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Quality that was out there with their testing equipment, continuously monitoring. If that's not accurate, somebody will correct me. But that was Ash Grove setting up their continuous monitoring, I believe, and somebody can correct me if it's not accurate, that they hired a company to do this. So a company that's being paid by them obviously has an arm's length connection there and certainly a reason to have a good outcome. I'm not saying that they did it fairly and accurately, but when you're going to have a test burn you're certainly going to want to have the best-looking results and the best opportunity for what you're trying to accomplish in getting these grant funds. So there certainly is an issue there of having a vested interest. I point that out to you. In the test burn that was then done and the continuous monitoring that was done at that time, we find two, four, six, eight different components that increased in emissions from when coal was burned. One of those is polychlorinated biphenyl, or PCBs. We have PCB contamination problems in water bodies in the state of Nebraska right now. We tell people you should not eat the fish out of these water bodies because there's too much contamination in the fish, particularly for children and pregnant women. So when we have the problem and the best solution to the problem is to prevent it, if we burn tires, according to these results, under probably as good a conditions as we're going to get for burning, we exceeded PCB allowance between coal...not what the EPA would allow and not what DEQ would allow, but we exceeded what would be coming out of coal, which is already problematic. Then we also exceeded barium. We also exceeded beryllium and cadmium. We also exceeded hexavalent chromium and lead. We have a superfund site in Omaha. We know the lead is a problem and we've taken it out of gasoline, we have taken it out of paint, we have worked at reducing the amount of lead emissions going into the air. So prevention, again, is the best thing we can do for the environment. The amount of lead increased from coal to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...tire-derived fuel. Selenium is another component that also increased in the burn of tires as opposed to burning the coal. And remember, this was a test burn. This was