the Gulf Coast. The purpose is to see if spill-related pollutants are present in the air at levels that might cause health problems for people onshore in the Gulf region. EPA has been monitoring for pollutants that:
"can evaporate from fresh crude oil.
"can evaporate from weathered oil.
"came ashore from burning oil out at sea.
"EPA has also monitored onshore air to determine whether chemicals in the dispersants used offshore are reaching onshore air."

## Correct?

A. Correct.
Q. And you looked at the results of that work as well; correct?
A. I did.

MS. KARIS: And if we can now look at D-35284.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. What the EPA reported was that "based on monitoring to date, EPA has not seen onshore levels of pollutants that are of significant concern for long-term health effects"; correct?
A. That's what they say.
Q. Dr. Clapp, in the interest of time, I'm going to ask you quick7y, you know that OSAT, the Operational Science Advisory Team, they reached a comparable conclusion; correct?
A. There were two OSAT reports, OSAT 1 and OSAT 2. And I believe it was actually OSAT 2 that suggested there may still be onshore tar paddies and tar balls that could become broken up, and people could be exposed to harmful contaminants that way.
Q. They found that the tar balls or tar paddies could be broken up. It did not conclude that any exposure would result
in health concerns, did they?
A. Not that I'm aware of. They didn't discuss exposure there. You're talking about cleanup.
Q. OSAT 1 found that none of the samples of the 6,090 water samples that they had collected -- not one of them exceeded the EPA benchmarks for human health; correct?
A. I'd have to refer to the EPA benchmarks that they're talking about.
Q. We can look at, perhaps to help refresh you, D-35260, please.

Actually, before we go there, since you said benchmarks, D-35259.

This is from the OSAT 1 report. "Human health benchmarks developed by the EPA, in coordination with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are used to assess potential human health risks from exposure to oil-contaminated water. These benchmark are based on potential cancer and non-cancer health risks. Where applicable, the benchmarks account for both skin contact and incidental ingestion of water by a child swimmer, assuming 90 hours of exposure, or one hour per day for 90 days."

## Correct?

A. Yes, this is for the child swimmer.
Q. And the child swimmer would reflect a lower level than an adult swimmer, for example, correct?

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A. I believe that's the case for this particular --
Q. So it's a more conservative level; correct?
A. It should be. Yes. I hope it is.

MS. KARIS: And if we can now go to D-35260.
BY MS. KARIS:
Q. Comparison to human health benchmarks: "A total of 6,090 water samples were considered for comparison the human health benchmarks. None of the samples exceeded the EPA benchmarks for human health, child swimmer scenario."

Correct?
A. Correct. That is the water dermal exposure scenario.
Q. You referenced OSAT 2.

MS. KARIS: If you can pu11 up D-35276. D-35276.
Thank you.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. This is the OSAT 2, the Occupational Science Advisory

Team's Second Report for Gulf Coast Incident Management Team; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And it's titled "Summary Report for Fate and Effects of Remnant Oil in the Beach Environment"; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And you reviewed this as part of your work in this case?
A. I did.

MS. KARIS: And if we can now go to D-35261.

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## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. And what OSAT 2 said was: "Calculated potential cancer and non-cancer health effects from short- and long-term exposures are below U.S. Environmental Protection Agency acceptable health-based risk and hazard levels."

Correct?
A. Yes.

MS. PENCAK: Your Honor, I would object to this demonstrative as not actually being a call-out of the text. It's just the front page and one snippet that looks like it was typed in rather than -- what we've been doing in this case is putting the full page up and then calling out, with highlighting or with a box, a portion of this text.

It doesn't let you see any of the context, and also, it has been retyped. We're not sure if there are any errors there.

THE COURT: Does this come from a particular page in the exhibit?

MS. KARIS: It does, Your Honor.
THE COURT: Why don't you identify that for us.
MS. KARIS: Page 3 of TREX-9105. Your Honor, I'm happy to go back to following protocol, but this is the protocol we've used in prior phases as well. Sometimes it's more difficult to read using the actual type, so we retype it. But here's the page from that report. As you'll see, it says "Key Findings" on top. If you can just call that out from the actual document.
BY MS. KARIS:
Q. Dr. Clapp, can you read to us what the key finding is from OSAT 2.
A. I'11 read No. 4. "Calculated potential cancer and non-cancer health effects from short- and long-term exposures are below U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) acceptable health-based risk and hazard levels."
Q. And I think the record will reflect that's exactly what D-35261 said.

THE COURT: Does that cure your objection?
MS. PENCAK: Your Honor, with respect to that demonstrative, yes, it does cure the objection. But my recollection from prior phases is that we weren't retyping text into call-outs, that call-outs were actually called out from the text.

MS. KARIS: Your Honor, we have a distinction between a D document, which is a demonstrative, which reflects something has been taken out and typed and retyped, because we've done that before. And TREXs.

And as you'11 know, I referenced it as a TREX.
THE COURT: D.
MS. KARIS: D for demonstrative. We've been using

D --
THE COURT: You referenced it as a D, as a demonstrative? Is that what you said?

MS. KARIS: Correct.
THE COURT: Okay. I overrule the objection.
MS. KARIS: Thank you.
THE COURT: Thank you.
It's getting late, and we're arguing about Ds and Ts.

MS. KARIS: Exactly. So to finish that -- we all have the same interest, to close this up.

THE WITNESS: It's time for tea.
MS. KARIS: If we can now pull up D, Demonstrative, 35250, please.

MR. BROCK: Say the number again.
MS. KARIS: D-35250. My apologies.

## BY MS. KARIS:

Q. All right. Dr. Clapp, you would agree with me that we have looked at a number of government reports and findings on human health here; correct?
A. On both human health and exposure levels, I suppose, yes.
Q. And all of those reports were issued by government agencies; correct?
A. The recent ones that we've looked at, yes.
Q. Now, let's move to the last topic and hopefully get
through this quickly. You spoke to long-term health impacts, and I just want to make sure I'm clear.

It is not your opinion that we will see long-term human health effects as a result of exposure to chemicals or toxins associated with the Deepwater Horizon spill; correct? A. Correct. The words I used were "may," "we may see."
Q. You have no information or data demonstrating any long-term effects in any population as a result of exposure to any toxins or chemicals associated with the Deepwater Horizon incident; correct?
A. Well, we've talked about benzene -- I mean, with respect to the benzene exposures in this matter, no, not yet. But there's certainly long-term effects of benzene exposure in general.
Q. Sitting here now, four and a half years after the incident, you have no information or data demonstrating any long-term effects in any population as a result of exposure to any toxins or chemicals associated with the Deepwater Horizon incident; correct?
A. Correct, not yet.

MS. KARIS: I have no further questions. Thank you.
THE COURT: Redirect?
MS. PENCAK: Very briefly, Your Honor. Erica Pencak for the United States.

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## REDIRECT EXAMINATION

## BY MS. PENCAK:

Q. Dr. Clapp, do you recal1 that counse1 for BP asked you some questions about data, air sampling measurements that were taken in this case?
A. Yes.
Q. In the data that you reviewed, were there any samples that exhibited levels that were of concern to you from an epidemiological perspective?
A. Yes.
Q. Can you briefly describe those?
A. Well, particularly the BP data on benzene levels, there were many that were above. As I mentioned, the REL for benzene that OSHA has -- sorry, that NIOSH has recommended, and then there were some that exceeded even the 1 PPM OSHA PEL.
Q. Counsel for BP also asked you about the articles that were underlying the June 2010 IOM summary. Do you recall that?
A. Yes.
Q. And you testified that you did read those underlying articles?
A. I did.
Q. Did anything you read in those articles change your opinions --
A. No.
Q. -- after having first read the summary?

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A. No.
Q. Counse1 for BP asked you a number of questions about OSHA's PELs; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. Were you aware of any public statements OSHA has made regarding some of its PELs?
A. Yes.
Q. What have they stated about those PELs?
A. They're under review. In fact, they're calling for input to update their PELs because they're outdated.
Q. And finally, Dr. Clapp, BP asked you some questions about not only those PELs, but also NIOSH's RELs and other benchmarks.

In your opinion, do exposures to some substances at levels below those benchmarks constitute a risk to human health?
A. Yes.

MS. PENCAK: I have no further questions, Your Honor.
THE COURT: A11 right. Thank you, Doctor.
THE WITNESS: Thank you.
THE COURT: A11 right. It's a quarter til1 6:00. We'11 just recess now for the evening, and we'11 resume at 8:00 in the morning.

The next two witnesses for the government, as I understand it, are Dr. Donald Boesch, and then Dr. Stanley

MS. HIMMELHOCH: That's correct, Your Honor.
THE COURT: And then you have Captain Mark
VanHaverbeke?
MS. HIMMELHOCH: Yes, Your Honor.
THE COURT: How many do you think we'11 get through tomorrow? Do you have any sense?

MS. HIMMELHOCH: I think all three of those and possibly start on the next one.

THE COURT: The next one is Dr. Charles Mason?
MS. HIMMELHOCH: That's correct, Your Honor.
THE COURT: So three, possibly four tomorrow, right?
MS. HIMMELHOCH: That's correct, Your Honor.
THE COURT: Al1 right. Everyone have a good evening.
MR. BROCK: Judge Barbier, may I mention one thing?
THE COURT: Sure.
MR. BROCK: Mike Brock for BP. I was just looking at the list also, and if we were to get three witnesses in tomorrow and start a fourth, it looks like that would leave us three or three and a half for Thursday. And I assume that would mean we would start our case Friday morning. Would that be the Courts' preference?

THE COURT: Well, as I recall, at the pretrial conference we had previously, you indicated that you would be prepared to do that.

MR. BROCK: I am. I just wanted to make sure that's right.

THE COURT: If we go beyond Thursday, into Friday -I mean -- it would be fine with me if you wanted to start your presentation on Monday. Because the government's apparently going to be not using all its time. That's the sense I'm getting here from Sarah.

Right?
MS. HIMMELHOCH: It is our expectation, Your Honor.
THE COURT: Ms. Himmelhoch. I'm sorry.
So if that's the case, we would still be on schedule for the trial.

I'm just -- I'd like to accommodate you as best I can. If it's a problem for you -- if you can have witnesses here Friday, we'11 -- I'm here Friday regardless.

MR. BROCK: Okay.
THE COURT: Do you want to think about it tonight? Is that what you want to do?

MR. BROCK: I'11 think about it tonight and let you know tomorrow morning. Yes, sir. Thank you.

THE COURT: I think we can safely say that the government's evidence will go through at least Thursday afternoon, it looks like.

MS. HIMMELHOCH: Absolutely, Your Honor.
THE COURT: Maybe into Friday. We just don't know.

MS. HIMMELHOCH: Correct.
MR. BROCK: Thank you.
THE COURT: Thank you. Have a good evening.
THE DEPUTY CLERK: All rise.
(WHEREUPON, the proceedings were concluded.) *****

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