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James Hansen

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      evidence.)
                 (Witness excused.)
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                 THE COURT: Are we ready to proceed with the
      next witness?
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            Okay, Mr. Pawa.
                MR. PAWA: Your Honor, we would ask for a
       two-minute recess to set up a computer.
                THE COURT: That's fine.
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       (Court was in recess at 11:39 a.m.)
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       (The following was held in open court at 11:50 a.m.)
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                 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Pawa?
                MR. PAWA: Matt Pawa. May it please the
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      Court. Plaintiff -- defendants call Dr. Hansen as an
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      expert witness.
                            JAMES HANSEN,
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            having been duly sworn by the courtroom deputy,
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            was examined and testified as follows:
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                THE COURT: Good morning, Dr. Hansen.
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                THE WITNESS: Good morning.
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                          DIRECT EXAMINATION
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      BY MR. PAWA:
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            Dr. Hansen, please state your name, your full name
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      and address for the record.
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James Edward Hansen, 4273 Durham Road,

Kintnersville, Pennsylvania.

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- 1 Q What is your current occupation, Doctor?
- 2 A I am a physicist and director of the NASA Goddard
- 3 Institute for Space Studies.
- 4 Q Could you tell the Court a little bit about
- 5 yourself, where you are from, where you grew up, whether
- 6 or not you have any children, grandchildren.
- 7 A Sure. I am -- I was born and grew up in Iowa. I
- 8 was born on a farm. I -- most of my life I grew up in a
- 9 small town in western Iowa.
- 10 I was fortunate to grow up at a time and place
- where I could go to school, I could work my way through
- school, and the most fortunate think, I think, was I
- went to a school, University of Iowa, where the head of
- 14 the physics department was Professor James Van Allen,
- 15 the scientist who discovered the radiation belts around
- 16 the Earth. And he created -- he was both a great
- scientist and a great person, but he had a wonderful
- 18 science department, physics and astronomy.
- 19 I started out in astronomy actually, but I -- it
- was a great research environment, and that's where I got
- 21 started in science.
- 22 Q And do you have any children or grandchildren, Dr.
- 23 Hansen?
- 24 A I have two children; two grandchildren, a third one
- in a few months.

- 1 Q Thank you. Are you prepared today to give the
- 2 Court an opinion in this case with respect to the risks
- 3 of -- to the climate of continuing with
- 4 business-as-usual emissions of greenhouse gases from
- 5 motor vehicles and other sources?
- 6 A Yes, I am.
- 7 Q Are you also prepared today to give the Court an
- 8 opinion, in your scientific judgment, with respect to
- 9 the most significant risks related to abrupt climate
- 10 change?
- 11 A Yes, I am.
- 12 Q And, Dr. Hansen, are you also prepared today to
- give the Court an opinion, in your expert scientific
- judgment, in this case, with -- regarding the role of
- the emissions reductions here as part of a wider set of
- emissions reductions in order to stabilize the planet's
- 17 climate and reduce the risks of abrupt climate change?
- 18 A Yes, I am.
- 19 Q Before we discuss the contents of those opinions,
- 20 Dr. Hansen, and how you came to them in this case, could
- 21 you tell us in greater detail, please, what your
- 22 educational background and experiences are and any
- 23 awards you may have received in the course of your
- 24 career.
- 25 A Yes. Well, I graduated from high school in 1959.

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1 And I went to the University of Iowa. I got my
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- Bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics, and when I
- 3 was a senior, I was the first student who took the
- 4 graduate qualifying exams as an undergraduate, and was
- 5 the first student to pass; I mean of those exams. So I
- 6 went then to the graduate school at the department of
- 7 physics and astronomy.
- 8 I got my Master's degree in astronomy on
- 9 observations of eclipse on the moon and interpretations
- 10 of that in terms of what it meant about the Earth's
- 11 atmosphere.
- 12 And at the suggestion of Professor Van Allen, I
- investigated -- I studied the atmosphere Venus, new
- observations that had been taken of the atmosphere of
- 15 Venus, and for the purpose of trying to understand why
- Venus was so hot. And I wrote my Ph.D. thesis on that
- 17 topic.
- 18 And I, immediately after getting my Ph.D., I drove
- 19 to New York City, because I had applied for and received
- 20 a post-doctoral fellowship at the NASA Goddard Institute
- 21 for Space Studies, and I have been there at Columbia
- 22 University ever since then.
- The first 10 years of my career were spent on other
- 24 planetary atmospheres. I proposed an experiment to
- 25 investigate the clouds of Venus, and that experiment was

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1 selected for the mission Pioneer Venus. It was a small
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- 2 telescope to measure the cloud particles and the
- 3 cloud -- cloud and aerosol properties on Venus.
- 4 And during the time -- so I was the principal
- 5 investigator on that experiment.
- 6 But during the time that that was being constructed
- 7 in California, I became interested in the Earth's
- 8 atmosphere because of the evidence that the composition
- 9 of the Earth's atmosphere was changing, and it made it
- 10 both a very interesting planet and also one that's
- 11 obviously important for people, for life on this planet.
- 12 And I began to do work on, and I applied for support, to
- develop a global model to try to simulate the Earth's
- 14 climate and the effects that these changes in the
- 15 atmospheric composition would have on the Earth's
- 16 climate.
- 17 And I did receive support for that, and it was a
- 18 very time-consuming job. So I actually resigned as the
- 19 principal investigator on the Venus experiment and one
- of my colleagues assumed that job.
- 21 But since that time, the late 1970s until the
- 22 present, I have been focusing essentially a hundred
- 23 percent of my time on trying to understand the Earth's
- 24 climate.
- 25 Q And for how long have you held the position that

- 1 you hold now?
- 2 A I became the director in 1981, when Dr. Jastro, who
- 3 founded the institute, retired. And I have been the
- 4 director since then.
- 5 Q Are you a member of any professional societies, Dr.
- 6 Hansen?
- 7 A Yes. I am a member of American Geophysical Union,
- 8 American Meteorological Society, and I am a member of
- 9 the National Academy of Sciences.
- 10 THE COURT: Can I just interrupt for a second.
- 11 MR. PAWA: Please.
- 12 THE COURT: When someone mentions Goddard
- 13 Space Center or Goddard Space Research Institute, is
- 14 there just one particular unit or are they all over the
- 15 place?
- 16 THE WITNESS: Well, Goddard Space Flight
- 17 Center is a large organization. It's near Washington;
- 18 Greenbelt, Maryland. That's several thousand people.
- 19 The institute, in New York, is only 22 civil servants,
- government employees, and about 120 people, counting the
- 21 students, post-docs, and other employees. So it's --
- 22 and it is a division of Goddard Space Flight Center.
- But it was founded -- Dr. Jastro, when he was asked
- 24 to head the theoretical division at Goddard Space Flight
- 25 Center, accepted the job but then immediately asked to

- 1 move it to New York City where he could be in an
- 2 academic environment on the campus of Columbia
- 3 University. And it was a -- for doing research, it was
- 4 a great environment, and --
- 5 THE COURT: Well, I was going to ask you to
- 6 express my regard to Queen Elizabeth who soon will be
- 7 going to Goddard Space Center.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Oh.
- 9 THE COURT: But apparently that's in
- 10 Washington, not where you are.
- 11 THE WITNESS: In Washington. Right.
- 12 BY MR. PAWA:
- 13 Q Which brings me to an important point. Are you
- 14 today --
- THE COURT: We should go another 15 minutes
- 16 before the lunchbreak, in light of the fact you are just
- 17 beginning the introduction.
- 18 MR. PAWA: What I was going to suggest, we can
- 19 do that or I can finish the qualifications portion and
- then break before we get into substance, if that's
- 21 acceptable.
- THE COURT: That's fine.
- MR. PAWA: Thank you, your Honor.
- 24 By MR. PAWA:
- 25 Q Are you here today as a private citizen or a

- 1 government employee, Dr. Hansen?
- 2 A I am here as a private citizen.
- 3 Q Throughout your involvement in this case, has it
- 4 been as a private citizen?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Have you won any awards during the course of your
- 7 scientific career, Dr. Hansen?
- 8 A Yes, I have won a few. And I mentioned them to you
- 9 yesterday. And that reminded me that one of them I had
- 10 forgotten to mention was from Prince Philip, the Duke --
- 11 THE COURT: You won an award from Prince
- 12 Philip?
- 13 THE WITNESS: Well, from the World Wildlife
- 14 Fund. The conservation medal for -- it's called the
- Duke of Edinburgh Award, and it's presented by Prince
- Philip. And my wife and I went over and had lunch with
- 17 him. But, that was one of the awards.
- 18 Probably the most significant award is being
- 19 elected to the National Academy of Sciences.
- 20 Well, I just -- a couple of weeks ago was given the
- 21 Leo Szilard Lectureship Award at the American Physical
- 22 Society meeting. That's the organization of physics
- 23 professionals in the United States. And that's
- 24 considered a major award of that organization.
- 25 Q Have you ever won an award from the American

- 1 Geophysical Union?
- 2 A Oh, yes. The Roger Ravel Medal, which is a major
- 3 award from AGU. There's the Heinz Environment Award I
- 4 won several years ago.
- 5 Q Any recognitions from GIS with respect to
- 6 publications?
- 7 A Oh, well, at our institute, we -- we've -- all the
- 8 scientists vote on the best publication of the year, and
- 9 I have won that a few times. We consider that our
- 10 highest award because that's our business, to do
- 11 research.
- 12 Q Is the atmosphere of Venus, your work on the
- 13 atmosphere of Venus, relevant in any respect to your
- work on the climate of planet Earth?
- 15 A Yes. The planets actually provide a very nice test
- of our understanding of the greenhouse effect, because
- we have planets that range from Mars, which has a thin
- 18 carbon dioxide atmosphere, to Venus, which has a much
- 19 thicker, larger amount of carbon dioxide, and with the
- 20 Earth in between those two examples. And when we use
- 21 the basic equations of radiative transfer to calculate
- 22 the expected temperature of these three planets, they
- 23 fall nicely along the curve for the change of the -- the
- 24 strength of the greenhouse effect as a function of the
- amount of the greenhouse gas.

- 1 Q Have you published any articles regarding global
- 2 warming or climatology generally in the peer-reviewed
- 3 literature over the last 30 years?
- 4 A Oh, sure. More than a hundred articles in the
- 5 peer-reviewed literature on that -- on that general
- 6 topic.
- 7 Q Are there any other academic peer-reviewed
- 8 publications that you have been the author of?
- 9 A Other than --
- 10 Q Book chapters or --
- 11 A Oh. Yes. I have edited a book myself on the
- 12 climate change and paleoclimate, but -- but most of my
- 13 articles are in the scientific, regular scientific
- 14 literature, reviewed literature.
- 15 Q Thank you.
- MR. PAWA: Your Honor, we move to qualify Dr.
- 17 Hansen as an expert in climatology.
- THE COURT: Okay, any objection?
- MR. CLUBOK: No objection, your Honor.
- THE COURT: So qualified.
- 21 All right, you want to take a break at this point?
- MR. PAWA: Yes, your Honor. Thank you.
- 23 THE COURT: All right let's take our break,
- 24 and -- well, first of all, is Dr. Hansen the only
- 25 witness to be called this afternoon?

1	MR. PAWA: Well, it kind of depends, but I
2	think we may be getting to Dr. Rock this afternoon as
3	well. As of this morning, we were thinking Dr. Rock
4	would come on tomorrow because Duleep wouldn't get off
5	till lunchtime, but we are moving a little faster now so
6	I think we may get to Dr. Rock today.
7	THE COURT: How long do you think direct
8	examination will last?
9	MR. PAWA: For this witness?
10	THE COURT: Yes.
1	MR. PAWA: 90 minutes.
12	THE COURT: And cross examination, Mr. Clubok?
13	MR. CLUBOK: Less than 30.
L 4	THE COURT: Okay. Well, then let's come back
15	at 1:15 and go for an hour and a half, and then another
L 6	hour and a half, and try to make up for the lost time
L7	from yesterday afternoon.
18	MR. PAWA: Thank you, your Honor.
L 9	THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
20	(Court was in recess at 12:05 p.m.)
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22	CERTIFICATION
23	I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the
24	above-entitled matter.
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- 1 THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007
- 2 (The following was held in open court at 1:18

p.m.)

- 3 THE COURT: Okay. Dr. Hansen, do you want to
- 4 return to the stand? I hope you enjoy Vermont weather.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yes. Great.
- 6 THE COURT: Okay.
- 7 DIRECT EXAMINATION CONTINUED
- 8 BY MR. PAWA:
- 9 Q Dr. Hansen, you were asked to prepare an opinion in
- 10 this case regarding recent global warming.
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And have you prepared such an opinion?
- 13 A Yes, I have.
- 14 Q Have you prepared a series of slides and charts to help
- 15 assist you with your testimony in that regard today?
- 16 A Yes, I have.
- 17 Q Have you prepared a series of slides and charts dealing
- 18 with observed temperature change in the modern era?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 MR. PAWA: I would ask for Slide 1 to be shown to
- 21 the Court.
- 22 Q Dr. Hansen, can you explain what this chart shows with
- 23 respect to the issue of global warming.
- 24 A Yes. This shows the global surface temperature
- 25 beginning in 1880. The X-axis runs from 1880 to the

- 1 present, and the temperature is shown in degrees Celsius as
- 2 temperature change in degrees Celsius relative to the period
- 3 from 1951 to 1980, which we call a period of climatology.
- 4 So to get degrees Fahrenheit, you need to multiply this
- 5 times approximately -- approximately double it. Multiply it
- 6 times 1.8.
- 7 So what it shows is that the world -- the surface
- 8 temperature, it's measurements over the ocean and the land,
- 9 but surface temperature's increased by about 8/10ths of a
- 10 degree Celsius with three-quarters of that warming coming in
- 11 the last three decades. So about 1 degree Fahrenheit in the
- 12 last three decades.
- 13 Q Can you place that into perspective for the Court in
- 14 terms of how much warming that is relative to other
- 15 information?
- 16 A You know, we will show that in other charts. The
- 17 1 degree -- 1 degree -- this is 8/10ths of a degree Celsius,
- 18 but 1 degree Celsius is actually a very large change for
- 19 global mean temperature, but -- and it will show that that
- 20 has many effects. But, of course, compared to weather
- 21 fluctuations, day-to-day weather fluctuations, this is much
- 22 smaller, and that's sometimes a source of confusion to the
- 23 public because the weather -- the temperatures will
- 24 fluctuate by much more than this. Because the local
- 25 temperature depends upon the direction from which the wind

- 1 is blowing. If it's coming from the north or south, it
- 2 makes a difference of 10 or 20 degrees. But as we will
- 3 show, this is actually a pretty big temperature change.
- 4 Q What was the global average temperature of the Earth in
- 5 the depths of the last ice age, 20,000 years ago?
- 6 A It was about 5 degrees colder than it is now, and, of
- 7 course, some regions it was more than that. On a global
- 8 average, it was 5 degrees and --
- 9 Q Celsius?
- 10 A Celsius, which is 9 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 11 Q And what was this area of the country like 20,000 years
- 12 ago --
- 13 A Well --
- 14 Q -- when it was 9 degrees Fahrenheit colder on a global
- 15 average?
- 16 A During the last ice age, sea level was about 120 meters
- 17 lower. There was so much water locked up in the ice sheet
- 18 that covered Canada and reached down to New York City and
- 19 covered Minneapolis and Seattle, including -- including this
- 20 region, so it's a huge regional climate change associated
- 21 with the 5-degree global temperature change.
- 22 Q Have you prepared other slides on the issue of observed
- 23 temperature change in the modern era?
- 24 A Yes. And I have a number of them, so I think we should
- 25 move through those so that the --

- 1 Q What does this chart show, Doctor?
- 2 A This chart shows the temperature anomalies. These are
- 3 global maps of the temperature anomalies, again, relative to
- 4 1951 to 1980. Yellows and reds are warmer than normal.
- 5 Warmer than the climatology from 1951 to 1980. And blues
- 6 are colder than normal. So the point of this is to say that
- 7 when you look at a given month, like February, for example,
- 8 in the lower right, you can see that the United States was
- 9 very cool. About several degrees cooler than normal. But
- 10 that's associated with the weather patterns that happened to
- 11 exist that month.
- 12 So you shouldn't be fooled by the temperature going up
- 13 and down and being cooler than normal in some months.
- 14 That's normal. But if you look at the average over the
- 15 planet, you'll see that in fact there are more red and
- 16 yellow areas than there are blue. And in fact, this last
- 17 winter was the warmest winter in the last 125 years, in the
- 18 full period of instrumental record.
- 19 So why don't we go to the next one, which shows that --
- 20 O One moment.
- 21 MR. PAWA: I want to move to admit the first one
- 22 into evidence, Your Honor.
- 23 THE COURT: Okay. Is there going to be any
- 24 objection to any of the slides that he uses for
- 25 demonstrative purposes, in which case you don't need to

- 1 interrupt on a regular basis? For instance, has the
- 2 plaintiff reviewed all of these?
- 3 MR. CLUBOK: I had not, Your Honor. We got -- we
- 4 got them at midnight. But I've told Mr. Pawa I wasn't even
- 5 going to raise that objection or mention it, but I'm just
- 6 seeing these for the first time in some cases, so I presume
- 7 they'll be okay, but I'm as worried about them as you are.
- 8 THE COURT: Rather than interrupt, why don't you
- 9 go through all those slides, all the presentations, then at
- 10 the end submit them all.
- MR. PAWA: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: Okay.
- 13 MR. PAWA: And I will just indicate for the record
- 14 that the vast majority of these are identical to what was
- 15 included as an appendix to his expert report. There are a
- 16 few slides that are different.
- 17 THE COURT: Okay. All right.
- 18 BY MR. PAWA:
- 19 Q Proceed to the next slide, please.
- 20 A So this, then, shows the average temperature anomaly in
- 21 the first six years of this century, 2001 to 2006, again,
- 22 relative to 1951 to 1980. And you can see that when you
- 23 average over time, those weather fluctuations are no longer
- 24 so apparent. In fact, it has warmed over most of the
- 25 planet. And the nature of this warming is -- is consistent

- 1 with what we would expect due to a forced climate change,
- 2 and it's consistent with the sort of thing that's calculated
- 3 with global climate models.
- 4 So, for example, you see that the warming is larger
- 5 over land than it is over ocean. It's because the ocean has
- 6 great thermal inertia. So when a forcing is applied -- and
- 7 I'll explain what that is in a minute. But in case of
- 8 forcing -- something that would cause the planet to get
- 9 warmer, it takes the ocean several decades to respond.
- 10 Because the ocean is four kilometers deep, it takes a long
- 11 time for it to warm up in response to the forcing.
- 12 So the warming is larger over land than over ocean.
- 13 It's larger in the northern hemisphere than the southern
- 14 hemisphere because there's so much ocean in the southern
- 15 hemisphere, and the ocean there mixes deeply. And the
- 16 warming is larger at high latitudes than it is at low
- 17 latitudes, because at high latitudes there are feedbacks
- 18 that enhance the warming. In particular ice and snow tend
- 19 to melt as the planet gets warmer, and, therefore, the land
- 20 and the ocean where the ice has melted are darker, and they
- 21 absorb more sunlight. That's what we call a positive
- 22 feedback.
- 23 So it has all the characteristics that we expect in
- 24 calculated climate models.
- 25 Q Dr. Hansen, could you explain these two concepts that

- 1 you've used, forcing and models?
- 2 A Yes. Forcing is a perturbation -- an imposed
- 3 perturbation to the planet's energy balance. So, for
- 4 example, if the sun were to be become 1 percent brighter,
- 5 that would be a positive forcing, which you would expect the
- 6 planet to warm up. And we measure that forcing in watts per
- 7 meter squared. The Earth absorbs about 240 watts per meter
- 8 squared of energy from the sun, so if the sun became 1
- 9 percent brighter, that's a forcing of 2.4 watts per meter
- 10 squared. And -- so that's the definition of a forcing.
- 11 And a climate model is numerical calculations on
- 12 computer of fundamental equations that describe the
- 13 structure and motions of the atmosphere and ocean. So, for
- 14 example, conservation of energy and momentum and ideal gas
- 15 law. But certain fundamental equations of physics and the
- 16 Earth's atmosphere solved simultaneously on a large
- 17 computer.
- 18 It's the kind of model that's used for the daily
- 19 weather forecasts except that in the case of climate, you
- 20 have to include factors which are important on longtime
- 21 scales but are not important on the time scale of a few
- 22 days. So we have to include the thermal inertia of the
- 23 ocean and changes that occur in the carbon cycle. By that I
- 24 mean the uptake of gases by the ocean, for example. Things
- 25 that change slowly on a decadal time scale need to be

- 1 included in climate models but are not necessary in weather
- 2 models.
- 3 Q Does the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies have
- 4 one of these models?
- 5 A Yes. As I mentioned during the introduction, that's
- 6 something that I began to work on 30 years ago. We had --
- 7 at that time we had a weather model, and we -- my project
- 8 was to convert that to a climate model by adding in the
- 9 physics that's important on longtime scales. And we have
- 10 one of the several models in the United States.
- 11 Q And do these models run on normal computers or some
- 12 other kind of computer?
- 13 A Well, they -- they -- it's a computationally intensive
- 14 problem, and so you prefer to use the best computers you
- 15 can. In fact, when we started, we had -- in 1967 we had the
- 16 largest computer, fastest computer in the world, an IBM 360/
- 17 95. In any case, computers continue to get better and
- 18 better and we can solve the climate problem more accurately
- 19 with -- as the computers have been improving and as the
- 20 representation of the physics in the models has improved.
- 21 Q What do the terms GCM or AOGCM stand for?
- 22 A GCM used to be for general circulation models, but now
- 23 sometimes global climate model; but in any case, it's the
- 24 same thing. It's these fundamental equations for
- 25 atmospheric structure and motion. And AO is atmospheric-

- 1 ocean. So if you include some previous models would just be
- 2 atmosphere, you just took the ocean as being fixed because
- 3 you only wanted to look at a short time scale; but if you
- 4 want to look at climate, you've got to include the ocean.
- 5 So then it becomes atmosphere-ocean climate -- global
- 6 climate model.
- 7 Q Are greenhouse gases a climate forcing agent?
- 8 A Yes. Greenhouse gases are gases that absorb radiation
- 9 at infrared wavelengths. Those -- the radiation that's
- 10 received from the sun, the energy peaks in the visible
- 11 spectrum at wavelengths of about half a micron, but the
- 12 energy is then reradiated into space as thermal or heat
- 13 radiation, which is at longer wavelengths, the peak of the
- 14 thermal emission spectrum being at 10 to 20 microns in
- 15 wavelength.
- 16 And greenhouse gases absorb the heat radiation that's
- 17 emitted by the Earth's surface and by the atmosphere. And
- 18 as a result, they trap that heat radiation, and if you
- 19 increase the amount of these greenhouse gases in the
- 20 atmosphere, that will be a mechanism for making a surface
- 21 warmer, and we can measure that forcing in the same way that
- 22 we measure the change in -- the effect of changing the sun's
- 23 brightness.
- 24 Because we -- the physics of this infrared radiation
- 25 being returned to space is very well understood. We can

- 1 calculate with an accuracy of about 10 percent the impact of
- 2 increasing greenhouse gases on the outgoing radiation; and
- 3 if you double the amount of carbon dioxide in the
- 4 atmosphere, it causes a forcing of about 4 watts per meter
- 5 squared. So that's equivalent to increasing the brightness
- 6 of the sun by 2 percent. And that's -- so that's -- and as
- 7 you can see, that would be a fairly large forcing.
- 8 Q What is the concentration as we sit here today of
- 9 carbon dioxide in the ambient atmosphere?
- 10 A Averaged over the world, it's about 383 parts per
- 11 million, which compares with 280 in the preindustrial era.
- 12 So for the last 8 or 10,000 years, it was approximately
- 13 280,000 parts per million. And it began to increase in
- 14 the -- significantly in the 17 and 1800s, and it's been
- 15 increasing very rapidly in the last 30 years. It began to
- 16 be measured very accurately in 1958 by Dave Keeling, and at
- 17 that time it was 315. So it increased -- from 1750 to 1958
- 18 it increased from 280 to 315. That's about 35 parts per
- 19 million. But since 1958 it's increased to 383. So most of
- 20 the increase has been in the last few decades.
- 21 Q And where is that extra carbon dioxide coming from?
- 22 A It is primarily coming from fossil fuel burning. There
- 23 is a significant additional contribution from deforestation,
- 24 from disturbance of the soils which contain carbon, but the
- 25 best estimates from carbon cycle models are that about 20

- 1 PPM -- of this increase from 280 to 383, 103, about 20 of
- 2 that may be due to other than fossil fuels. So about 80
- 3 percent is due to fossil fuel burning.
- 4 Q And --
- 5 THE COURT: Can I just ask a question?
- 6 MR. PAWA: Please.
- 7 THE COURT: Going back, you set the baseline at
- 8 280 in the 1700s and 1800s.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 10 THE COURT: How do you actually calculate that? I
- 11 mean, how do you come to that conclusion that there were --
- 12 that we're 280 -- you set it at 280?
- 13 THE WITNESS: The best measurements are -- are
- 14 from the ice cores. There are bubbles of air trapped as the
- 15 ice sheets on Greenland and Antarctica and, for that matter,
- 16 even in some glaciers on mountains, as those are formed by
- 17 snowfall piling up, it -- it gets -- as the snow piles
- 18 higher and higher, it compresses and forms ice; and within
- 19 the ice, bubbles of air are trapped, and we can drill into
- 20 this ice sheet, and actually you can see annual layers of
- 21 ice. So you can count back the date and find bubbles of air
- 22 that have the -- are a sample of what the air was like at
- 23 that given date.
- Now, there is a -- you have to correct for the
- 25 fact that it takes time for the snow to get high enough to

- 1 compress into ice, and until the bubble is sealed, until the
- 2 ice seals the bubble, you can have circulation within that.
- 3 So you have to correct for that time that it takes for -- so
- 4 that's one -- there are other methods, also, but -- I'll
- 5 actually show some results for a longer time period.
- 6 Q Dr. Hansen, how far back does the ice core record go?
- 7 A The ice core record now goes back about 700,000 years.
- 8 There's hope that it may go back a million years in the next
- 9 core, but so far that's how far we've gotten.
- 10 Q When was the last time the Earth had a carbon dioxide
- 11 concentration in the atmosphere of 380 or 383 parts per
- 12 million?
- 13 A That -- that is hard to say, because as I will show on
- 14 a later chart, that is -- within the last million years it
- 15 has never come anywhere close to that. You'll have to go
- 16 back probably a few million years. It's harder -- we don't
- 17 have ice cores going back a few million years, but there are
- 18 other ways to estimate the CO2 at earlier times.
- 19 There are effects, for example, on nature of leaves.
- 20 The number of -- nature of the stomata on the leaves changes
- 21 as the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere changes.
- 22 So we have less accurate measures as we go back. So I would
- 23 say it's been somewhere -- it has to have been more than a
- 24 million years. Probably two to -- between 2 and 5 million
- 25 years ago. You'd have to go back that far to find an amount

- 1 as great as today, 383 parts per million.
- 2 Q Sticking with the more accurate ice core records,
- 3 what's the highest level of carbon dioxide found going back
- 4 6 or 700,000 years in the Earth's atmosphere other than --
- 5 other than today?
- 6 A It's not much higher than the 280. We can look at a
- 7 graph -- it might be 290, but the variations from the ice
- 8 age to the interglacial -- from the -- again, I think it
- 9 might be helpful if we would go to the next charts, because
- 10 these questions will be answered naturally by the graphs
- 11 that I have.
- 12 Q All right. Before we go there, could you explain the
- 13 concept of climate sensitivity, which I understand the --
- 14 some of your other graphs and charts refer to?
- 15 A In fact, that's -- that's what I would like to show on
- 16 my next chart, I believe. Yeah. Climate sensitivity, to
- 17 answer your question directly first, is the amount of global
- 18 warming for a given unit of forcing. So we measure it in
- 19 degrees Celsius per watt per meter squared. So I talked
- 20 about doubled CO2, which is four watts per meter squared.
- 21 That's -- that's often used as the canonical case or a
- 22 standard experiment.
- 23 And you ask how much warmer will the world get if we
- 24 double carbon dioxide. There was a classical study by the
- 25 National Academy of Sciences in 1979 chaired by Jule

- 1 Charney, a famous professor at MIT, and they estimated that
- 2 the world would get 3 degrees Celsius warmer, about 5-1/2
- 3 degrees Fahrenheit, if you doubled the carbon dioxide. But
- 4 their uncertainty bar was very large, because it was derived
- 5 from climate models. Partly from the climate model at our
- 6 institute and at Princeton University.
- 7 But now we have a better way to estimate this climate
- 8 sensitivity, and that's to look at the history of the Earth.
- 9 And this graph that we have here shows the temperature in
- 10 Antarctica as determined from an ice core which in this case
- 11 went back a little more than 400,000 years.
- 12 So time is running from the left to the right. The
- 13 present is the rightmost point. The so-called Holocene
- 14 period. We've been in this interglacial period for almost
- 15 12,000 years now. And in order to estimate climate
- 16 sensitivity, we can compare this Holocene, the present
- 17 interglacial period, with the preceding ice age which peaked
- 18 20,000 years ago. And as I mentioned during that ice age
- 19 20,000 years ago, there was an ice sheet that covered Canada
- 20 and reached down into the United States, and there was
- 21 another ice sheet over northern Europe, and you can see that
- 22 the temperature in Antarctica was about 8 degrees Celsius
- 23 colder during the ice age than it has been in the last
- 24 12,000 years.
- 25 But we know that both during the ice age and during the

- 1 present interglacial period the planet is approximately in
- 2 radiation balance with space. By that I mean the amount of
- 3 energy that's radiated to space by the Earth is the same as
- 4 the amount of energy that the Earth is absorbing from the
- 5 sun. Because if it weren't the same, then -- if it were
- 6 greater, a greater amount absorbed, then the planet would
- 7 warm up until it balanced it, until they were in balance.
- 8 And so we can compare these two periods, because the
- 9 things that cause the Earth to be warmer today can either be
- 10 in the atmosphere or on the surface of the planet. It could
- 11 also be that the sun became brighter, but we know that the
- 12 sun is not flickering enough to cause 10 degrees Celsius
- 13 temperature changes. We know that the sun is a well-
- 14 behaved, main sequence star, and its output does vary
- 15 slightly. It's increased 10 percent over the last billion
- 16 years, but that's only a hundredth of a percent in a million
- 17 years. It's negligible on these time scales.
- 18 So the changes have to be in the atmosphere on the
- 19 surface. And in fact, we know those because we have samples
- 20 of the atmosphere today and 20,000 years ago from these
- 21 bubbles of air. And there are more greenhouse gases today
- 22 than there were 20,000 years ago. There's more of all the
- 23 long-lived greenhouse gases, carbon dioxide, methane, and
- 24 nitrous oxide, there are more in the present interglacial
- 25 period. And we know accurately the changes.

- 1 Also, the surface was different because -- partly
- 2 because of this ice sheet that covered Canada but also
- 3 because the distribution of force, the vegetation, were
- 4 different then, and we have geologic records of that, and
- 5 even the coastline was different, because there was a
- 6 120-meter fall in sea level because of all the water that's
- 7 locked in Canada.
- 8 So the next chart shows what --
- 9 Q Before we go on, just to back up, I want to make sure.
- 10 It may be clear, but just to be sure, to define the X and
- 11 Y-axis, that, for example, the age kyr BP --
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 0 -- is clear --
- 14 A This chart shows the temperature in Antarctica as a
- 15 function of time over the last 430,000 years, and you can
- 16 see it has these large fluctuations from warm interglacial
- 17 periods and then it slowly gets colder over a period of
- 18 100,000 years. And then suddenly gets warmer. And then
- 19 gets colder again. So it fluctuates between ice ages,
- 20 interglacial periods, the warm periods, and the glacial ice
- 21 ages. And what I'm looking at to start with is just to
- 22 compare the current interglacial with the last ice age
- 23 20,000 years ago.
- 24 And the next chart shows the same -- the temperature at
- 25 the bottom, the bottom curve is the same temperature curve,

- 1 Antarctica, but the same ice core also has the record of
- 2 these greenhouse gases, and you can see that when the planet
- 3 was warmer, there was more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.
- 4 And there was more methane in the atmosphere. There's a
- 5 strong correlation between the greenhouse gas curves and the
- 6 temperature curve. But what I want to do first is just
- 7 compare the present with 20,000 years ago. And on the next
- 8 chart I summarize the two changes. If you go one more
- 9 chart.
- 10 The forcing due to the change in the surface albedo -
- 11 that's the reflectivity of the surface because these ice
- 12 sheets are brighter than the normal surface, they reflect
- 13 sunlight, and that -- the change in the amount of energy
- 14 absorbed by the Earth because of these brighter surfaces is
- 3-1/2 watts per meter squared averaged over the planet. The
- 16 greenhouse effect, the change due to the larger amount of
- 17 greenhouse gases presently compared to the ice age is a
- 18 forcing of 2-1/2 watts per meter squared. So there's a
- 19 total forcing of about 6-1/2 watts per meter squared, which
- 20 is maintaining a planet 5-degrees temperature change. So
- 21 that implies a sensitivity of three-quarters of a degree
- 22 Celsius for each watt of forcing.
- 23 Well, that happens to agree with Charney's, with the
- 24 climate models, because the climate models say 3 degrees for
- 25 doubled CO2, and doubled CO2 is four watts of forcing. So

- 1 it's three-quarters of a degree for each watt of forcing.
- 2 But the nice thing about this empirical way of
- 3 estimating the sensitivity is that we know it includes all
- 4 of the physics. Whatever is -- there are things that are
- 5 hard to model in climate models, like clouds, and so for
- 6 many years people have argued do we have clouds simulated
- 7 correctly in climate models, and you can never be certain,
- 8 but clouds did -- whenever -- they existed in this real-
- 9 world experiment, and in the real-world empirical evaluation
- 10 of sensitivity, we get the same result as from the climate
- 11 models, about three-quarters of a degree for each watt of
- 12 forcing. And so that's a useful check on the climate
- 13 models.
- 14 Now, could I have the next one, please? We can -- so
- 15 we got this empirical information by comparing just two
- 16 points in time, the current interglacial and the last ice
- 17 age, but we now have information on this entire 400,000-year
- 18 period, which lets us check things more decisively. Because
- 19 we now have a measure of how sea level changed over that
- 20 entire period from an analysis in the last few years, and
- 21 that's shown in the top chart. And you can see that sea
- 22 level has changed by more than 100 meters, going from -- as
- 23 a function of time over this last 400,000 years. During the
- 24 ice ages, sea level is lower because the water is locked up
- 25 on ice sheets on the continents.

- 1 That allows us -- the knowledge of the sea level allows
- 2 us to know how big the ice sheets are. So we can
- 3 calculate -- for this entire period we can calculate the
- 4 climate forcing due to the ice sheets, due to the fact that
- 5 the surface is becoming brighter. And that's shown in
- 6 this -- in the middle graph by the blue curve, and we can
- 7 calculate the climate forcing due to the greenhouse gases
- 8 because we have a record of the greenhouse gases over that
- 9 entire 400,000-year period.
- 10 So if we just add up those two forcings, multiply them
- 11 times three-quarters of a degree for each watt of forcing,
- 12 we get a predicted temperature for the entire 400,000-year
- 13 period. And that predicted temperature is shown by the blue
- 14 curve for the -- in the bottom graph, the blue curve is the
- 15 calculated temperature and the observed temperature based on
- 16 the measurements in the Antarctic ice core.
- 17 In going from an ice age to an interglacial period, the
- 18 temperature changes -- at the poles changes by 8 to 10
- 19 degrees Celsius, but at the equator, the temperature change
- 20 from an ice age to the interglacial is only about 3 to 4
- 21 degrees. And averaged over the planet, it's about half of
- 22 what it is at the poles. The amplification at the poles is
- 23 because of positive feedbacks, as I mentioned. The biggest
- 24 positive feedback is that as the planet gets warmer, you
- 25 have less ice and snow, and so the planet absorbs more

- 1 energy at those high latitudes.
- 2 So anyway, so to get the estimated global temperature,
- 3 we've divided the polar temperature by two. And you can see
- 4 that in fact the -- these two mechanisms, the ice sheet area
- 5 and the greenhouse gas changes as a function of time, do a
- 6 good job of accounting for the temperature change over the
- 7 entire 400,000-year period, which adds additional confidence
- 8 to the conclusion that the sensitivity is roughly three-
- 9 quarters of a degree for each watt of forcing.
- 10 Q Have you prepared additional charts on the topic of
- 11 climate sensitivity?
- 12 A Yeah. So let's -- and -- well, this -- this -- just
- 13 to -- I'd like to illustrate one important point is that if
- 14 you look carefully at the greenhouse gas changes and the
- 15 temperature changes, you'll find -- over this 400,000-year
- 16 period, you'll find that the temperature changes slightly
- 17 lead the greenhouse gas changes. So that is often used by
- 18 senators in Congress to say that, Well, greenhouse gases
- 19 aren't causing temperature to change; it's the temperature
- 20 that's causing greenhouse gas to change.
- 21 Well, that's true on the time scale of the ice ages.
- 22 As the planet gets warmer, greenhouse gases come out of the
- 23 soil and out of the ocean. It's a well understood
- 24 phenomenon. As the ocean gets warmer, just like your soda
- 25 pop, if you warm it up, the CO2 in the soda will come out.

- 1 It -- the amount that the ocean can dissolve depends upon
- 2 the temperature. So that's -- that's true on this time
- 3 scale the greenhouse gases are slightly lagging the
- 4 temperature change, but in fact they're merely synchronous.
- 5 As you can see in this graph, the CO2 changes are almost
- 6 synchronous on the time scale -- on the geological time
- 7 scales. And in fact, they are one of the two mechanisms for
- 8 that temperature change. So the temperature change is very
- 9 large. It's amplified by the greenhouse gas changes.
- 10 So could I go to the next one now? But what's causing
- 11 those changes of -- you know, if the greenhouse gas changes
- 12 are feedbacks, what is basically causing this climate change
- 13 over several hundred thousand years? Well, that's very well
- 14 understood.
- 15 It was -- a famous paper in 1976 was by Hays, Imbrie,
- 16 and Shackleton in which they showed that all of these
- 17 fluctuations in the Earth's climate are very highly
- 18 correlated with changes in the Earth's orbit, which affects
- 19 the seasonal distribution of sunlight on the surface of the
- 20 Earth. The principal factor is the tilt of the Earth's spin
- 21 axis relative to the plane of the Earth's orbit.
- 22 And you can easily imagine that as the spin axis -- and
- 23 the reason these -- the Earth's orbit is changing is because
- 24 of the gravitational effect of other planets on the Earth's
- 25 orbit. So Jupiter and Saturn in particular are the heavy

- 1 planets that pull -- tugging on the Earth, and Venus
- 2 actually has some effect, also, because it comes so close to
- 3 the Earth. But this is a very well understood, many-bodied
- 4 problem.
- 5 Just using Newton's gravitational law, you can
- 6 calculate the effect of these other planets on the Earth's
- 7 orbit, and the spin axis of the -- the Earth will wobble by
- 8 plus or minus 1 degree. Right now the Earth's spin axis is
- 9 about 23-1/2 degrees to the plane of the orbit. But at
- 10 times it's tilted more, and when it's tilted more, that
- 11 exposes the polar ice caps to more sunlight, and so it tends
- 12 to melt these polar ice caps. In fact, it melts them on
- 13 both -- both poles, because six months later, as the Earth
- 14 is going around the sun, the other pole is exposed to more
- 15 sunlight if the tilt is greater.
- 16 So that -- the instigator of these paleoclimate changes
- 17 is primarily changes in the Earth's orbit. And -- which
- 18 will melt -- make -- melt the ice sheets and -- and in turn,
- 19 as the planet gets warmer, then greenhouse gases come out of
- 20 the ocean and out of the soil. And this is -- this is well
- 21 understood. Details of exactly how the carbon cycle works
- 22 and how much the ocean is contributing relative to soils and
- 23 plants is still -- there are many things to be understood
- 24 better, but the essence of it is very well understood.
- 25 So could I have the next one? This -- just to make

- 1 clear, this -- again, this -- this graph -- and I'm sorry,
- 2 this is a little esoteric in the sense this is oxygen
- 3 isotope. The thing is that you would like to see how this
- 4 climate has been changing at longer time scales than just
- 5 the last 400,000 years because -- for the reason that we
- 6 mentioned earlier. CO2 was never much more -- I forgot to
- 7 look at the graph as we went past it, but at the peak of any
- 8 of those interglacial periods, it's not more than about 290
- 9 parts per million. So there's not much more than the 280
- 10 that we started out with in the current one.
- 11 So if you want to -- if you want to see something
- 12 that's comparable to where we're headed now and where we are
- 13 in 2007, you've got to go back further in time. And to do
- 14 that, we have to look at ocean cores rather than ice cores,
- 15 because the ice cores only go back less than a million
- 16 years.
- 17 Q Explain what an ocean core is.
- 18 A Now, an ocean core is a sediment -- again, you obtain
- 19 the core by just having a piston, a hollow tube, pushed into
- 20 the ocean sediments, and you take out this core of material.
- 21 That material was laid down over time. As the microscopic
- 22 animals living in the ocean, as they -- as they die and
- 23 their shells sink to the bottom of the ocean, they become
- 24 part of the sediment, the shells of -- in this case it's
- 25 foraminifera, but it's microscopic animals with -- with

- 1 shells. And you can measure the composition of the shells
- 2 and the isotopic composition of the carbon and oxygen
- 3 components, and in the case of this delta 180, that's a
- 4 measure of both temperature and sea level. And so as it
- 5 goes down, it's becoming colder. And sea level is becoming
- 6 lower.
- 7 So what we see over this last -- this is 3-1/2 million
- 8 years, now, going from, on the left, 3-1/2 million years ago
- 9 to the present at zero. And the frequency -- and so each of
- 10 these fluctuations up and down is changing from an
- 11 interglacial to a glacial, and the period -- if you look
- 12 carefully at these, you'll see that the period of these
- 13 fluctuations is 41,000 years. That's the period by which
- 14 this tilt of the Earth's axis changes. It changes regularly
- at 41,000 years. Going from 22-1/2 to 24-1/2 and back. And
- 16 the ice is repeatedly melting and reforming as -- as the
- 17 Earth's spin axis changes. But the other -- so -- so you
- 18 see very nicely this 41,000-year periodicity.
- 19 But in addition, there's a slow cooling over that
- 20 period. And that is believed to be associated with the fact
- 21 that carbon dioxide, greenhouse gases were decreasing over
- 22 this period. And the interesting thing, important thing to
- 23 note about when you go back to this period 3-1/2 million
- 24 years ago, which is the middle Pliocene, as it's called, the
- 25 Earth was 2 to 3 degrees Celsius warmer than it is now, so

- 1 it's a very relevant time to look at, because that's the
- 2 magnitude of global warming that we're expecting if we
- 3 follow business as usual. And it should be noted that at
- 4 that time sea level was about 25 meters higher than it is
- 5 now.
- 6 So 2 to 3 degrees Celsius global warming is really a
- 7 different planet. At that time there was no ice in the
- 8 Arctic Ocean in the warm season, and sea level was
- 9 approximately 80 feet higher than it is now. So it's not --
- 10 that's a magnitude of climate change which we would like to
- 11 avoid given the fact -- I think, given the fact that we have
- 12 such a huge infrastructure around our coastlines and more
- 13 than a billion people living within an elevation of 25
- 14 meters of sea level.
- But let's -- let's go on to the next one. So now --
- 16 Q This -- go ahead. I was just going to ask, does this
- one also relate to climate sensitivity?
- 18 A Well, this -- this is -- this is a repetition of three
- 19 curves that I already showed, but now I've added on to these
- 20 the changes in the last hundred years. And you can see that
- 21 in the last hundred years CO2 and methane have increased far
- 22 outside the range of -- of any of the previous interglacial
- 23 periods. And by the way, I should slightly correct myself,
- 24 because now we can see again the carbon dioxide in the
- 25 previous interglacial periods, and you can see that the

- 1 interglacial period 320,000 years ago or 330,000 years ago,
- 2 the CO2 might have been as high as 300 during that
- 3 interglacial, and that interglacial you can see was warmer
- 4 than the present one.
- 5 Q In terms of radiative forcing, as we sit here today,
- 6 what's the most important greenhouse gas? Is it methane or
- 7 carbon dioxide?
- 8 A Well, carbon dioxide is the most important
- 9 anthropogenically because we're putting so much of it up
- 10 there. On a per-molecule basis, methane is more powerful
- 11 than CO2, but we're -- by 20 or 30 times, but we're putting
- 12 so many more CO2 molecules up there that CO2 is -- is the
- 13 more important. And CO2 is particularly important because
- 14 of its very long lifetime.
- 15 Methane has a lifetime of about 10 to 12 years, but
- 16 CO2, the very interesting, important property of CO2 is that
- 17 although about half of it -- if we put a pulse into the
- 18 atmosphere by burning fossil fuels or whatever, about half
- 19 of that will be taken up by the -- by the ocean and the
- 20 soils within about 25 years. Twenty-five to thirty years.
- 21 But after a century, still a third of it is there. And
- 22 after 500 years still about a quarter is in the atmosphere
- 23 because the CO2 that's taken up by the ocean exerts a back
- 24 pressure on the atmosphere and makes it difficult for the
- 25 remaining carbon dioxide to be taken up by the ocean.

- 1 It can only be taken up after the ocean -- well, some
- 2 of -- some additional can be taken up as the ocean mixes
- 3 down, but -- but still there's a limit -- a significant
- 4 fraction will remain in the atmosphere until the
- 5 sediments -- the carbon dioxide has been deposited in the
- 6 sediments in the ocean, and that requires thousands of
- 7 years.
- 8 And, therefore, CO2 is the one that's of greatest
- 9 concern just because a substantial fraction of it -- I say a
- 10 quarter of it will remain there for an eternity. If I
- 11 define 500 years as an eternity, then about a quarter of it
- 12 stays there that long.
- 13 Q All right. Have you prepared another slide on the
- 14 implications of paleoforcings and their response?
- 15 A Yeah. Could we see the next one? So this just
- 16 summarizes the implications from the paleodata. What we see
- 17 is that the chief mechanisms for these climate changes over
- 18 the last hundreds of thousands of years have been greenhouse
- 19 gases and the ice sheet area, but they've been changing as
- 20 feedbacks to this instigator, which is the Earth orbital
- 21 changes.
- 22 And so what this tells us is that climate on these
- 23 longtime scales is very sensitive to even small forces, and
- 24 now the human-made forcings are much larger than the natural
- 25 forcings that drove the glacial to interglacial climate

- 1 changes. So the bottom line is that humans now control a
- 2 global climate.
- 3 Q Have you also prepared an analysis of global
- 4 temperature change in the industrial era?
- 5 A Yes. So then the logical -- so what we've been looking
- 6 at are really -- in the case of a paleoclimate, is an
- 7 empirical example when we give the system long enough to
- 8 respond. I mentioned at the very beginning that the
- 9 ocean -- because it's four kilometers deep, when you do
- 10 force the system, it takes it time to respond. In fact, we
- 11 can look at the response time.
- 12 In the case of any forcing, whether it's a change in
- 13 the brightness of the sun or whatever, it -- after about 30
- 14 years you have about half of the surface temperature
- 15 response. After 100 years you've got about 75 percent of
- 16 the response. And it takes -- after 500 years you've got
- 17 almost all the response.
- But if we want to look at the effect of changes in
- 19 greenhouse gases now, we have to take account of this finite
- 20 response time of the system. And that's what climate models
- 21 do naturally. Your model includes the atmosphere and the
- 22 ocean and the dynamics of these, and so you get a -- you can
- 23 calculate the temporal response of a transient forcing. And
- 24 we have a pretty good knowledge of the largest forcings over
- 25 the last century.

- 1 This top graph shows several different forcings that
- 2 are occurring -- that have occurred in the last century.
- 3 The large positive one is the increasing greenhouse gases,
- 4 and over the last few decades that has become very large and
- 5 has become the dominant forcing. There are natural forcings
- 6 as well as man-made ones.
- 7 The blue curve that's fluctuating is due to volcanos.
- 8 When a volcano goes off, it sends a lot of sulfur dioxide
- 9 into the stratosphere, and that condenses into sulfuric acid
- 10 droplets, and that would cause colorful sunsets after a
- 11 volcano. But there was a huge one in Krakatau in 1883, and
- 12 then there was Agung in 1963. That was actually the one
- 13 that I studied when I was a senior and a first-year graduate
- 14 student using a telescope outside Iowa city. But there's
- other large volcanos: El Chichon in 1982 and then Pinatubo
- 16 in 1991.
- But anyway, when we use those --
- 18 THE COURT: Mount St. Helen didn't make -- didn't
- 19 make the chart?
- 20 THE WITNESS: No, it didn't. It put almost
- 21 nothing up there. Essentially it was such a disappointment
- 22 from a climate standpoint. It -- Mount St. Helens blew out
- 23 the side of a mountain, but there was very little sulfur in
- 24 the gases that came out of it. Some -- the amount of sulfur
- 25 dioxide that's put into the stratosphere depends on how much

- 1 stuff is blown up and gets into the stratosphere, but also
- 2 depends upon how much of that stuff -- how much sulfur
- 3 dioxide is included in what gets up there, and
- 4 Mount St. Helens was more than 100 times smaller than these
- 5 big volcanos in terms of its sulfuric acid.
- 6 Q So, Dr. Hansen, what's the significance of this chart
- 7 graph for the purpose of analyzing climate change in the
- 8 industrial era?
- 9 A Right. So then if we -- if we use a climate model that
- 10 has a sensitivity of three-quarters of a degree for each
- 11 watt of forcing, then we calculate these temperatures shown
- 12 in the bottom graph, and that can be compared with the
- 13 observed temperature. The observed temperature is the blue
- 14 asterisk connected by a blue line. And you can see that the
- 15 model actually does a good job of simulating the temperature
- 16 over the last hundred years. That gives us some confidence
- 17 in using the same model to just extend the calculations into
- 18 the future and thereby get a measure, an estimate, of what
- 19 the effect will be of future greenhouse gases, future
- 20 increases in greenhouse gases. And so we use both business-
- 21 as-usual scenarios for the future and an alternative
- 22 scenario, and that's shown on the next chart.
- 23 Back up one chart. You went two charts. There. That
- 24 one.
- 25 Yeah. This shows -- again, it -- it starts in 1850 and

- 1 goes up to year 2100. So for the period up to 2005, it's
- 2 using the observed forcings, and then for the future we use
- 3 the IPCC, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,
- 4 their scenarios for the future, which are basically the
- 5 business-as-usual scenarios.
- 6 The dark blue lines are business-as-usual scenarios,
- 7 and that's -- "business as usual" is defined as
- 8 approximately 2 percent per year increases in the amount of
- 9 fossil fuel CO2 emissions, because that's what the increases
- 10 have been in the last decade; and in fact since the 1970s
- 11 the CO2 emissions have been increasing approximately 2
- 12 percent per year.
- 13 So if we continue that rate into the future, we will
- 14 get these scenarios that are called -- like A1B, A1B would
- 15 be the typical business-as-usual scenario. A2 is also
- 16 similar to that for the next half century. But -- and those
- 17 give us global warming of 2 to 3 degrees Celsius by the end
- 18 of the century.
- 19 Q Dr. Hansen, do any of the IPCC scenarios include
- 20 assumptions of legal regulations on greenhouse gases?
- 21 A No. Business-as-usual scenario is what you would
- 22 expect if there were no regulations.
- Now, then I like to contrast that with what I call the
- 24 alternative scenario. The alternative scenario is
- 25 something -- is a scenario that we published in year 2000.

- 1 It was designed to try to keep -- the forcings were designed
- 2 to keep global warming from exceeding about 1 degree Celsius
- 3 in the future, and in order to do that under the assumption
- 4 that climate sensitivity is three-quarters of a degree for
- 5 each watt, you need to keep additional forcing less than
- 6 1-1/2 watts. And so this scenario would have carbon dioxide
- 7 peaking at about 450 or 475 parts per million if you
- 8 decrease methane. But that is a scenario that's
- 9 significantly less carbon dioxide than the common business-
- 10 as-usual scenarios. And we can look at the consequences of
- 11 these different scenarios, which I do on subsequent charts.
- 12 Q Have you attempted to define for the Court in your
- 13 opinion what would constitute dangerous human or
- 14 anthropogenic interference with the climate system?
- 15 A Yeah. I think that's -- that's a central question. In
- 16 fact, that is naturally raised by the Framework Convention
- on Climate Change, which was agreed to by -- in 1992, 15
- 18 years ago, by essentially all nations in the world,
- 19 including the United States. The Framework Convention has
- 20 the objective of stabilizing greenhouse gas emissions at a
- 21 level that would prevent dangerous human-made interference
- 22 with the climate system, and so that's a natural subject,
- 23 therefore, to try to define, Well, what does that mean?
- 24 What is a dangerous level?
- 25 Q Okay.

- 1 A And so that's what we're trying to do as we look at
- 2 these different scenarios. And you have to have some
- 3 criteria for what is dangerous.
- 4 Q Have you attempted to define such criteria?
- 5 A Yes, I have. And the next chart summarizes the
- 6 criteria change -- should be metrics for defining
- 7 "dangerous." The reason -- I think that sea level -- ice
- 8 sheet disintegration should be an important metric because
- 9 it's irreversible. If Greenland or West Antarctic Ice Sheet
- 10 disintegrates, it would take many thousands of years to
- 11 regrow it by any natural process. And so for all practical
- 12 purposes, that's irreversible. And the consequences are so
- 13 dramatic that I think this should be one of the key metrics.
- 14 And also I think that extermination of a species is
- 15 also an important metric because, again, it's irreversible.
- 16 Sometimes called euphemistically reduction in biological
- 17 diversity. But in any case, it's irreversible. And so I
- 18 use that as another metric for dangerous.
- 19 And there are -- but in terms of near-term changes that
- 20 people will feel, the regional climate disruptions are also
- 21 very important. So even though those are not irreversible
- 22 in a strict sense, they're also important, and I think
- 23 they're an important metric to look at, and so I have looked
- 24 at these different metrics.
- 25 Q Do you have slides on all three of these metrics?

- 1 A Yes, I do. This is a --
- 2 Q Is this sea level rise?
- 3 A This is -- no. This is the temperature -- this is
- 4 related to sea level rise, but what it is is the temperature
- 5 in the warm pool. The warmest place on the planet is in the
- 6 western equatorial Pacific Ocean, and that's an extremely
- 7 important region because that region determines the heat
- 8 transport to higher latitudes in the atmosphere and also in
- 9 the ocean. And if you're -- you would like -- what we would
- 10 like to have is a graph of the global temperature change for
- 11 very long periods, but, of course, it's very hard to get a
- 12 global average. But if you're going to measure the
- 13 temperature at one place, this is probably the most
- 14 important place to do it.
- And we do have temperature record here from -- again,
- 16 from ocean cores. And this is the temperature going from
- 17 1.3 million years ago up to the present, and the time scale
- 18 has been expanded on the right side of the graph so you can
- 19 see the present would just be one point if we didn't expand
- 20 that. But you can see that, again, what's happening over
- 21 this entire million years, the temperature is going up and
- down as we're going from one of these ice ages to an
- 23 interglacial period; but what we can see that -- is that the
- 24 present temperature -- in just the last hundred years the
- 25 temperature has increased to a point that we're within less

- 1 than 1 degree of the warmest interglacial period in this
- 2 last 1.3 million years.
- 3 O Celsius?
- 4 A 1 degree Celsius of the warmest. And that's -- that's
- 5 part of the basis for saying we really -- it would be
- 6 dangerous to go to global warming of more than that, because
- 7 we know that some of these interglacial periods were warmer
- 8 than the present one, but at most, not more than a degree
- 9 warmer. And if we stay within that range, it's perhaps less
- 10 dangerous. It's not as dangerous as if we go to 2 or 3
- 11 degrees, because as I mentioned earlier, 2 or 3 degrees
- 12 means you're back at the conditions of the middle Pliocene
- 13 when sea level was 80 feet higher.
- 14 Q What does SST stand for on this chart?
- 15 A Sea surface temperature. And again, that's measured by
- 16 these microscopic animals that live at the sea surface and
- 17 when they die their shells sink to the ocean.
- 18 Q Do you also have some charts dealing with the issue of
- 19 sea level rise?
- 20 A So just one more comment by this. During some of these
- 21 interglacials we have evidence that sea level was a few
- 22 meters higher, so having warming of 1 degree has some -- I'm
- 23 not saying there's no danger associated with that, but at
- 24 least it's not 25 meters.
- 25 Q Twenty-five meters of...?

- 1 A Sea level. So let's go to the next one. Now, the
- 2 reason we've become very concerned about sea level is not
- 3 only looking at these paleoclimate records which tell us
- 4 that warming of a few degrees is going to cause big sea
- 5 level change, but the question is then the speed at which
- 6 ice sheets can disintegrate. That's the big issue. No
- 7 one --
- 8 MR. CLUBOK: Your Honor, I apologize for
- 9 interrupting. I was going to try to not interrupt
- 10 Dr. Hansen. But I do want to -- and I think it's clear for
- 11 the record, but because there were some issues about what we
- 12 did with Daubert before, maybe I just should say it again so
- 13 it's crystal clear.
- 14 We believe there is a Daubert issue with respect
- 15 to Dr. Hansen's testimony as to the 25-meter sea rise. We
- 16 think that's not -- does not satisfy the standards under
- 17 Daubert, and we raised this issue in a -- as you know, in a
- 18 motion in limine, and my understanding was that instead of
- 19 having the Daubert hearing in advance of the trial, we would
- 20 have Dr. Hansen testify, our objection's preserved, and then
- 21 either in the course of the trial or in posttrial briefing
- 22 or whenever we're permitted to present our Daubert evidence,
- 23 we will have that issue heard. That's -- had been my
- 24 understanding, and I just wanted to raise this issue so
- 25 there's not a question that tomorrow we waived our Daubert

- 1 objection somehow.
- THE COURT: You're not waiving your Daubert
- 3 objections.
- 4 That's your understanding; is it not?
- 5 MR. PAWA: I believe they did make a Daubert
- 6 objection. I'm trying to recall exactly how Your Honor
- 7 handled it. If they want to renew it, I suppose they can
- 8 renew it.
- 9 THE COURT: Well, and clearly if there's evidence
- 10 to be introduced during the course of the trial, the
- 11 plaintiff can do that, and there may be supplemental
- 12 briefings on that particular issue.
- MR. PAWA: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.
- MR. CLUBOK: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 16 THE WITNESS: I should perhaps clarify a couple of
- 17 things, then. The -- the 25 meters, I should say that the
- 18 scientific literature indicates 25 plus or minus 10 meters,
- 19 so between 15 and 35 meters. So there is a fairly big bar
- 20 on exactly how sea level -- how high it was during middle
- 21 Pliocene, but it was much higher.
- 22 Now, the issue -- the other aspect of that is,
- 23 well, how long. That's -- and they're really -- although
- 24 the public may have the impression now that there's a big
- 25 disagreement about sea level rise, because, for example, in

- 1 the IPCC report that's coming out this year, the only
- 2 numbers that they mention are only of the order of 20 or 30
- 3 or 40 or 50 centimeters. I don't remember exactly. But
- 4 they specifically decline to give an estimate for
- 5 contribution to sea level from these ice sheets.
- 6 They calculate only the contributions due to
- 7 thermal expansion. As the ocean gets warmer, it expands a
- 8 bit, and the mountain glaciers are melting, and that is
- 9 happening at a very systematic way, which you can estimate
- 10 how much it will continue to happen. But because this
- 11 problem is so difficult as to how long it takes an ice sheet
- 12 to respond to a changed forcing, they have decided not to do
- 13 it in this report. It's going to -- but in fact, they're
- 14 going to say that eventually the sea level rise due to this
- 15 business-as-usual warming will --
- 16 MR. CLUBOK: Objection, Your Honor. I'm -- first
- 17 of all, we're in the midst of a narrative. It's difficult
- 18 somewhat for me to continue to object because it's not the
- 19 normal question-answer format, but I think I'm hearing -- I
- 20 think I'm hearing Dr. Hansen about to testify as to hearsay
- 21 that he expects will be offered --
- 22 THE WITNESS: Okay. I can take back that word. I
- 23 can say what is actually in the report.
- 24 THE COURT: First of all, this, generally
- 25 speaking, is not hearsay if he is relying upon this as the

- 1 basis of his opinion. Are you suggesting -- well --
- 2 MR. CLUBOK: I just want to understand if he's
- 3 saying what's going to be in the new -- there's a difference
- 4 between Dr. Hansen testifying about his opinion and what
- 5 he's relying upon and predicting what he says somebody is
- 6 going to put in a report, which I'm not sure that's --
- 7 THE WITNESS: Okay. I don't need to say anything
- 8 about what -- make any predictions about what people will
- 9 say.
- 10 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I'll just say that there's not a
- 12 disagreement. The people who do not believe that there will
- 13 be a large sea level rise in the next several decades or
- 14 this century do not disagree that there will be a large sea
- 15 level rise. It's just an issue of how long it takes the ice
- 16 sheets to respond.
- 17 In the paleoclimate case, some of the sea level
- 18 changes occurred over millennia. And the models that were
- 19 developed to try to simulate the paleoclimate case respond
- 20 on millennial time scales. But they do not include
- 21 essential physics of the ice sheets that we now recognize
- 22 must be included, and all of the ice sheet experts agree on
- 23 this. They agree they have no model to simulate the
- 24 disintegration of an ice sheet.
- 25 And so that's the reason that IPCC decided not to

- 1 try to give a number. They just don't have a basis for
- 2 doing it. But there's no disagreement that if you had
- 3 global warming a few degrees Celsius, eventually you would
- 4 get very large sea level rises. It's just an issue of how
- 5 long it will take. But now we have evidence that allows us
- 6 to get a better understanding of that, and that's the
- 7 evidence of -- from measurements being made in the last few
- 8 decades, and especially in the last few years.
- 9 This particular chart shows the area with summer
- 10 melt on Greenland, and the two maps show the area with
- 11 summer map in 1992 and in 2002. The red area is where there
- 12 was meltwater on the ice sheet during those summers. And
- 13 that's observed from satellites. And it -- it fluctuates
- 14 from year to year, but it has generally been increasing.
- 15 And in year 2005 it was even larger than in 2002.
- 16 And could I have the next chart? The effect of --
- 17 so this is a photo of meltwater on Greenland. The meltwater
- 18 in general does not run off the edge of the ice sheet into
- 19 the ocean. It -- it finds the lowest spot and it burrows a
- 20 hole through the base of the ice sheet, and this is one of
- 21 those holes where meltwater is rushing down the hole.
- 22 And -- could I have the next chart? The effect of
- 23 this meltwater is to lubricate the base of the ice sheet,
- 24 and it speeds up this discharge of giant icebergs to the
- 25 ocean. This is the largest ice stream on Greenland, and the

- 1 flux of icebergs out that ice stream has doubled in the last
- 2 five years.
- 3 Could I have the next chart, please? And there
- 4 have been the uncertainty about what is actually happening
- 5 to the mass of Greenland, because as the planet gets warmer,
- 6 it has been argued by some people, correctly, that the
- 7 atmosphere contains more water vapor and, therefore, you'll
- 8 get more snowfall in the center of the ice sheet and it will
- 9 grow faster. So you've got two competing processes:
- 10 Increased melting and discharge of icebergs, but also
- 11 increased growth of the center of the ice sheet.
- 12 Q Is there -- is there --
- 13 A Now --
- 14 Q Is there evidence with respect to which of those
- 15 processes is greater?
- 16 A Well, that -- that's what's shown, in fact, by this
- 17 chart. Because this -- we now have this spectacular
- 18 satellite called GRACE. It's a gravity satellite. It
- 19 measures the gravitational field of the Earth with such
- 20 precision that you can see changes in the mass of the
- 21 Greenland ice sheet and the Antarctic ice sheet. And that's
- 22 what's shown on this graph.
- 23 Each year -- it goes up during the winter as the added
- 24 snowfall makes the Greenland ice sheet heavier, and then
- 25 during the summer the melting reduces the mass of the ice

- 1 sheet. But there is a downward trend over this period, and
- 2 there's now one year additional data. But it shows an
- 3 average loss of about 150 cubic kilometers of ice per year.
- 4 So Greenland is, in fact, melting. It is losing mass
- 5 at a rate of about 150 cubic kilometers. And Antarctica --
- 6 I don't remember the next chart --
- 7 Q 150 -- let me interrupt. 150 cubic kilometers per...?
- 8 A Per year.
- 9 Q And do you have additional empirical evidence with
- 10 respect to what's happening on Greenland, Dr. Hansen?
- 11 A Yes. Could I refresh my -- oh, yes. This is actually
- 12 an important point. There -- there are seismometers located
- 13 all around the world. These are used to detect and
- 14 measure -- to detect earthquakes and measure the strength of
- 15 the earthquakes in Richter units. And what has been found
- 16 is that earthquakes are beginning to occur on Greenland, and
- 17 their number is increasing.
- 18 This bar chart shows that in 1993 there were six or
- 19 seven, I believe seven, earthquakes on Greenland; and by
- 20 1999 it had doubled to 14; and by 2005 it had doubled again.
- 21 What these earthquakes are caused by is a chunk of the
- 22 ice -- ice sheet will surge forward downslope toward the
- 23 ocean, and then it grinds to a halt on the solid land, and
- 24 that registers as an earthquake. And the number of these
- 25 earthquakes is increasing, and it's of concern to

- 1 glaciologists and anyone who's concerned about sea level
- 2 because it indicates that, you know, it's consistent with a
- 3 nonlinear process where the ice sheet is becoming less
- 4 stable.
- 5 Could I have the next chart? This is just to
- 6 illustrate why we don't want -- if we go to 3 degrees
- 7 warming and then get the equilibrium response, however long
- 8 that takes, it would mean the entire East Coast of the
- 9 United States would be underwater and almost all of Florida.
- 10 About 50 million people live in this area of the United
- 11 States, but there are even more in places like Bangladesh,
- 12 where the entire nation -- practically the entire nation
- 13 would be underwater. And 250 million people in China. So
- 14 it's not a -- obviously it's not a situation that we could
- 15 adapt to. It would be a tremendous change.
- 16 Could I have the next chart.
- 17 THE COURT: This is on the assumption that the
- 18 rise in sea level is 25 meters.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Yeah.
- 20 Q Have you prepared a chart with respect to --
- 21 summarizing your conclusions on sea level rise?
- 22 A Yes. I think that's the next one. Yeah. Yeah. Well,
- 23 so this question -- the scientific issue now, which we're --
- 24 is of great concern and which is a very difficult problem
- 25 because -- the reason it's difficult is this is what I would

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- 1 call a nonlinear problem, because there are multiple
- 2 positive feedbacks. So if it reaches a point, it may
- 3 disintegrate rapidly, and we know that this has happened.
- 4 If we look at the history of the Earth, if we look -- if
- 5 going from the last ice age, which peaked 18,000 years ago,
- 6 to the current interglacial, there were times -- there was
- 7 one time -- it's called Meltwater Pulse 1A. About 14,000
- 8 years ago, sea level went up about 20 meters in 400 years.
- 9 So that's about 1 meter every 20 years.
- 10 So when ice sheets disintegrate --
- 11 Q I'm just going to move the mic a little closer to you.
- 12 A When ice sheets disintegrate, they -- they can
- 13 disintegrate quite rapidly. Now, that ice sheet was the one
- 14 on Canada which was at somewhat lower latitude than the
- 15 Greenland ice sheet or the Antarctic ice sheet. But the
- 16 forcing that drove that ice sheet disintegration was much
- 17 smaller than what we're talking about with the human-made
- 18 forcing.
- 19 THE COURT: But there comes a point at which -- I
- 20 think you referred to this as your tipping point, or is the
- 21 tip -- I shouldn't say "yours." Is the tipping point theory
- 22 that you come to a certain point, then all of a sudden the
- 23 changes become --
- 24 THE WITNESS: Become --
- 25 THE COURT: -- dramatically more rapid?

- 1 THE WITNESS: -- out of control. Right.
- 2 THE COURT: And how do you know where that point
- 3 is, when that point arrives --
- 4 THE WITNESS: Yeah. That's the hard problem.
- 5 THE COURT: -- how predictable it is?
- 6 THE WITNESS: Well, that's the hard problem.
- 7 That's why I argue that if we keep the warm -- the original
- 8 thought behind the alternative scenario was, well, if we
- 9 keep warming less than 1 degree, we probably don't pass the
- 10 tipping point for the kind of sea level rise that we had in
- 11 the middle Pliocene, because we know from these previous
- 12 interglacial periods some of them were warmer than the
- 13 present. And by perhaps almost 1 degree. And we didn't get
- 14 25-meter sea level rise. There were -- there was sea level
- 15 rise, maybe even 5 meters. It's hard to measure it to that
- 16 accuracy. But they're where the warmest interglacial sea
- 17 level was higher.
- But if the system is aiming to go just a few
- 19 meters higher, then I can imagine that the time that it
- 20 takes to get there is going to be longer, and you may not
- 21 get multiple-meter sea level rise in the next century, but
- 22 if it's aiming to go 25 meters higher, if the forcing is
- 23 enough that it's going to eventually cause a 25-meter-high
- 24 sea level rise, then I think that you would get multiple
- 25 meters in the next century given the evidence that we have

- 1 for changes already beginning to occur.
- 2 And by the way, I showed maps for Greenland, but
- 3 the ice sheet that I think is of greatest concern is the
- 4 West Antarctic Ice Sheet, because the West Antarctic Ice
- 5 Sheet is sitting on bedrock several hundred meters below sea
- 6 level; so the ocean comes in direct contact with part of the
- 7 West Antarctic Ice Sheet, and the -- there are ice shelves
- 8 which -- which go out from the West Antarctic Ice Sheet down
- 9 on the solid surface beneath sea level; but those ice
- 10 shelves are now melting at a rate of several meters per
- 11 year, and if -- I think there's a great danger that this
- 12 West Antarctic Ice Sheet, we could pass the tipping point.
- 13 And West Antarctica has about seven meters of sea
- 14 level in it, so I think it is -- in terms of the list of
- 15 metrics for what constitutes dangerous, that's at the top of
- 16 my list, because I think -- I'm even beginning to wonder if
- 17 1 degree Celsius is not -- is not dangerous on a long enough
- 18 time scale. It's unclear to me whether 1 degree Celsius
- 19 would not be dangerous itself. But 2 or 3 degrees Celsius
- 20 is a quarantee for disaster.
- 21 THE COURT: Well, let me just make sure that I
- 22 understand your testimony before you go off into the West
- 23 Antarctic Ice Sheet. If there's an increase of 2 to 3
- 24 Celsius by the end of the century, your anticipation is that
- 25 there would be a 25-meter rise in the sea level, but then

- 1 you suggested that into the next century beyond that you
- 2 could reach the tipping point after the 25 --
- 3 THE WITNESS: No.
- 4 THE COURT: -- meters?
- 5 THE WITNESS: No, no. I'm sorry I was unclear.
- 6 THE COURT: Is the tipping point that sometime in
- 7 advance of the 25 meters which results in --
- 8 THE WITNESS: Results in the 25.
- 9 THE COURT: -- the 25 meters?
- 10 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Okay. The tipping point,
- 11 that's the point. Some scientists say, Well, we've already
- 12 reached the tipping point. I don't -- I don't -- I don't
- 13 think that's true, but I think we're getting very close.
- 14 THE COURT: By "tipping point" do you mean you get
- 15 to a certain threshold and from that point on there's
- 16 nothing that you really can do to stop the rapid increase in
- 17 the -- the rapid rise in the sea level?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Yeah. The way I define a tipping
- 19 point is you reach -- it's a point in the climate trajectory
- 20 at which very little, if any, additional forcing is needed
- 21 for substantial changes to occur. The dynamics of the
- 22 system will carry you to substantial change with very little
- 23 additional forcing, if any.
- 24 Q Dr. Hansen, is there evidence in the paleoclimate
- 25 record for abrupt climate changes like these?

- 1 A Yes. I mentioned the one, Meltwater Pulse 1A, but
- 2 that's just one. That's just one example. There are
- 3 other -- there are multiple cases. In fact, the earliest
- 4 graphs that I showed you, if you remember, the temperature
- 5 change would go up very rapidly, and then it would take
- 6 longer to go down. Well, the going up rapidly could be a
- 7 few thousand years.
- 8 This is 400,000 years or longer on that diagram. So --
- 9 but within -- but the changes are huge over that few
- 10 thousand years. You know, 100 meters of sea level rise.
- 11 And the time scale for that response is roughly the time
- 12 scale of the orbital change. So the time scale for the
- 13 response is -- in that record is not dictated by an inherent
- 14 time scale of an ice sheet to respond but, rather, it's
- dictated by the time scale of the forcing, in my opinion.
- 16 But in any case, we can say that there are multiple
- 17 cases in the Earth's history at which sea level has gone up
- 18 at these rates of several meters per century. So it can
- 19 occur, and it has occurred many times in the past, and the
- 20 forcings that drove those changes were smaller than the
- 21 forcing we're talking about if we follow business as usual.
- 22 So I think business as usual is extremely dangerous.
- 23 Q Dr. Hansen, do you have an opinion as to whether or not
- 24 there is a risk of abrupt climate change in the 21st century
- 25 as a result of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions?

- 1 A Yes. I think -- and the risk that I'm most concerned
- 2 about is the one that we've been talking about the last half
- 3 hour, sea level rise, but other -- other -- there are other
- 4 issues. For example --
- 5 Q Let me ask you this. Is it possible to define the
- 6 level of risk with precision?
- 7 A When we're talking about nonlinear problems where you
- 8 have multiple positive feedbacks where you're worried about
- 9 reaching tipping points, it's very difficult to predict when
- 10 you will hit a very rapid response. It's not so difficult
- 11 to predict that they will occur.
- 12 In fact, I would -- as I've written in an article
- 13 that's about to be published, I consider it virtually
- 14 certain. I think I -- at least in the draft I used the
- 15 phrase it's a lead pipe cinch. If you go to 2 or 3 degrees
- 16 Celsius, you're going to get large, sudden, rather rapid sea
- 17 level rises. It's a question of when you're going to get
- 18 them. That's very difficult to say. The nonlinear process,
- 19 as I say, is difficult to predict when things collapse, but
- 20 it's not difficult to say that they will.
- 21 Q Is that known as a climate surprise?
- 22 A Well, it may -- I don't know if I would call it a
- 23 climate surprise. That phrase is used, but surprise would
- 24 mean something that you don't expect, and in my case it's
- 25 something I would expect.

- 1 Q Have you also prepared an opinion with respect to the
- 2 risks of species extinction as a result of anthropogenic
- 3 global warming?
- 4 A Yes. I think it's good that we say a little bit about
- 5 that, also, if I could have the next chart, because -- well,
- 6 yeah. Okay. Let's talk about species, because again, this
- 7 is irreversible. Plants and animals can live within certain
- 8 climatic zones. As you know, you don't plant in your yard
- 9 something which you know will not survive. That's why you
- 10 have handbooks that tell you where -- which zones a given
- 11 tree can survive in, and likewise animals can live within
- 12 certain climatic zones.
- 13 Now, extinctions are occurring relatively rapidly now
- 14 because of stresses, mostly human-caused stresses, but
- 15 climate change is an -- is an additional stress which is
- 16 beginning to also affect species, and all biologists -- and
- 17 as reflected in the upcoming IPCC report, the climate change
- 18 that's projected with business as usual will become a major
- 19 factor in causing extinction of a significant fraction of
- 20 species on the planet, because -- plants and animals will
- 21 attempt to migrate as climate changes, and there have been
- 22 studies in the last ten years which show that -- that
- 23 migrations are occurring at a rate of, on average, about 6
- 24 kilometers per decade.
- 25 But a given temperature line is now moving poleward at

- 1 a rate of about 50 to 60 kilometers per decade in land
- 2 areas. So it's moving -- the zones are moving more rapidly
- 3 than migrations are occurring, and also now many species are
- 4 confined to specific reserves or because humans have taken
- 5 over so much of the planet. And the -- so far this rapid
- 6 movement of isotherms has been occurring for just 30 years
- 7 now. The last 30 years. Most of the global warming has
- 8 occurred in just the last 30 years. And so the total
- 9 movement of an -- has been smaller than the size of a
- 10 climatic zone that a species can exist in.
- 11 So in that case it doesn't threaten the survival of the
- 12 species, but as this -- if we follow business as usual, this
- 13 rate of migration of a given temperature line or isotherm
- 14 will be as much as twice as large by the end of the century.
- 15 And, of course, it will then be a cumulative over such a
- 16 long period, so it would mean -- that's the basic reason for
- 17 why we expect there would be stress on many species and many
- 18 extinctions.
- 19 And if I could see the next chart. This is an example
- 20 of a particular one. Well, the same thing -- isotherms in
- 21 addition to moving poleward also move upward, so this is an
- 22 example of a Mt. Graham red squirrel which exists on just
- 23 one mountaintop in Arizona. These are so-called islands in
- 24 the sky. It's a desert, but these mountains have green --
- 25 green areas on them, and the Mt. Graham red squirrel was

- 1 identified as a threatened species a decade or so ago.
- 2 Its number had been increasing up to more than 500, but
- 3 one of the regional effects of global warming is that
- 4 subtropical regions are becoming hotter and drier, and so --
- 5 and the western, southwest United States is included in
- 6 subtropic, so that that region -- one of the consequences of
- 7 becoming hotter and drier is there are more fires and
- 8 stronger fires, and the -- so then there have been fires on
- 9 this Mt. Graham, and so the lower portions that were green
- 10 are now not recovering. It's just too hot. So the climate
- 11 has changed and those forests are not coming back. So now
- 12 the Mt. Graham red squirrel is down to about a hundred
- 13 squirrels.
- But -- but it's an example of what we're doing is
- 15 pushing -- there are biologically diverse regions in the
- 16 slopes and on the mountains, and what we're doing is pushing
- 17 off the top of the mountain the species that live in -- in
- 18 those regions, just as -- if I could have the next chart.
- 19 Just as we are pushing off the planet those species that
- 20 live at the high latitudes if we cause all the ice to melt
- 21 in the Arctic, for example.
- 22 And as I say, when -- during the middle Pliocene when
- 23 it was 2 to 3 degrees warmer there was no sea ice in the
- 24 summer in the Arctic, so there are many species that would
- 25 be threatened by global warming at the high latitudes.

- 1 Q What is the current scientific consensus on the future
- 2 of the Arctic Ocean in the summertime as the century
- 3 progresses, Dr. Hansen?
- 4 A Well, I think now they've come to the realization which
- 5 we had already inferred from the U.S. history that 2 or 3
- 6 degrees Celsius means the loss of all ice in the warm season
- 7 in the Arctic, all sea ice, and so that -- I mean, that's a
- 8 huge change.
- 9 Q Have you also prepared some slides dealing with the
- 10 issue of regional climate change, Dr. Hansen?
- 11 A Yes. I think I have one or two charts on that. Yeah.
- 12 The one thing which is now agreed, for quite a few years all
- 13 we could say was that, well, as the planet gets warmer, the
- 14 effect on regional will be an increase in the extremes,
- 15 because we know that increased heating of the surface tends
- 16 to increase evaporation if you have water to evaporate.
- 17 So over the oceans, you obviously get more evaporation.
- 18 But -- and so therefore the total rainfall increases, and
- 19 the most extreme -- because the atmosphere contains more
- 20 moisture, the most extreme rain events are heavier. But in
- 21 those places and times when it's dry, the increased heating
- 22 makes the dry conditions more extreme. So you get more
- 23 extreme droughts.
- But now in addition to just that general statement, we
- 25 can say all of the -- all of the models agree that there's

- 1 an intensification of the climatic patterns of the rainfall
- 2 belt in the tropics and the dry subtropical regions on both
- 3 sides of the tropics, that these will become more intense.
- 4 The atmosphere becomes more stable in the subtropics.
- 5 So that in the western United States and in the
- 6 Mediterranean region and parts of Africa and much of
- 7 Australia, you will get more intense dry conditions, and
- 8 again, the history -- the paleoclimate data does show that
- 9 when the Earth has been warmer, the western United States
- 10 has had more intense droughts. Even superdrought
- 11 conditions.
- 12 So that -- that's the kind of thing which you would
- 13 expect this type of regional climate change, and this is
- 14 particularly important for the water supply. So places --
- 15 and the melting of the ice in the mountains, the Andes and
- 16 in the Himalayas and in the western United States, will
- 17 reduce the runoff from the ice and snow in the summertime.
- 18 So it's going to make a longer, drier summer. So it's going
- 19 to affect the water supply for a very large number of people
- 20 on the planet if we go to business as usual.
- 21 Q Do you also expect there will be changes in
- 22 precipitation on a regional basis, Dr. Hansen?
- 23 A Yeah. So that's really what this is addressing, that
- 24 we can say something about an increase in the rainfall in
- 25 the tropical rain belt and the rainfall events at middle

- 1 latitudes will tend to be more intense. So instead of
- 2 having a hundred-year flood every -- once a hundred years,
- 3 you may have a few of them per a hundred years.
- 4 Q Do you have another slide on this topic, Dr. Hansen?
- 5 A I'm not sure. Let's go to the next one. Okay. So
- 6 this is just a summary of what I've just said. So I think
- 7 that -- I think that's the last one on the regional.
- 8 Q All right. Have you done a comparison of the
- 9 alternative scenario you described earlier in the business-
- 10 as-usual scenario?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Have you prepared charts on that topic, as well,
- 13 Dr. Hansen?
- 14 A Yes. I think that I did. Can you show me -- yeah.
- 15 Okay. Now, this -- this is -- this shows the annual
- 16 increase in carbon dioxide beginning 1850 up to the present
- 17 and projected for the next 50 years to year 2050, at least.
- 18 And the annual increase was less than 1 part per million
- 19 when Dave Keeling began his measurements in 1958, but you
- 20 can see that by the present it's now 2 parts per million.
- 21 Each year the amount of CO2 is going up approximately 2
- 22 parts per million. It fluctuates from year to year because
- 23 of the sinks. The ocean and -- and biosphere take up part
- of the anthropogenic emissions, and that sink fluctuates
- 25 from year to year. But on the average the increase is now

- 1 about 2 parts per million per year.
- 2 If we follow business as usual, it will go up to about
- 3 4 parts per million per year by the middle of the century.
- 4 That's what would imply, then, a global warming of about 3
- 5 degrees Celsius by the end of the century.
- If we want to follow the alternative scenario, we've
- 7 got to get CO2 growth to begin to decline, and this scenario
- 8 was defined in an attempt to be something that's plausible.
- 9 So we have it decreasing from what at the time, in the late
- 10 1990s, when we defined this, was 1.7 PPM per year,
- 11 decreasing to 1.3 PPM by the middle of the century, and then
- 12 decreasing more sharply so that by year 2100 CO2 stopped
- 13 increasing. That would be stabilizing atmospheric
- 14 composition as the Framework Convention and all countries in
- 15 the world have agreed we need to do, and this would be
- 16 stabilizing it at a level of 475 parts per million.
- And this, then, leads to a global warming of about
- 18 8/10ths of a degree Celsius if climate sensitivity is 3
- 19 degrees for doubled CO2 or three-quarters of a degree for
- 20 each watt. So this was -- so that's the sort of scenario
- 21 that we would need to follow if we want to keep global
- 22 warming less than 1 degree Celsius.
- 23 Could I have the next chart? Now, in the real world
- 24 what is happening is that CO2 is -- the emissions are
- 25 continuing to get greater each year. Between the end of

- 1 World War II and 1970s, the increase was about almost 5
- 2 percent a year, and it was in lockstep with economic growth.
- 3 We used 5 percent more energy to get 5 percent more product.
- 4 Beginning in 1973, after the Arab oil embargo, there
- 5 began to be efforts at energy efficiency, and it's
- 6 particularly relevant, there's a significant increase in
- 7 vehicle efficiencies. They approximately doubled because of
- 8 regulations that were put in effect after the Arab oil
- 9 embargo in the 1970s. And as a result, because of that,
- 10 economic growth continued at a rate similar to what it had
- 11 been before, but CO2 emissions, their rate of growth
- 12 decreased to a little less than 2 percent per year.
- Problem is, and now 2 percent per year is what is
- 14 business as usual and, unfortunately, that's going to give
- 15 us a different planet. And so we've got to figure out a way
- 16 to go from 2 percent per year growth to some path in which
- 17 we're getting some decrease in the annual emissions of CO2
- 18 to the atmosphere.
- 19 Q In formulating your opinion, Dr. Hansen, have you
- 20 analogized this problem to the destruction of the ozone
- 21 layer --
- 22 A Yeah. I think that's a useful comparison to -- because
- 23 what needs to be done now is very similar to what was
- 24 successfully done in the case of the ozone depletion.
- 25 Now, you may remember that in the -- this is actually

- 1 what got me out of planetary atmospheres and into the
- 2 Earth's atmosphere was the realization in the 1970s that
- 3 humans were putting chemicals into the atmosphere that were
- 4 going to have a big effect on both the atmospheric chemistry
- 5 and the atmosphere's -- and the Earth's climate.
- 6 Could I have the next chart, please? And those
- 7 chemicals were chlorofluorocarbons. It was realized in 1973
- 8 when Sherry Rowland and Mario Molina reported that these
- 9 chemicals, CFCs, could destroy stratospheric ozone and that
- 10 would -- if we destroyed stratospheric ozone, then
- 11 ultraviolet light would get to the Earth's surface, and it's
- 12 very harmful to life, so that was a concern; and when they
- 13 reported that, there was a prompt response.
- 14 Chlorofluorocarbon production had been increasing
- 15 exponentially at about 8 to 10 percent per year up until
- 16 1973; and when that was realized, there was a halt in making
- 17 any new factories to make chlorofluorocarbons. They
- 18 continued to produce them at approximately the same rate,
- 19 but they didn't make any new factories.
- 20 And then a decade later it was realized the ozone hole
- 21 was discovered. And so then they said, Wow, this is not a
- 22 theory. This is real. It's happening, and if we continue
- 23 to make chlorofluorocarbons, we're going to destroy the
- 24 ozone layer. So there was -- Montreal protocol was agreed
- 25 upon.

- 1 That protocol had a relatively quick phaseout of
- 2 chlorofluorocarbon production in the developed world. It
- 3 put no restrictions on the developing world for ten years,
- 4 because the developing world was just starting to make
- 5 refrigerators, and they felt they had the right to have
- 6 refrigerators because we had them in the West. So there was
- 7 no restriction for ten years on the developing countries.
- 8 And then after ten years they had -- they agreed that after
- 9 ten years they would begin to do the same phaseout, and with
- 10 the help -- with technological assistance from the developed
- 11 world. And they did that, and you can see from these curves
- 12 that chlorofluorocarbon production has declined by no more
- 13 than a factor of 10.
- It's -- it's -- this is a success story where the
- 15 problem was identified and the communities in the world
- 16 agreed to solve it, and it was done in a way that was felt
- 17 that was fair to developing countries as well as developed
- 18 countries.
- 19 Q And with this in mind, Dr. Hansen --
- 20 A And this was -- this was the analogy on which I
- 21 designed the alternative scenario. So the idea on the
- 22 alternative scenario was to flatten things out or get a
- 23 slow, moderate decrease over the next several decades and
- 24 then with new technologies to get more rapid decrease later
- 25 in the century, and that's -- if I can have the next chart

- 1 to remind me what it is.
- 2 Oh, and that's -- the interesting thing is that that's
- 3 exactly what the proposed improvements in vehicle
- 4 efficiencies would do for U.S. vehicle emissions.
- 5 This graph is one that I made with summer students in
- 6 which we took the National Research Council report for
- 7 vehicle efficiencies -- the recommendations contained in the
- 8 National Research Council report about five years ago for
- 9 what vehicle efficiencies were practical with existing
- 10 technology, and we took not the most extreme improvements
- 11 that they said were possible but those which would basically
- 12 pay for themselves depending on the assumed price for the --
- 13 for oil, but with those -- if those were phased in by --
- 14 over a 10-year period, the NRC recommendations, then what we
- 15 find is that instead -- with the expected growth in vehicle
- 16 number that is assumed to continue to grow rapidly, those
- 17 improvements in the reduction in the amount of CO2 emissions
- 18 per vehicle bring it -- actually cause a moderate decrease
- 19 in the total emissions despite the increasing number of
- 20 vehicles.
- 21 And that decrease continues for a few decades without
- 22 any further improvements in vehicle performance.
- 23 Conveniently by the time you get to 2040, then it starts to
- 24 go back up again, because the number of vehicles is getting
- 25 so large. But in reality, you would expect there would be

- 1 additional improvements in technology before 2040. So you
- 2 can --
- 3 THE COURT: Let me just interrupt for a second,
- 4 Doctor.
- 5 It is a little bit past 3 o'clock. Do you have
- 6 much --
- 7 THE WITNESS: I think we're just about finished.
- 8 Only one or two more charts.
- 9 MR. PAWA: There's only one or two more slides.
- 10 Then I'm going to have just a few more questions and a few
- 11 peer-reviewed articles to show him.
- 12 THE COURT: Okay. Well, let's take our break.
- 13 We've gone a little bit longer than usual. So let's take a
- 14 break at this point. Fifteen minutes. Then come back at
- 15 that point.
- MR. WYNN: Your Honor, could I be heard for one
- 17 moment, please?
- 18 THE COURT: About what?
- 19 MR. WYNN: I'm sorry, Your Honor. But just in
- 20 light of this morning's revelations with respect to Mr. --
- 21 Professor Patterson, I wanted to -- we're citing the case of
- 22 Goose versus Gander. The defendants have been in contact
- 23 with emeritus professor Mark Ross, who's also at the
- 24 University of Michigan and I believe is a colleague of
- 25 Dr. Patterson's, who has a long history in the analysis of

- 1 emissions in vehicles and the creation and improvement of
- 2 the model of fuel use. Your Honor will doubtless recall
- 3 that Mr. Duleep indicated to Mr. Drake that if --
- 4 THE COURT: Walk down the hall.
- 5 MR. WYNN: Walk down the hall.
- THE COURT: Go walk down the hall.
- 7 MR. WYNN: Dr. Ross is happy to come here. He
- 8 will be available for deposition on Monday afternoon, and he
- 9 will testify very briefly, hopefully, on Tuesday. I will be
- 10 in contact with Mr. Drake as soon as I get e-mail access and
- 11 send all the appropriate documentation.
- 12 THE COURT: Well, maybe we should all go to
- 13 Michigan.
- MR. WYNN: It sounds fun to me, Your Honor.
- MR. CLUBOK: Your Honor, we would stipulate to
- 16 that. And we could drive there.
- MR. WYNN: In fact, Your Honor --
- 18 THE COURT: In a minivan.
- 19 MR. CLUBOK: In a minivan. We will save a lot of
- 20 fuel if you pack into one. It's so much better than flying.
- 21 THE COURT: That's fine.
- 22 MR. WYNN: In fact, thank you, Your Honor, but
- 23 just in fact, when we're talking about things like that,
- 24 perhaps the way to deal with this issue best given our time
- 25 constraints would be if Dr. Patterson would put in a

- 1 declaration about his opinion about -- about Mr. Duleep's
- 2 method and Dr. Ross could do the same. We can deal with it
- 3 that way.
- 4 THE COURT: You might want to do that or you might
- 5 want to do it in deposition and submit the depositions,
- 6 because you're both coming fairly close to the deadline.
- 7 MR. WYNN: Your Honor, Mr. Kline couldn't have
- 8 been more clear about that with me just a few minutes ago.
- 9 THE COURT: Anyway, but that can be an agreement
- 10 between the two of you if you want to make that agreement.
- 11 If not, we'll hear their testimony. Okay.
- 12 MR. WYNN: I'm sure we'll work together. Thank
- 13 you, Your Honor.
- 14 MR. CLUBOK: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 15 (A recess was taken.)
- 16 THE COURT: Okay. Before we actually start, I've
- 17 asked that a pro se letter that was sent to the Court be
- 18 delivered to both sides. I have not read the letter, but
- 19 I'm told that the applicant, who's a pro se person, wants to
- 20 address the Court on the issues.
- 21 MR. HEMLEY: If it comes out of their time, it's
- 22 all right with us.
- 23 THE COURT: I'm also told there's a unique part of
- 24 Vermont.
- 25 MR. PAWA: We will not be seeking to depose this

- 1 person, Your Honor.
- 2 THE COURT: Okay. But I want to say that it has
- 3 been docketed as a motion because it came in the form of a
- 4 motion from a pro se person, and I have not reviewed it
- 5 because it has some argument, and so I've told everyone not
- 6 to tell me what's in it other than the fact that there was a
- 7 request for an opportunity to speak. And obviously the
- 8 Court's view is you can't just have people come in and
- 9 speak, and so I would be inclined to decline the offer of
- 10 the pro se person coming in to speak. In fact, I would --
- 11 unless one of the parties called her to testify, then that
- 12 opportunity is not available to her. Okay?
- 13 All right. Dr. Hansen, you want to return to the
- 14 stand?
- 15 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 16 THE COURT: Good afternoon.
- 17 BY MR. PAWA:
- 18 Q Dr. Hansen, we're running short on time. I'll ask you
- 19 to try to help us conserve time, if you would, please.
- 20 We're going to direct you back to the slide on U.S.
- 21 auto and light truck emissions, which was 34. And I believe
- 22 you were in the process of testifying on this slide. And if
- 23 you could summarize the significance of this and
- 24 particularly related to the AB 1493 regulation and emissions
- 25 reductions under that regime.

- 1 A Yes. As I mentioned, the reductions in emissions that
- 2 we chose were based on the NRC report, but not specifically
- 3 on California, but -- in fact, they're closely related.
- 4 These are actually slightly weaker. This is about 10
- 5 percent less reduction than California. So this shows that
- 6 the California type of reductions would indeed move us off
- 7 the path of business-as-usual vehicle emissions on to a path
- 8 consistent with what I call the alternative scenario.
- 9 Q Have you also prepared a chart with respect to the
- 10 historical emissions of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere?
- 11 A Yes. I believe my next chart is that. The point of
- 12 this is that there's much -- the pie chart on the left shows
- 13 that China is now almost as large as the United States in
- 14 current emissions; and so it's often implied that China is
- 15 equally responsible, but because of the fact that a large
- 16 fraction of the CO2 stays in the air for an eternity, more
- 17 than 500 years, the climate effect is proportional to the
- 18 cumulative emissions, and in that case the pie chart on the
- 19 right shows that the United States is responsible for well
- 20 over three times more than any other country. So it does
- 21 make sense. And we will continue to be primarily
- 22 responsible for many decades even after China passes us. So
- 23 it does make sense for us to reduce our emissions analogous
- 24 to the way we worked in the case of the ozone problem and
- 25 the chlorofluorocarbons.

- 1 Q Have you prepared a summary slide to summarize your
- 2 testimony today?
- 3 A Yes. That's the final slide. And the basic point is
- 4 that the technology exists to take us on a path consistent
- 5 with this alternative scenario and keeping global warming
- 6 under 1 degree Celsius. The next couple of decades could be
- 7 with existing technology. We'll need, obviously -- for the
- 8 stronger reductions later, we will need additional
- 9 technologies, but we need to make use of what we have now to
- 10 get on to a path that is consistent with keeping global
- 11 warming in a range that has a chance of avoiding these
- 12 dangerous climate effects.
- 13 And that does remind me, I should have also said in the
- 14 case of species extinctions that it's not just the evidence
- 15 from changes that are occurring now in the particular
- 16 species that I mentioned, but looking at the history of the
- 17 Earth, we -- there have been five or six global warming
- 18 events comparable or somewhat larger than the global warming
- 19 that's predicted for the end of the 21st century, and those
- 20 global warming events resulted in extinction of a majority
- 21 of species on the planet. So it's not just a theoretical.
- 22 We have evidence that large global warming will result in --
- 23 in large extinctions.
- 24 So the -- the -- my -- but my bottom point is that the
- 25 action is needed now, because even another decade of

- 1 business as usual, 2 percent per year compounded for another
- 2 ten years would put us at 35 percent more emissions in 2015
- 3 than in the year 2000. That will put us 35 to 40 percent
- 4 above this alternative scenario, and then it becomes
- 5 impractical to get down to the alternative scenario because
- 6 that would imply that you had in place the infrastructure
- 7 producing that 35.
- 8 That would imply that you would have in place the
- 9 infrastructure, power plants and vehicles, producing that
- 10 emission at that rate. So that's why even a decade delay is
- 11 a huge difference on the feasibility of the alternative
- 12 scenario.
- 13 Q Dr. Hansen, is there a clear scientific consensus with
- 14 respect to human beings causing global warming now?
- 15 A Yes, there is now. Twenty years ago that wasn't true,
- 16 but now there is a clear consensus, yes.
- 17 Q And the clear consensus is...?
- 18 A That there is -- that there is global warming, yes, and
- 19 it is --
- 20 Q And it's caused primarily by...?
- 21 A And it's caused primarily by increasing greenhouse
- 22 gases.
- 23 Q And those come from...?
- 24 A And those come primarily from fossil fuel burning with
- 25 carbon dioxide being by far the largest contributor.

- 1 Q Is there also a clear scientific consensus as to the
- 2 issue of whether or not global warming already has begun to
- 3 change the planet?
- 4 A There is -- again, I would say there is a clear
- 5 consensus on that, yes, it is.
- 6 Q And is there a clear scientific consensus as to the
- 7 issue of whether or not the level of warming in the future
- 8 will be related to the level of greenhouse gas emissions?
- 9 A Yeah. There is a clear relationship between the
- 10 magnitude of the increases in greenhouse gases and the
- 11 expected warming.
- 12 Q And is it also true in the converse, that if you have
- 13 less emissions, you would have less warming?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 $\,$ Q $\,$ Is it true that any emissions reductions would have an
- 16 effect on radiative forcing?
- 17 A Yes. That is a very straightforward thing independent
- 18 of noise in the system. The forcing will be less if the
- 19 gases are less.
- 20 Q Is that true whether or not you can actually measure
- 21 the amount of radiative forcing with current technology?
- 22 A Yes. That's -- yes. Yes. There's a very clear
- 23 relationship. The physics is straightforward.
- 24 Q Will the AB 1493 regulations, if implemented by the
- 25 approximately dozen states that have adopted it, solve the

- 1 global warming problem?
- 2 A It's not going to stop global warming, no. It will
- 3 have a reduction in the forcing, but by itself it will not
- 4 solve the problem.
- 5 Q Did the emissions reductions of chlorofluorocarbons by
- 6 the developed countries solve the ozone layer problem?
- 7 A The emissions reductions prevented us from going on a
- 8 path which would have had chlorofluorocarbons actually
- 9 exceeding carbon dioxide within a decade in terms of the
- 10 largest climate forcing, so it made a huge difference, but
- 11 it has not completely solved the problem yet. The ozone has
- 12 not recovered, but it has -- the reduction in ozone has
- 13 stopped increasing, and we -- and it's fitting with the
- 14 model so that we can see over the next few decades the
- 15 problem will be solved.
- 16 Q What are the scientific reasons with respect to the
- 17 issue of global warming that the emissions reductions in
- 18 your opinion, if it is your opinion, from the AB 1493
- 19 regulations are scientifically important?
- 20 A Well, I think that was what I was showing in terms of
- 21 the rates of change that we need to achieve in order to get
- 22 on a different path. This regulation is very consistent
- 23 with that. So I -- I think it's -- it makes enormous sense,
- 24 and I showed quantitatively that it is of the magnitude
- 25 that's needed to make a difference on the time scale of the

- 1 next couple of decades. On a longer time scale you're going
- 2 to need stronger reductions.
- 3 Q What significance, if any, is there of the AB 1493
- 4 regulations with respect to the issue of abrupt climate
- 5 change?
- 6 A It's -- the discussion that we had a little earlier
- 7 about tipping points is relevant to this. It's difficult to
- 8 say, when you've passed tipping point, when you will cause
- 9 positive feedbacks to cause an increasing response that in
- 10 the case of some of these phenomena becomes out of your
- 11 control, and that -- it's hard to say what is the straw that
- 12 breaks the camel's back.
- 13 Q Will the AB 1493 regulations, in your opinion,
- 14 contribute at some level to a reduction in risk of
- 15 approaching and/or passing a tipping point?
- 16 A Sure. Even by themselves they make a difference, but
- 17 they're likely to have a bigger effect on reductions in
- 18 other parts of the United States and eventually, because our
- 19 technology is related to what the rest of the world is going
- 20 to use, it -- I would expect it would have a much bigger
- 21 effect on the long run.
- 22 Q How much are we paying you for your time today,
- 23 Dr. Hansen?
- 24 A Nothing.
- 25 Q How much have we paid you in the past for your time,

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- 1 Dr. Hansen?
- 2 A Nothing.
- 3 MR. PAWA: The Court's indulgence?
- 4 THE COURT: Yes.
- 5 MR. PAWA: Your Honor, at this point our only
- 6 further questioning for Dr. Hansen would be to hand him some
- 7 exhibits which plaintiffs' counsel has stipulated to the
- 8 admissibility of on the understanding these are all peer-
- 9 reviewed journals, which we are representing to the Court
- 10 that they are, and I'd just like to ask him if they reflect
- 11 that his opinions as expressed here today have found their
- 12 way into the peer-reviewed journals.
- 13 THE COURT: All right.
- 14 MR. PAWA: And the originals go to? You. Thank
- 15 you.
- 16 Q Dr. Hansen, I've handed you a series of exhibits, and
- 17 without going into any of the details, do these exhibits
- 18 reflect your opinions as expressed today being included in
- 19 peer-reviewed scientific literature?
- 20 A Yes. All of these are relevant to the discussions
- 21 we've had in the last two hours.
- 22 MR. PAWA: We'd move to have them admitted, Your
- 23 Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: All right. This is 2281, 82, 83, 84,
- 25 87, 90, 91, and 92?

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- 1 MR. PAWA: Yes, Your Honor.
- 2 THE COURT: Okay. Any objection?
- 3 MR. CLUBOK: Your Honor, the documents themselves
- 4 are hearsay. It's one thing for them to be marked as
- 5 Dr. Hansen recognizing they are the collection of peer-
- 6 reviewed journals that support his opinion, and that's --
- 7 that's one thing to have them identified as such. To
- 8 actually be admitted into evidence as substantive evidence I
- 9 think would violate the rules of hearsay.
- 10 THE COURT: Well, depending upon whether in fact
- 11 he is relying upon the contents in some particular way.
- MR. CLUBOK: Oh, he --
- 13 THE COURT: But that wasn't established. And
- 14 these are -- many of these are articles written by him.
- MR. PAWA: We're offering them only -- only for
- 16 the purpose of establishing that some of his opinions as
- 17 expressed here today are included in the peer-reviewed
- 18 literature.
- 19 THE COURT: Oh, okay. So they're not being
- 20 offered to prove the truth of the matter; they're being
- 21 offered to corroborate the fact that his opinions today are
- 22 in peer review literature for that limited purpose --
- MR. PAWA: Precisely.
- 24 THE COURT: -- that's nonhearsay.
- 25 MR. CLUBOK: Well, actually, as I think about it,

- 1 the concern I have is -- first of all, that we have a
- 2 collection of documents with no linkage, I believe, to the
- 3 opinions; so now to rebut this, I suppose we're going to
- 4 have to go through, try to interpret which of these
- 5 documents match which of the opinions. I have some issues
- 6 with this.
- 7 THE COURT: Well, I must have missed this. I
- 8 thought there was a stipulation.
- 9 MR. PAWA: I thought so, too.
- 10 MR. CLUBOK: Well, I'm sorry. I had
- 11 misunderstood. I had misunderstood. I thought that -- I
- 12 thought I was being handed a collection of Dr. Hansen's
- 13 papers that Dr. Hansen was just going to testify about and
- 14 just say that this represents his own work in support of his
- 15 testimony, so I'm sorry, but I misunderstood that. I now
- 16 see there's different --
- 17 THE COURT: Well, there's one article here which
- 18 is not by Dr. Hansen, I believe. That's the last one.
- 19 2287.
- 20 MR. CLUBOK: Perhaps just for -- the only thing
- 21 that would be helpful is if these are -- this is all just
- 22 one mass collection of documents that I'm not sure how they
- 23 connect to any part of his testimony. If that little bit of
- 24 foundation could be laid so we have some guidepost to know
- 25 how they link up, that would be helpful.

- 1 THE COURT: Well, all right. Just to move this
- 2 along, you are not introducing these for the -- the
- 3 truthfulness or the reliability of what is included within
- 4 the documents; you're introducing this to support his
- 5 credibility as a witness; that is, he's written articles
- 6 which are peer-reviewed and these are examples of that and
- 7 this is specifically what you're offering these for?
- 8 MR. PAWA: Yes.
- 9 THE COURT: Is that right?
- MR. PAWA: Yes. And there's a few that are not by
- 11 him that also reflect the kinds of opinions he's offering
- 12 are in the peer-reviewed literature.
- 13 THE COURT: Okay. All right. So he's essentially
- 14 not relying upon these; it's just that his view is
- 15 consistent with other peer review journal articles.
- MR. PAWA: Yes, Your Honor.
- 17 THE COURT: Is that right?
- MR. PAWA: Yes, Your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: Okay. That's for a very limited
- 20 purpose. I don't -- I don't -- this is not a hearsay
- 21 purpose, and it's not going to be taken for that particular
- 22 point. If you attack the credibility of the witness in any
- 23 particular way, then they certainly have the opportunity to
- 24 introduce other articles which are consistent with his
- opinion, clearly; and maybe we're one or two steps ahead,

- 1 but if you impeach his credibility as a witness, then they
- 2 have certainly the right -- or his opinion as a witness,
- 3 then they certainly have the right to introduce articles
- 4 which are consistent, but that's -- you know, that's if
- 5 you're going to do that.
- 6 MR. CLUBOK: Well, right. I think we're -- first
- 7 of all, I think these articles may or may not be relevant to
- 8 the Daubert challenge, so I can see them being cited in
- 9 connection with whatever procedure the Court permits in
- 10 terms of addressing the Daubert issues, and I certainly --
- 11 THE COURT: Can I just cite that? If you're going
- 12 to raise a Daubert issue in regard to any particular witness
- or you're going to raise a Daubert issue in regard to any
- 14 witness, then during the course of the trial, during the
- 15 course of your cross-examination, you establish the point
- 16 that you want to make in regard to that particular portion
- 17 of the testimony that you're contesting, and then there will
- 18 be supplemental briefing at the end and then the Court will
- 19 have to make a separate ruling, whether it's incorporated
- 20 within the final ruling or a separate ruling on the Daubert
- 21 issue. If you're going to call it a Daubert issue.
- 22 If you're going to call it just it's not as much
- 23 reliability, don't give it much weight, then, you know, I
- 24 wouldn't go through that analysis. But if you're going to
- 25 raise an issue to exclude a portion of the testimony, then

- 1 you have to establish that on cross-examination or on your
- 2 own witness and then supplement it with briefings after the
- 3 evidence has been closed, and then I have to make a separate
- 4 ruling. That's the most logical way of going forward.
- Now, any disagreement with that process?
- 6 MR. PAWA: No, Your Honor.
- 7 MR. CLUBOK: That's fine. That's perfect.
- 8 MR. PAWA: I'm also reminded I need to move into
- 9 evidence the demonstratives.
- 10 THE COURT: All right. Okay.
- MR. PAWA: Which we do now.
- MR. CLUBOK: But maybe Your Honor ruled and I
- 13 missed it. On these articles --
- 14 THE COURT: I haven't ruled on that yet.
- MR. CLUBOK: Okay. I didn't know if --
- 16 THE COURT: You didn't miss it.
- 17 MR. CLUBOK: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: Because it didn't happen.
- 19 MR. CLUBOK: Okay.
- 20 THE COURT: So --
- 21 MR. CLUBOK: Are we still discussing that or --
- 22 THE COURT: We are discussing that, but Mr. Pawa
- 23 wanted to make sure that he didn't forget before he went
- 24 back to his seat that he had -- that he had not introduced
- 25 the demonstratives.

- 1 MR. CLUBOK: Okay. Which should I address?
- 2 THE COURT: The first one.
- 3 MR. CLUBOK: Okay.
- 4 THE COURT: That is, these -- these articles.
- 5 MR. CLUBOK: Okay. We would object -- I certainly
- 6 object to the articles just being introduced in a collection
- 7 en masse without any foundation linking up these articles to
- 8 any specific thing that Dr. Hansen said. It puts the burden
- 9 on us to spend I'm not sure how much time trying to parse
- 10 through what relevance these articles have.
- 11 If what Mr. Pawa and Dr. Hansen are saying is
- 12 here's a collection of articles, you agree with every single
- word in all of these articles and these are being offered to
- 14 show that these peer-reviewed articles are consistent with
- 15 the opinions you've offered, purely for Daubert purposes but
- 16 not for the truth of the matter asserted, I think that
- 17 covers our range of issues with this.
- 18 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Well, to
- 19 short-circuit this issue, Dr. Hansen testified at the very
- 20 beginning that he wrote peer review articles, and to the
- 21 extent that 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2 -- I think that's it,
- 22 for peer review articles that he wrote, to the extent that
- 23 that supports his testimony, it's relevant for that purpose.
- 24 It's not relevant for what he said here, but it's relevant
- 25 for that particular purpose.

- 1 Now, I'm going to reserve judgment in regard to
- 2 the other exhibits, because if there's some question about
- 3 the reliability of his testimony, you then are proffering
- 4 these peer review articles as corroborative of his opinions;
- 5 then they become relevant. But right now they're not
- 6 technically relevant. Or if there's a Daubert issue, then
- 7 obviously these become relevant, as well.
- 8 So I'll reserve judgment on 2287, 2290, 2291, and
- 9 2292. And in regard to the -- the series of demonstratives,
- 10 technically I've already reviewed them, so technically
- 11 they're already into evidence, but is there any objection to
- 12 these particular exhibits?
- 13 MR. CLUBOK: Yes, Your Honor. If we could have
- 14 just -- could you put up Slide 35. I want to follow Your
- 15 Honor's instructions.
- 16 I don't have objections to most of the slides as
- 17 reflective of Dr. Hansen's testimony, but with respect to
- 18 Slide 35, if that could be put back up. His summary. Maybe
- 19 it's Slide 36. The one that had his two opinions, summaries
- 20 at the end.
- 21 THE COURT: You're asking -- you're objecting to
- 22 the summary. Is there still time --
- 23 MR. CLUBOK: Here. This, Your Honor. Just to
- 24 clarify our Daubert issue so it's crystal clear, the second
- 25 bullet point, that's part of our Daubert challenge, the idea

- 1 that essentially it's part of Dr. Hansen's abrupt climate
- 2 change theory, which we do not think is generally accepted
- 3 in the scientific community and would pass the standard of
- 4 Daubert.
- 5 Second -- the first slide, however, the first
- 6 opinion is one that Dr. Hansen has not even been qualified
- 7 in any way to address whether or not the alternative
- 8 scenario, which involves massive change in technology -- I'm
- 9 not sure even if this alternative scenario is limited to AB
- 10 1493 and Dr. Hansen is trying to say that he's saying it's
- 11 feasible, which of course is a subject for technical experts
- 12 and not something that Dr. Hansen could possibly opine on,
- or if that opinion is supposed to mean that his entire
- 14 alternative scenario, of which AB 1493 or the like is one
- 15 part, it is a whole new, entirely different kind of opinion.
- 16 THE COURT: Okay. After every expert witness that
- 17 have been presented by the plaintiff and the defendant,
- 18 there has been at the very end a summary, and technically it
- 19 is just a summary of what the person did, and I would
- 20 suppose that each party is presenting that just as a
- 21 capsuling of the argument that is made and for no relevant
- 22 evidentiary purpose. In other words, I don't turn to this
- 23 and say this particular piece of scientific analysis upon
- 24 which I can rely. It is merely just a tool that the sides
- 25 are being -- are using, and I, quite frankly, could have

- 1 said at the very beginning, you know, you don't need to put
- 2 in the tool. I mean, I've heard it. But it seems to me
- 3 that it's -- you know, it's okay for the parties to put in
- 4 this little summarizing tool. That's what basically this
- 5 is.
- 6 I -- I appreciate the fact that in addition to a
- 7 summary tool there is a little bit beyond that in this
- 8 particular document, "action needed now." Perhaps that's an
- 9 argument of some sort, but I really don't think I'm going to
- 10 be relying upon this. Anyway --
- 11 MR. CLUBOK: Your Honor, I'm sorry. It's my fault
- 12 I'm not being clear. I don't have an issue with the
- 13 argument. I don't have an issue with the summary of --
- 14 slides that summarize his opinion. That's not the concern
- 15 at all.
- 16 There's two different opinions that are basically
- 17 reflected here. The second one is a summary of the opinion
- 18 for which we're reserving our Daubert challenge, and
- 19 pursuant to the Court's instructions I'm trying to make that
- 20 clear. The first bullet point, though, is something that I
- 21 did not jump up and object to because it was at the very
- 22 end, it was one of the last things that Dr. Hansen said, and
- 23 I wanted to be polite and to not jump up right in the middle
- 24 of his sentence; but I want to make it clear, Dr. Hansen
- 25 slipped in an argument that said essentially it's

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- 1 technologically feasible -- or one might take it that way,
- 2 and that's the only thing -- just to preserve the record and
- 3 make it crystal clear, we do not think that Dr. Hansen in
- 4 any way has been qualified to testify about the feasibility.
- 5 THE COURT: I agree that he is not qualified as an
- 6 expert to talk about the feasibility of the various
- 7 technologies. I mean, to make this relevant to this
- 8 argument, though, is different. He's talking about his
- 9 alternative scenario in general. He's not talking about the
- 10 technological issues. I agree that when he talked about the
- 11 technological issues of car manufacturers, that that was
- 12 beyond his expertise. I don't think he would recognize -- I
- 13 think he recognizes he's not an expert in turbocharging and
- 14 the effects upon fuel economy standards.
- MR. PAWA: They can't depose Duleep again.
- 16 THE COURT: Okay. And I appreciate -- your
- 17 argument is reserved, obviously, on that particular issue.
- 18 MR. CLUBOK: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: But as far as this individual document
- 20 which is talking about the alternative scenario that he
- 21 described, in regard to climate change anyway, it is
- 22 admissible.
- In regard to the other demonstratives, any
- 24 objection?
- 25 MR. CLUBOK: I'm sorry, Your Honor. No. The rest

- 1 of them as reflective of his testimony, we have no
- 2 objection.
- 3 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Thank you,
- 4 Mr. Pawa.
- 5 I think we go to cross-examination.
- 6 (Defendant's Exhibits 2281-2287 and 2292 were
- 7 received in evidence.)
- 8 MR. CLUBOK: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 9 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. CLUBOK:
- 11 Q Good afternoon, Dr. Hansen. Dr. Hansen, I try my best
- 12 not to interrupt -- or I kept my interruptions at a minimum
- 13 while you were providing that information, and I'm just
- 14 going to ask at the outset -- I think you've probably gotten
- 15 the sense that all the parties are at this point pressed for
- 16 time, and if I ask you a question and there's any way that
- 17 you can just answer it yes or no, even if you want to
- 18 explain the reason, if you would do me the favor of saving
- 19 the explanation for Mr. Pawa to the extent that he wants to
- 20 elicit the explanation. Is that acceptable?
- 21 A Sure.
- 22 Q Thank you very much. Now, Dr. Hansen, is it -- is it
- 23 your understanding that most, if not all, of the general
- 24 circulation models or the global climate models or the GCMs
- 25 that you were speaking about, is it your understanding that

- 1 most, if not all, project that with a climate warming,
- 2 snowfall over Antarctica as a whole will increase?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Thank you.
- 5 A I think all of them would.
- 6 Q Thank you. And in fact, there are some projections by
- 7 experts which say that Antarctica is going to gain ice even
- 8 if there's global warming; isn't that true?
- 9 A It's true, but not with credible models.
- 10 Q Okay. And again, Dr. Hansen, if -- if you can answer
- 11 my questions yes or no, even if you then want to explain the
- 12 answer, I would really appreciate it if you'd hold off on
- 13 that for Mr. Pawa, okay?
- MR. PAWA: Your Honor, we object to the
- 15 instruction. To the extent he needs to clarify to have an
- 16 intelligent answer, he should be able to do so, even if it's
- 17 succinctly.
- 18 THE COURT: Well, the general rule is if it calls
- 19 for a yes-or-no answer in a leading cross-examination
- 20 question, you should respond yes or no; or if you can't
- 21 answer that completely and honestly, then you can say, "I
- 22 can't answer that." In which case there can be further
- 23 exploration by either counsel.
- MR. CLUBOK: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 25 THE WITNESS: What if the -- could I ask for

- 1 clarification?
- THE COURT: Yes. Sure.
- 3 THE WITNESS: What if the answer yes or no leads
- 4 to a very misleading impression?
- 5 THE COURT: Well --
- 6 THE WITNESS: A good example would be just the
- 7 prior question, because the models that he refers to do not
- 8 include the physics relevant to ice sheet disintegration and
- 9 sea level; so it's really an irrelevant question that he
- 10 asked, but when I say yes, it sounds like I'm agreeing with
- 11 what he says -- what he's implying.
- 12 THE COURT: Then I would guess that the answer to
- 13 that kind of question is that you can't respond in a yes-or-
- 14 no way --
- THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 16 THE COURT: -- without further explanation.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 18 BY MR. CLUBOK:
- 19 Q That's a truthful answer, you can't respond yes or no
- 20 to the question.
- Is there some projections by some experts that
- 22 Antarctica is going to gain ice in a global warming? Can
- you answer that truthfully yes or no?
- 24 A By "some experts," I could answer that and say yes,
- 25 there probably are some experts.

- 1 Q Thank you. And that would cause either a decrease in
- 2 the sea level or at least a slowing of the rate of increase
- 3 in the sea level, correct?
- 4 A Again, I -- the -- I can -- I can answer that. It
- 5 would -- directly, but it would be misleading; but if in
- 6 fact someone claimed that when the world gets warmer ice
- 7 sheets get bigger, then, sure, sea level would go down.
- 8 It's an implausible scenario, but --
- 9 MR. CLUBOK: Can I play Clip 15, please?
- 10 Actually, can I play Clip 14 and then Clip 15.
- 11 [Video clip of deposition of James E. Hansen,
- 12 Ph.D., played as follows:
- Q. Is there some projections --]
- 14 MR. CLUBOK: Page 211, Line 14 to --
- 15 (Interruption by the reporter.)
- 16 MR. PAWA: Is there a question pending with this
- 17 clip?
- 18 THE COURT: There is not a question pending.
- 19 MR. CLUBOK: I'm going to use this to impeach
- 20 Dr. Hansen's claim that he can't just give a yes-or-no
- 21 answer truthfully under oath. I have no doubt that there's
- 22 many explanations that Mr. Pawa could elicit. I have no
- 23 doubt that he is very skilled at arguing relevance. I have
- 24 no doubt that he could do all kinds of things. I'm hopeful
- 25 that if he's capable of, under oath, answering a question

- 1 the way he answered it in a deposition, that I could just
- 2 get that answer; and if he wants to explain further, I
- 3 presume Mr. Pawa will elicit it.
- 4 So could we play Clips 14 and 15, please.
- 5 [Video clip of deposition of James E. Hansen,
- 6 Ph.D., played as follows:
- 7 Q. Is there some projections by some experts that
- 8 Antarctica is going to gain ice in a global warming?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And that would cause either a decrease in the sea
- 11 level or at least a slowing of the rate of increase in the
- 12 sea level?
- 13 A. Right.
- 14 Q. Correct?
- 15 A. Right, right.]
- 16 BY MR. CLUBOK:
- 17 Q Dr. Hansen, to the extent that you are capable of
- 18 answering a question under oath in your deposition without
- 19 at that point explaining further, could you please to that
- 20 extent just answer yes or no while I ask questions and any
- 21 explanations --
- 22 A Well, I already -- I already answered that.
- 23 Q Okay.
- 24 A And in fact, I've written a paper in which I discuss
- 25 the model which has the ice sheets growing as the Earth gets

- 1 warmer, and, you know, it -- and I point out the flaws in
- 2 the model for why it gets that answer.
- 3 Q Dr. Hansen, you are familiar -- we talk about the
- 4 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, or the IPCC,
- 5 correct?
- 6 A Could you repeat that?
- 7 Q You're familiar with the Intergovernmental --
- 8 A Sure. Yes, I am.
- 9 Q -- Panel on Climate Change?
- 10 A Yes, of course.
- 11 O Or the IPCC?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And the IPCC is a group -- basically is a group of
- 14 scientists who work together under the United Nations to
- 15 provide the best summary of the status of our knowledge
- 16 regarding climate change, correct?
- 17 A Yes. You could say that, yes.
- 18 Q Thank you. And the IPCC basically takes all the
- 19 different views and -- first of all, they report the
- 20 consensus mainstream opinion, correct?
- 21 A No.
- 22 Q Okay.
- 23 A I just have a letter --
- 24 Q That's okay. That's okay, Dr. Hansen. That's all the
- 25 answer I need is yes or no.

- 1 MR. CLUBOK: Could I play Clip 17, please.
- 2 [Video clip of deposition of James E. Hansen,
- 3 Ph.D., played as follows:
- Q. And what they do is they take all of these
- 5 different views and they report the consensus mainstream
- 6 position, correct?
- 7 MR PAWA: Objection.
- 8 A. Yeah.]
- 9 MR. BOOKBINDER: I'm sorry. Could we get page and
- 10 line numbers?
- 11 MR. CLUBOK: Yes, but could I have one attorney at
- 12 a time objecting if at all possible?
- 13 THE COURT: Let's move this along. You want to
- 14 give them the page and line number?
- 15 MR. CLUBOK: I'm sorry. Page 119, 4 to 7.
- 16 BY MR. CLUBOK:
- 17 Q Okay. I asked that question and you gave that answer
- 18 at the deposition; is that correct?
- 19 A What answer did I give?
- 20 O "Yeah."
- 21 A Yeah. And could I explain why I said something
- 22 different?
- 23 Q Well, Mr. Pawa will give you the opportunity to explain
- 24 with a question.
- MR. CLUBOK: Thank you.

- 1 THE COURT: Okay.
- 2 Q And, sir, you are familiar with the 2001 IPCC report
- 3 regarding the prediction for change in sea level by 2100,
- 4 correct?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 $\,$ Q $\,$ And in addition -- and by the way, the IPCC reported a
- 7 range of predictions, not just the consensus mainstream or
- 8 best estimate but entire range of predictions; isn't that
- 9 true?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q And the range of predictions reported in 2001 on the
- 12 IPCC for predicting change in sea level by 2100 was at that
- 13 time a maximum of 88 centimeters; isn't that true?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q And there's a more recent, though, 2007 IPCC report,
- 16 correct?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And that's the one you were saying is not out yet but
- 19 you have a sense of what they're going to say?
- 20 A Well, in fact, the relevant thing on sea level is
- 21 already out, I believe.
- 22 Q Okay. And so you're familiar with the relevant
- 23 position in the 2007 IPCC report on sea level, and isn't
- 24 that true that now the range of predicted centimeter
- 25 increase in the sea level by the consensus mainstream

- 1 position is 59 centimeters by the year 2100, correct?
- 2 A No. That's very misleading, because now they
- 3 explicitly say that that does not include the contribution
- 4 from the ice sheets, which is what we've been talking about
- 5 today.
- 6 Q Okay. But what they do say is taking that out of the
- 7 equation, the maximum predicted change in sea level --
- 8 actually, the predicted change ranges from 18 centimeters to
- 9 59 centimeters taking out the ice sheet melting issue --
- 10 A Right.
- 11 0 -- correct?
- 12 A Right. Right.
- 13 Q And in fact, in 2001, by the way, what was the scenario
- 14 AlB prediction best estimate for global temperature change
- 15 by 2100? Are you familiar with that?
- 16 A I don't know exactly.
- 17 Q I'm going to hand you what's been marked as Plaintiff's
- 18 Exhibit 1237 it's the Summary for Policymakers from the
- 19 2001 IPCC report and ask if you recognize that document,
- 20 sir, Plaintiff's Exhibit 1237.
- 21 A Yeah, I've seen this before.
- 22 Q Okay. And you are familiar that in 2001, if I can
- 23 refer you to -- I'm sorry. If I can refer you to Page 12 --
- 24 I'm sorry, Page 14 of 1237, isn't it true that under
- 25 scenario A1B the consensus best estimate was an increase in

- 1 global temperature of 3.0 degrees?
- 2 A Yeah, I think that's right.
- 3 Q Okay. And you say you've seen the 2007 IPCC prediction
- 4 that reflects newer information. Isn't it true that that
- 5 same -- the same scenario, A1B, with respect to the
- 6 prediction for temperature increase, global temperature
- 7 increase by 2100, has decreased since the prediction from
- 8 2001?
- 9 A I -- I don't know that, but I'd be willing to take your
- 10 word for it. I'm sure that's available.
- 11 Q Oh, okay. You haven't looked into that before
- 12 testifying here today?
- 13 A No.
- 14 Q Okay. I'm going to hand you what's been marked as
- 15 Plaintiff's Exhibit 1197. This would be the Summary for
- 16 Policymakers 2007, and I believe this report just came out
- maybe within the last few days; is that correct?
- 18 A I -- again, I'm not certain when it came out.
- 19 Q Okay. But a draft has been circulating for months,
- 20 correct?
- 21 A Yeah. That's right.
- 22 Q And you had reviewed that before you came to testify
- 23 here today, correct?
- 24 A No.
- 25 Q Oh. Okay. Well, then, does it surprise you to learn

- 1 that the predictions now for scenario AlB, the mainstream
- 2 consensus opinion, has decreased -- the projected increase
- 3 in global warming was lower now than it was in 2001; does
- 4 that surprise you?
- 5 A No, it wouldn't surprise me that it changes one
- 6 direction or the other.
- 7 Q Okay. And in fact, it changed pretty significantly,
- 8 correct?
- 9 A I don't know. Which graph is it?
- 10 Q Well, that's okay. We'll maybe refer to that later.
- 11 Now, sir, with respect to the glacial issue, the ice
- 12 sheet melting, isn't it true, sir, that you can't point to
- 13 a --
- 14 A Wait. I think we should look at -- you asked about
- 15 AlB. It's hard to see because these are in black and white
- 16 and all the curves are the same, but it looks like A1B goes
- 17 up to 2.8 degrees. So you're complaining about the change
- 18 from 3 to 2.8?
- 19 Q Yeah.
- 20 A Oh. Okay.
- 21 Q Isn't that a significant change in the projected
- 22 temperature increase?
- 23 A No. Not -- it depends on how you define "significant,"
- 24 but compared to -- I mean, whether 2.8 or 3 degrees, either
- one's a different planet than what we're on now.

- 1 Q Okay. But the difference between 2.8 and 3 is not
- 2 significant, in your opinion?
- 3 A No. No.
- 4 Q Okay.
- 5 A The uncertainties are certainly larger than .2.
- 6 Q All right. Sir, with respect to -- getting back to the
- 7 ice sheet melting issue, you -- you're not a glaciologist,
- 8 correct?
- 9 A No, I'm not.
- 10 Q And in fact, you are not even familiar with the models
- 11 that have -- the results of the models that have attempted
- 12 to model behavior of Antarctica in the 21st century,
- 13 correct?
- 14 A There are no models that contain the relevant physics
- 15 that you could use for that problem.
- 16 Q Okay. But there have been some models, and you're not
- 17 familiar with the results of the models that exist today,
- 18 correct?
- 19 A I'm not familiar with great detail about them. I'm
- 20 familiar with the results in a qualitative, semiquantitative
- 21 way.
- 22 Q Okay. Fair to say you're just not really familiar with
- 23 the results of the models; is that fair?
- 24 A I'm familiar to the extent that's relevant to this
- 25 discussion.

- 1 MR. CLUBOK: Okay. Can we play Clip No. 1,
- 2 please. I'm sorry, Page 73, Line 22.
- 3 [Video clip of deposition of James E. Hansen,
- 4 Ph.D., played as follows:
- 5 Q. Are you familiar with whether or not scientists
- 6 have attempted to model the behavior of Antarctica in the
- 7 21st century?
- 8 A. I'm familiar -- I -- I'm sure that there are
- 9 scientists who have attempted to do that.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. I'm not familiar with the results of their models.
- 12 Q. Okay.]
- 13 BY MR. CLUBOK:
- 14 Q All right, sir. By the way, the IPCC did not ask you
- 15 to contribute your views on projected changes in sea level
- 16 in the next hundred years for their most recent report; is
- 17 that correct?
- 18 A I don't know. I mean, I was asked to do a number of
- 19 things for IPCC, but I did not get involved in the IPCC
- 20 report-writing.
- 21 Q Well, in fact, you would have been very surprised if
- 22 they would have asked you with respect to sea level changes
- 23 because you've not done -- you've not provided any model
- 24 simulations that relate to that, correct?
- 25 A That's right.

- 1 Q Okay. And in fact, you don't know how to calculate ice
- 2 sheet disintegration with the current knowledge, correct?
- 3 A You know, actually, let's go back to that previous
- 4 question, because actually, I was the first one to point out
- 5 in late 1970s the effect of thermal expansion of the ocean
- 6 on causing sea level rise, and that's the one thing they did
- 7 include, so actually my background is relevant to the
- 8 question of sea level rise. The part that they addressed.
- 9 Q You're saying you would have been very surprised if
- 10 they had asked you?
- 11 A Oh, I would not have been very surprised, because --
- 12 Q That's okay.
- 13 MR. CLUBOK: Let's play Clip 2, if we can. This
- 14 is Page 111, Line 11.
- 15 [Video clip of deposition of James E. Hansen,
- 16 Ph.D., played as follows:
- Q. And you don't know whether you're a contributing
- 18 author with respect to specifically the chapter dealing on
- 19 sea level increase?
- 20 A. I think in that case I would be very surprised if I
- 21 were because I have not -- that -- the model simulations
- 22 that I provided to them did not include sea level change
- 23 because I -- I don't know how to calculate ice sheet
- 24 disintegration with our current -- current knowledge.]
- 25 THE WITNESS: Now, what I just referred to was the

- 1 other part of the problem, the thermal expansion, which as I
- 2 mentioned, I was the first one to do it.
- 3 BY MR. CLUBOK:
- 4 Q All right.
- 5 A So there are two different parts to this problem.
- 6 Q Okay. But regardless, you're not listed as an
- 7 author -- you're not --
- 8 A Right.
- 9 Q -- a contributing author --
- 10 A Right.
- 11 Q -- to the 2007 report on sea level change, true?
- 12 A Right. That's right.
- 13 Q All right. And in fact, now, you say, though, that the
- 14 greatest rate of change in sea level during the period from
- 15 the last ice age to the present interglacial occurred about
- 16 14,000 years ago. Correct?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And that -- that was near the end of a major
- 19 continental glaciation, wasn't it?
- 20 A The glaciation, yes.
- 21 Q Thank you. And basically what that means is the world
- 22 was covered in ice, there was glaciers everywhere, in
- 23 particular North America, like the United States and Canada,
- I think you mentioned, in Europe, I think, too, all covered
- 25 in ice. At some point much of that ice melted, which has

- 1 led to what we now call an interglaciation period where
- 2 there's no ice in North America, at least, correct?
- 3 Basically in laymen's terms did I get that right?
- 4 A Yeah. That's fine.
- 5 $\,$ Q $\,$ Okay. And that -- that rate of sea level that you have
- 6 said that existed back then, you said that it would, in your
- 7 opinion, about 20 meters per -- over a span of 400 years of
- 8 sea level rise?
- 9 A Yeah.
- 10 Q And that was during the process of the disintegration
- 11 of Laurentide ice sheet, correct?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q That was the ice sheet that used to cover all of North
- 14 America, correct?
- 15 A No. Not all of North America. It covered Canada and
- 16 reached into some northern parts of the United States.
- 17 $\,$ Q $\,$ Fair enough. But the planet at the time looked very
- 18 different with the ice sheets over North America and
- 19 northern Europe, correct?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Now, sir, we are now in an interglacial period today,
- 22 correct?
- 23 A Right.
- 24 Q And is there any literature -- any peer-reviewed
- 25 literature that you're aware of that reports a change in sea

- 1 level during interglacial periods of approximately 5 meters
- 2 over a hundred-year period?
- 3 A I don't think so. There's not -- as far as --
- 4 Q Okay. Thank you.
- 5 A -- I'm aware, there is not.
- 6 Q How about any literature that you're aware of that
- 7 reports a change in sea level during an interglacial period
- 8 of as much as 4 meters over a hundred-year period?
- 9 A There are papers -- I think you had asked me about this
- 10 before, and I referred you to one by Thompson and Goldstein
- 11 which found -- which estimated changes of several meters
- 12 during what they called suborbital periods, including both
- 13 glacial and interglacial times. So I don't -- they don't --
- 14 they cannot put an exact -- it's very hard -- as you recall
- in my testimony, when we talk -- we're not even sure if 5
- 16 meters was the sea level rise during the interglacials or
- 17 whether it was 3 meters. So if you ask me five or is it
- 18 four, well, I can't distinguish between those.
- 19 Q Okay. I understand you can't, sir. I'm asking if any
- 20 of that peer-reviewed literature you've read -- I think
- 21 you've listed thousands of articles as references. I'm just
- 22 wondering, Are you familiar with any peer-reviewed
- 23 literature that reports a change in sea level during the
- 24 interglacial period of as much as 4 meters over a
- 25 hundred-year period? Any -- any literature that reports

- 1 that?
- 2 A Well, I can't quote any literature here, no.
- 3 Q Okay. And you're not -- and I asked you this question
- 4 months and months ago during your deposition, correct?
- 5 A You asked questions along that line, yeah.
- 6 Q In fact, this precise question, right?
- 7 A That could be.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A I don't remember.
- 10 Q And that was actually at your first deposition. Then
- 11 there was a second deposition where you mentioned that
- 12 Thompson paper that you've just raised today to Ms. Bennett,
- 13 I think, correct?
- 14 A Um-hum.
- 15 Q But other than that Thompson paper, you found no
- 16 literature that related to this subject, correct?
- 17 A I didn't go back and pursue that, but I've actually
- 18 received comments that -- glaciologists who basically are
- 19 saying they agree with me.
- 20 Q Okay. And we'll get to that, but I wanted to speak
- 21 about the literature that we can actually read in a
- 22 peer-reviewed journal, and we'll get to the glaciologists
- 23 that you've spoken to in a minute.
- 24 How about any literature that reports a change in sea
- 25 level during interglacial period as much as 3 meters over a

- 1 hundred-year period that you're aware of?
- 2 A I -- yeah. I would have to -- I did not -- after our
- 3 previous discussion, I did not go back and try to find a
- 4 paper, so I cannot quote any on the spot, and I -- my answer
- 5 to that would be there probably is, but I can't -- I can't
- 6 give you them today.
- 7 Q Well, your honest answer is as you sit here today you
- 8 don't know; isn't that true?
- 9 A Right. I -- yeah. I don't know.
- 10 Q Okay.
- 11 A I expect there are, but I don't know for sure.
- 12 Q All right. And, sir, with respect to peer-reviewed
- 13 literature that reports a change in sea level during
- 14 interglacial period of as much as 2 meters over a
- 15 hundred-year period?
- 16 A You see, and the reason is we don't have the ability to
- 17 measure that.
- 18 Q I understand. We'll get to the reasons in a minute.
- 19 But you're just not aware of any, correct?
- 20 A No, I'm not aware of any.
- 21 Q And you're not ware of any that reports one meter of
- 22 increased sea level over a period of a hundred years,
- 23 correct?
- 24 A I'm not aware of any that report specific measurements
- 25 of any -- of any size within interglacial period. As I say,

- 1 I expect they exist, but I would have to go back and look at
- 2 the literature.
- 3 Q Well, you actually referred us to the Thompson paper,
- 4 which is the paper you just mentioned now, the paper you
- 5 told Ms. Bennett about. Are you familiar with how much
- 6 increase in sea level the Thompson paper reported on a --
- 7 over a hundred-year period?
- 8 A Over a hundred -- over a hundred-year period?
- 9 Q Yeah.
- 10 A Again, I -- no, I don't know the exact numbers from his
- 11 paper.
- 12 Q Okay. Would it surprise you that it was -- well, fair
- 13 enough. If you don't know, then you don't know.
- Now, sir, with respect to glaciologists that you've
- 15 talked to now we're outside of the world of peer-reviewed
- 16 journals but just folks you might have spoken to are one
- of those glaciologists Richard Alley?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q He's one of the top experts in the field of ice sheet
- 20 dynamics; isn't that true?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And you believe that Richard Alley agrees with your
- 23 theory on ice sheet disintegration?
- 24 A Well, I don't think I have a theory on ice sheet
- 25 disintegration. I don't know what you mean by that.

- 1 Q Well, you're predicting, sir -- this -- most of the
- 2 abrupt climate change that you're predicting is as a result
- 3 of 25 meters of sea level increase or some very large amount
- 4 caused by ice sheets essentially disintegrating in either
- 5 Greenland or Antarctica; again, in laymen's terms is that a
- 6 fair summary?
- 7 A Yeah.
- 8 Q Okay. And do you believe that Richard Alley -- and you
- 9 believe, by the way, that if we don't do something in the
- 10 next ten years, we could pass a point of no return where
- 11 that's just going to keep happening, the ice sheet's going
- 12 to keep melting and it's too late to do anything about it?
- 13 A Yeah. I think that's a real possibility.
- 14 Q A real possibility. But it's certainly not the
- 15 consensus opinion of the mainstream scientific community, is
- 16 it?
- 17 A I -- my assessment of the mainstream opinion is now
- 18 that they do agree that we would expect more than a meter
- 19 sea level rise; and in fact, since our last discussion I
- 20 know at least three of them who now will say this publicly.
- 21 They're the leaders in the field.
- 22 Q Okay. But, sir, I'm not -- you switched to more than a
- 23 meter of sea level rise. I want to focus on the amount of
- 24 sea level rise that would cause this massive abrupt climate
- 25 change or the sea level rising 25 meters and the serious

- 1 problems that if we don't address, in your opinion, in the
- 2 next 10 to 15 years it's going to have that effect.
- 3 A Um-hum.
- 4 Q Sticking with that subject, that theory has not gained
- 5 general acceptance in the scientific community; isn't that
- 6 fair?
- 7 A Well, I don't -- they're not -- they haven't given an
- 8 opinion on that, to my knowledge.
- 9 Q Okay. So you would agree with me that at least --
- 10 maybe you'll convince them, but at this point that theory
- 11 has not gained general acceptance in the relevant scientific
- 12 community, correct?
- 13 A Yes. I guess that's right.
- 14 Q All right. And in fact, Dr. Alley just testified
- 15 before Congress February 8th, 2007, and directly
- 16 contradicted that theory, didn't he?
- 17 A Not to my knowledge.
- 18 Q Well, are you aware of what Dr. Alley said to Congress
- on February 8, 2007, on this subject?
- 20 A I saw part of his testimony, but not the entire thing.
- 21 Q Isn't it true that Dr. Alley says that it is only
- 22 possible that if a certain temperature is reached over
- 23 decades and then if it's sustained, ice sheet could be lost
- 24 over centuries to millennia; i.e., hundreds of years to a
- 25 thousand years? Isn't that essentially what Dr. Alley said?

- 1 A Yeah. And that's not -- that's not all that
- 2 inconsistent with what I've said, either.
- 3 Q Okay. Dr. Alley certainly didn't suggest that
- 4 something immediate has to be done in the next 10 to 30
- 5 years or we've passed some tipping point where this is on an
- 6 irreversible decline, correct?
- 7 A I don't -- I -- probably he didn't say that, but I
- 8 suspect he may agree with it. I don't know what he said,
- 9 though.
- 10 Q Well, actually, don't you think that he said that
- 11 there's additional uncertainty as to whether or not the
- 12 melting will either slow down or speed up; there's just a
- 13 big uncertainty out there? Isn't that basically what he
- 14 said?
- 15 A That -- I don't know if he said that.
- 16 Q Okay.
- 17 MR. CLUBOK: Can we play Clip No. 3, please.
- 18 There's no page number. This is congressional testimony,
- 19 February 8th, 2007, of Richard Alley.
- 20 I'm sorry. Clip 1. Clip 1. I apologize. Clip
- 21 1.
- 22 MR. PAWA: Your Honor, I just want to clarify.
- 23 This is impeachment only, not for the truth of the matter?
- MR. CLUBOK: That is exactly right. It is for
- 25 impeachment only.

- 1 Video Clip 1 if you have it.
- 2 Maybe it won't be for anything.
- 3 [Video clip of testimony of Richard Alley played
- 4 as follows:
- 5 "Uncertainty that you just don't know whether these
- 6 changes in the spreading of that giant pile in Antarctica or
- 7 that giant pile in Greenland will slow down, whether they
- 8 will stay constant, whether they will speed up."]
- 9 BY MR. CLUBOK:
- 10 Q Sir, in fact, you aren't familiar with any model that
- 11 agrees with any prediction that a 2-degree increase in
- 12 temperature by the year 2100 would have anything like the
- 13 effect you're suggesting; isn't that true?
- 14 A There -- there's -- it's well agreed there are no
- 15 models to address this problem, so of course not.
- 16 Q Okay. Now, sir -- and, of course -- well, let's go to
- 17 the impact of the regulation and what you did testify about.
- 18 MR. CLUBOK: Can I get Slide 34 on the screen
- 19 again, I believe?
- 20 THE COURT: Are you going to take Dr. Alley off
- 21 the screen?
- 22 MR. CLUBOK: He loves the camera, sir. And the
- 23 camera loves him, so I was giving him the most chance
- 24 possible.
- 25 Q The -- this was your -- this is one of the slides you

- 1 showed to show the effect of taking action with respect to
- 2 U.S. auto and light truck CO2 emissions, correct?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And I think you said this would be a significant
- 5 step -- or it would be a step on the path to the alternate
- 6 compliance scenario you talked about?
- 7 A Yeah. Yeah.
- 8 Q And in fact, do you have a preference, sir, as to -- is
- 9 there a difference between a moderate action and a strong
- 10 action step? Is one a more significant step, or are they
- 11 about the same?
- 12 A Well, the strong action eventually becomes -- has more
- 13 impact.
- 14 Q Are both of them sufficient, or do you have -- is it --
- 15 A On the time scale of the next two or three decades,
- 16 they're similar. They both cause the increasing slope to
- 17 become a decreasing slope.
- 18 Q Okay. So not a significant difference in terms of
- 19 walking down that path or going down that path --
- 20 A Not on the short term, right.
- 21 Q How about through 2100? I didn't -- any significant
- 22 difference in how far we go down that path towards the
- 23 alternate compliance -- or alternate scenario that you've
- 24 said we need to get to?
- 25 A Sure. But, of course, you would expect that a few

- 1 decades downstream you're going to be doing additional
- 2 things, but even without that, there's -- there's a
- 3 difference between these.
- 4 Q Okay. And you're saying -- and which one's more
- 5 important? Which one's better, in your opinion?
- 6 A Well, obviously the stronger action scenario results in
- 7 less emissions.
- 8 Q Okay. Now, sir, the average variation in
- 9 temperature -- surface temperature over the last 50 years
- 10 has been about 3 to 4/100ths of a degree per year, correct?
- 11 A It's been 2/10ths of a degree Celsius per decade, which
- 12 is 2/100ths per year; or if you want to convert it to
- 13 Fahrenheit, then it's between 3 and 4/100ths per year.
- 14 Q Okay. And that's fluctuation; it just happens
- 15 naturally, sort of the random variability or chaos, as you
- 16 might call it? That's nothing to do with --
- 17 A The number I referred to is the trend over the last 30
- 18 years. There's been a very strong linear trend over the
- 19 last 30 years, and that's not a fluctuation.
- 20 Q Right. But on a year-to-year basis --
- 21 A Oh, yeah. The year-to-year fluctuation can be larger
- 22 than that in terms of a rate.
- 23 Q Okay. And, sir, with respect to the effect of the CO2
- 24 emissions savings, let's just say if just Vermont passed the
- 25 regulation -- at some point it's been suggested we should

- 1 only be speaking of Vermont, we shouldn't be allowed to
- 2 speak of California and any other state -- maybe New York,
- 3 too. Let's throw Vermont and New York in together. Have
- 4 you modeled the CO2 emission savings that would result if
- 5 only Vermont and New York were to implement the AB 1493
- 6 regulation?
- 7 A I haven't modeled that. It would not be difficult to
- 8 do it.
- 9 Q Okay. Well, you have that model, one of the best in
- 10 the country that you've got, correct?
- 11 A Well, I wouldn't run a model with such a very small
- 12 change, because then you're wasting computer time, because
- 13 you do have the problem of finding a signal when compared to
- 14 the natural variability of the climate.
- 15 Q Okay.
- 16 A But we know the forcings are proportional to the change
- 17 in the emissions.
- 18 Q You never modeled -- let's move past Vermont and
- 19 New York. Let's say that it's all 11 states that have
- 20 adopted the regulation. Have you modeled that? Have you
- 21 found the computer time or the time to model the total CO2
- 22 emission saving in all of the states that adopted the
- 23 regulation --
- 24 A No. Because we try to do useful things.
- 25 Q Okay. How about if the entire United States adopted

- 1 the regulation, sir? If -- if all 50 states adopted and all
- 2 of the CO2 emissions reductions sort of on the same scale as
- 3 projected by California, New York, and Vermont, have you
- 4 modeled what impact that would have on global temperature?
- 5 A I have made -- no, I have not if you just want a simple
- 6 one-word answer.
- 7 Q Okay. But without even doing the model, without
- 8 running your computer simulation, you would agree, wouldn't
- 9 you, that even if the entire United States adopted this
- 10 regulation and it was in effect until 2100, the total amount
- 11 of CO2 emission savings would result in a temperature effect
- 12 of no more than 1 to 4/100ths of a degree; isn't that true?
- 13 A No, I wouldn't say that. I haven't done that
- 14 calculation. But a change of this percentage -- when I say
- 15 this is consistent with the alternative scenario, I'm
- 16 assuming that on other parts of the problem, such as
- 17 building efficiencies, that similar things or even better --
- 18 in fact, the engineers agree that 50 percent improvement in
- 19 building efficiencies is possible.
- 20 MR. CLUBOK: Okay. Move to strike as
- 21 nonresponsive.
- 22 THE COURT: Well, objection overruled. This is
- 23 included within the general area of the topic.
- MR. CLUBOK: Let me just make this clear.
- 25 Q Without doing -- without even taking the computer time

- 1 to run your model, you would agree that if the entire United
- 2 States adopts the AB 1493 regulations and implements them,
- 3 the total CO2 emissions savings might result in 1-1/2
- 4 hundredths of a degree change by 2050; isn't that true?
- 5 A I haven't done that calculation, but in global total it
- 6 would be -- if you really want to get a larger factor,
- 7 you're going to have to assume that other countries are also
- 8 doing it.
- 9 Q Sir, can you just answer my question, please?
- 10 A I haven't done that calculation, but --
- 11 MR. CLUBOK: Can we play Clip -- okay.
- 12 Q You haven't done the model, but you've done the back-
- 13 of-the-envelope calculation to confirm that's about right;
- 14 isn't that true, sir?
- 15 A That's -- that's probably the right order of magnitude.
- 16 Q Sure. And so you couldn't -- if it's really only a
- 17 hundredth of a degree or if it's 2/100ths of a degree, you
- 18 just haven't done the work to know, correct?
- 19 A Right. I have not done calculations where I put in
- 20 only one state or small number of states.
- 21 Q Okay. Now, sir, on Slide 34, you show what appears to
- 22 be a pretty big delta between what would happen with no
- 23 action versus what happens with moderate action. You see
- that green line I've drawn on the screen?
- 25 A Um-hum. Yes.

- 1 Q That makes it look like there's going to be a real
- 2 change, and that's the moderate action. With the strong
- 3 action it looks like it's an even bigger change; is that
- 4 correct?
- 5 A Yeah.
- 6 Q Now can we go back to Slide 14. Slide 14 was the slide
- 7 that showed temperature projected under these different IPCC
- 8 scenarios as compared with, I think, what you call the
- 9 alternative scenario, the place that you think we need to
- 10 be. Correct?
- 11 A Yeah.
- 12 Q And essentially A1B, that scenario that's the
- 13 mainstream consensus view of what's going to happen by 2100,
- 14 you say we need to go from there down to here. Is that
- 15 basically right? I've drawn a line just on the Elmo.
- 16 A Yeah.
- 17 Q Sort of showing -- it's about the same -- same
- 18 magnitude, basically, really, as that change in CO2, right,
- 19 that we're going to achieve by the AB 1493 regulations;
- 20 isn't that right?
- 21 A Yeah.
- 22 Q Yeah. But at least that's what it appears on a screen
- 23 like this when we compare those two slides. In fact, sir,
- 24 if I clear this off you could use your finger to draw it,
- 25 if you would can you draw on the slide starting with A1B,

- 1 if you could just graphically draw -- the way it works is a
- 2 pretty cool thing. You can stick your finger on the screen,
- 3 and if you hold it down, it draws a line. So what I'm going
- 4 to ask you to do is put your finger on A1B and assume that
- 5 $\,$ AB 1493 is enacted and just draw the line down showing -- as
- 6 you said, it was --
- 7 A Nothing else is done in the rest of the world?
- 8 Q Yeah. Nothing else is done in the rest of the world.
- 9 A Then it would be a very small change.
- 10 Q Well, however small it is, put your finger on and, if
- 11 you would, please, draw the amount.
- 12 A I think you mentioned a couple hundredths of a degree.
- 13 But I haven't done that exact calculation, but --
- 14 Q There would be no possible way with your finger you
- 15 could indicate that, correct?
- 16 A It would be smaller than the -- than the unforced
- 17 variability of the system, that's true.
- 18 Q You'd need a microscope to see the impact put into that
- 19 context; isn't that true, sir?
- 20 A Yeah. Put into that context, yes.
- 21 MR. CLUBOK: That's all I have.
- 22 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Pawa, any redirect?
- MR. PAWA: Yes.
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- 25 / / /

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. PAWA:

- 3 Q Dr. Hansen, do you have the exhibits that I gave you
- 4 before, including Number 2287?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q What is the title, please, on 2287, and who is the
- 7 author?
- 8 A "Paleoclimatic Evidence For Future Ice-Sheet
- 9 Instability and Rapid Sea-Level Rise," and the authors are
- 10 Jonathan Overpeck, Otto-Bliesner, Miller, Muhs, Alley, and
- 11 Kiehl.
- 12 Q Which Alley is that?
- 13 A That's Richard Alley.
- 14 Q Would you read the first paragraph, the abstract of
- 15 this scientific article, please?
- 16 A "Millions of people and their" --
- 17 Q I'm sorry. The abstract.
- 18 A Oh, the abstract. "Sea-level rise from melting of
- 19 polar ice sheets is one of the largest potential threats of
- 20 future climate change. Polar warming by the year 2100 may
- 21 reach levels similar to those -- to those of 130,000 years
- 22 ago to 127,000 years ago that were associated with sea
- 23 levels several meters above modern levels; both the
- 24 Greenland Ice Sheet and portions of the Antarctic Ice Sheet
- 25 may be vulnerable. The record of past ice-sheet melting

- 1 indicates that the rate of future melting and related sea-
- 2 level rise could be faster than widely thought."
- 3 Q Could you read the last sentence of the article in
- 4 addition, please, Dr. Hansen.
- 5 A "Antarctic" -- oh, wait. It's a long sentence.
- 6 "Moreover, a threshold triggering many meters of sea-level
- 7 rise could be crossed well before the end of this century,
- 8 particularly given that high levels of anthropogenic soot
- 9 may hasten future ice-sheet melting, the Antarctic could
- warm much more than 129,000 years ago, and future warming
- 11 will continue for decades and persist for centuries even
- 12 after the forcing is stabilized."
- 13 Q What's the date of the article, please?
- 14 A March 24th, 2006.
- 15 Q And what publication?
- 16 A In Science.
- 17 Q Is Science magazine a peer-reviewed journal?
- 18 A Yes, it is.
- 19 Q Who is Jonathan Overpeck, if you know?
- 20 A He's at the Institute for the Study of Planet Earth and
- 21 University of Arizona.
- 22 Q Is he a respected scientist?
- 23 A Yes, he is.
- 24 Q Is he part of the IPCC; do you know?
- 25 A I believe he is.

- 1 Q Does this article corroborate the views you've
- 2 expressed today with respect to the risks of rapid sea level
- 3 rise?
- 4 A I think it is consistent with them, and this is a
- 5 reasonable representation of what the community is -- is
- 6 thinking.
- 7 Q Does this corroborate your view with respect to the
- 8 paleoclimate evidence of past sea level changes?
- 9 A Yes. Again, it's very consistent. Overpeck is an
- 10 expert on paleoclimate evidence.
- 11 Q Would you take a look, please, at Exhibit 2292. Do you
- 12 have that in front of you?
- 13 A Yes, I do.
- 14 Q What's the title of that article?
- 15 A "Measurements of Time-Variable Gravity Show Mass Loss
- 16 in Antarctica."
- 17 Q And is this published in a peer-reviewed journal?
- 18 A Yes. It's in Science, also.
- 19 MR. CLUBOK: Your Honor, I'm going to object to
- 20 any more leading questions. It's one thing if Mr. Pawa says
- 21 to Dr. Hansen, Tell us what these articles mean. It's
- 22 another thing if Mr. Pawa just leads Mr. Hansen -- or
- 23 Dr. Hansen, I'm sorry, through these various statements and
- 24 asks him to read them into the record. That's leading, and
- 25 on direct or redirect it really should not be permitted.

- 1 THE COURT: Well, first of all, if you asked
- 2 general questions, that would be helpful; but then as --
- 3 then once you've established the general question, then you
- 4 can certainly ask him to refer to particular parts of the
- 5 statement. But technically plaintiff is right. You're
- 6 supposed to start with a general observation.
- 7 Q Are you familiar with this article?
- 8 A Yes, I am.
- 9 Q What is the significance, if any, of this article with
- 10 respect to Antarctica?
- 11 A It shows that contrary to what had been believed a few
- 12 years ago, Antarctica is actually losing mass at a
- 13 significant rate despite the fact that snowfall rate is
- 14 increasing in the -- in the center of the ice sheet.
- 15 Q And these measurements come from what kind of data-
- 16 gathering?
- 17 A It's from the GRACE satellite, which is the gravity
- 18 satellite. It measures the gravity field of the Earth with
- 19 great precision.
- 20 Q Is it scientifically accepted -- is there a
- 21 scientifically accepted view as to whether or not Antarctica
- 22 in fact is gaining a net mass of ice or losing?
- 23 A This is a very active field, and these measurements are
- 24 now only since 2002, and they're still improving the orbits
- 25 of the satellite, but it's now -- there's no disagreement.

- 1 There are different analyses of this same satellite's data,
- 2 but they all show Antarctica losing mass over these recent
- 3 years.
- 4 Q What response, if any, do you have to the -- some
- 5 experts who might say that in the future Antarctica will
- 6 gain ice mass as a result of the warming temperatures?
- 7 A I think that that's implausible, because as I showed
- 8 earlier in my testimony, there's just a very strong positive
- 9 correlation. When the Earth gets warmer, ice melts and sea
- 10 level goes up. It's implausible to think that it would work
- 11 the opposite way in the future.
- 12 Q You heard Mr. Clubok talk to you about the IPCC's 2007
- 13 report, correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q And you recall he indicated that at the bottom end of
- 16 the sea level rise projections, the projections in IPCC
- 17 suggested 18 centimeters in the next hundred years; do you
- 18 recall that?
- 19 A Yeah.
- 20 Q What's sea level rise going at? What rate is it going
- 21 at right now as we sit here today in centimeters per
- 22 century?
- 23 A Well, the most recent refereed result is about 3.4
- 24 centimeters per second. There's a paper submitted for
- 25 publication which is even higher.

- 1 Q I'm sorry. It's centimeters per second?
- 2 A Sorry. Centimeters per decade.
- 3 O Which is how --
- 4 A Which is 34 centimeters per year, which is about a
- 5 foot and a couple inches per year -- per century.
- 6 Q Can you try that again? You might have gotten your
- 7 metric mix -- I know it's a long day. If you could just try
- 8 it again. You might have mixed up --
- 9 A No. I think I said -- or I said 3.4 centimeters per
- 10 decade, which is 34 centimeters per century, which is
- 11 something more than a foot per century is the current rate,
- 12 which is double what it was a couple of decades ago.
- 13 Q All right. And how does 34 compare to 18?
- 14 A Yeah. So it's almost twice their lower limit, which
- 15 is -- there are now a number of glaciologists who are --
- 16 are -- feel that the IPCC numbers are very misleading.
- 17 Q In order to have sea level rise reversed from its
- 18 current rate of 34 centimeters a century to the IPCC's lower
- 19 end of 18 centimeters a century, are we going to have global
- 20 warming or global cooling in the next hundred years?
- 21 A There are a lot of factors which could affect sea
- 22 level, so it's really -- I don't -- that's a hard question
- 23 to answer. It's not plausible in my opinion that the rate
- 24 of sea level rise is going to go down unless we did get less
- 25 warming, if we began to get cooler temperatures, which no

- 1 one expects.
- 2 Q Thank you. The IPCC projections, are they based on the
- 3 gradual component of sea level rise, or do they also include
- 4 possible tipping point rapid sea level rise, as well?
- 5 A Well, they don't include anything from the ice sheets,
- 6 so they do not include, obviously, the possibility of
- 7 disintegration and rapid sea level rise.
- 8 Q And why is that?
- 9 A Because they felt that's too difficult. They don't
- 10 have enough understanding of the physical processes. The
- 11 models that had been made for ice sheets did not include ice
- 12 streams, which we observe to be accelerating rapidly, and
- 13 they do not include the lubrication underneath the ice
- 14 sheets. So they don't have a model yet that's -- that's
- 15 relevant to ice sheet disintegration. So they only
- 16 addressed the part of the problem that they could.
- 17 Q If the numerical ice sheet models cannot capture those
- 18 ice sheet dynamics you've described, does that mean,
- 19 therefore, that the risk of -- of glacier disintegration is
- 20 zero?
- 21 A No. Obviously not. I think the best guide is what's
- 22 happened in the past, but it's not sufficient, because the
- 23 human situation is very different. The human-driven one.
- 24 Actually, the forcings of humans are larger and they're
- 25 being introduced faster, so it's very difficult to assess

- 1 what the impact is going to be.
- 2 Q Mr. Clubok was asking you about 1/100th of a degree
- 3 Celsius and whether or not it's important. Do you recall
- 4 that?
- 5 A Yeah.
- 6 Q Could you explain in your own words why that level of a
- 7 difference in temperature could be significant if that's
- 8 your opinion?
- 9 A Well, my opinion is that it's important -- the most
- 10 important reason that such changes in emissions are -- are
- 11 important is because it will cause changes of emissions to
- 12 occur other places and the effect will become bigger, but
- 13 even a small change is potentially important because of the
- 14 nature of the climate system and the nonlinear nature of
- 15 some problems such as ice sheet disintegration. You can, in
- 16 fact, have tipping points, and you don't know what is the
- 17 final straw that sends you over -- causes a large change.
- 18 And the -- the same is true, incidentally, in the case
- 19 of species extinctions, because there's interdependency
- 20 among species. It's also a very nonlinear problem. And
- 21 even if your change is only 1/1000th of the effect, even --
- 22 and even if you neglected the nonlinearities, the small
- 23 change is -- when you're talking about tens of thousands of
- 24 species going extinct, the small change is some number of
- 25 species, and whether those are important or not, I don't

- 1 think we should -- we can easily decide that.
- 2 Q Mr. Clubok played a video clip from your deposition.
- 3 I'm going to show you a piece of it that, I think in
- 4 fairness, you should be -- include in your testimony today.
- 5 He stopped off on Page 74 at Line 9. I'd like you to read
- 6 the following question and answer, so I'm going to go ahead
- 7 and give it to you from Lines 10 to 16. Can you read the
- 8 first couple of -- read exactly what was played first to put
- 9 it in context, because I can't remember exactly what that
- 10 was.
- MR. CLUBOK: What page is that?
- MR. PAWA: 74. Where did you start before?
- 13 (Discussion between counsel.)
- 14 BY MR. PAWA:
- 15 Q So if you would start with 7 and finish with 16,
- 16 Dr. Hansen.
- 17 A Line 7 says, "I'm not familiar with the results of
- 18 their models."
- 19 And Line 9 says -- the question says, "Okay. So as you
- 20 sit here today you don't know what the consensus view of the
- 21 scientists who have actually endeavored to model ice in
- 22 Antarctica projected over the next hundred years?
- 23 "ANSWER: That's right, because there is an
- 24 understanding that there is no model that includes the
- 25 critical physics for ice sheet disintegration."

- 1 Q I'd like you to read the same -- I'd like you to also
- 2 read a question and answer in response to the video clip
- 3 that Mr. Clubok showed you on Page 111. He left off ending
- 4 at Line 19. I would like you to read lines 20 on Page 111 -
- 5 you don't have it in front of you yet through Page 112,
- 6 Line 3.
- 7 So go ahead and start at Line 7 on Page 111 and
- 8 continue through Page 112, Line 3.
- 9 A Okay. Line 7: "But you don't know whether or not
- 10 you're a contributing author?
- 11 "I don't know whether I'll be listed as a contributing
- 12 author." That was the answer.
- 13 Then "QUESTION: And you don't know whether you're a
- 14 contributing author with respect to specifically the chapter
- 15 dealing on sea level increase?"
- 16 Q I'm sorry.
- 17 THE COURT: I don't think that was a clip that I
- 18 remember.
- 19 MR. PAWA: No, it was not. I think we're in the
- 20 wrong spot.
- 21 Q I wanted you to start here, Line 7.
- 22 A That's what I did.
- 23 MR. CLUBOK: Yeah. Line 14 is where he says I'd
- 24 be surprised if I was listed, so you're about to hear the
- 25 rest.

- 1 A Line 14? I think that -- "I think in that case I would
- 2 be very surprised if I were because I have not -- that --
- 3 the model simulations that I provided to them did not
- 4 include sea level change because I don't know how to
- 5 calculate ice sheet disintegration with our current
- 6 knowledge.
- 7 "Okay.
- 8 "Sir, but with the current knowledge, you don't know
- 9 how to calculate sea level change, correct?
- 10 "That's right. So, therefore, I use the earth's
- 11 history as my guide."
- 12 I think that's the end of -- that you wanted me to
- 13 read; is that right?
- 14 Q Thank you.
- MR. PAWA: And that's the end of my redirect other
- 16 than I want to make sure those two exhibits I had him read
- 17 from are now admitted for the purpose of corroborating his
- 18 testimony.
- 19 THE COURT: Okay. You want 2287 and 2292? Okay.
- 20 Any objection?
- 21 MR. CLUBOK: Yes, Your Honor. Mr. Hemley, the
- 22 evidence guru, is telling me that it's just improper, they
- 23 shouldn't be into evidence. In any event, so --
- 24 THE COURT: You're citing Mr. Hemley?
- MR. CLUBOK: I'm citing Rule 7 --

- 1 MR. PAWA: Hemley on Evidence.
- 2 MR. HEMLEY: Hemley on Evidence.
- 3 MR. CLUBOK: Your Honor, I'm citing Rule 703.
- 4 Your Honor, it's hearsay. It's really not appropriate to
- 5 try to introduce evidence that way for an expert.
- 6 THE COURT: Well, hearsay: You raise -- it's not
- 7 that he relied upon it, but you raise the question is his
- 8 opinion consistent with the scientific community, and what
- 9 they're saying is that this is what the scientific community
- 10 says in a peer-reviewed article.
- MR. CLUBOK: Yes.
- 12 THE COURT: Which that's consistent with their
- 13 position, and it's in response to that direct question.
- 14 So what does Mr. Hemley say in regard to that
- 15 particular evidentiary question?
- 16 MR. HEMLEY: I can speak for myself if I may, Your
- 17 Honor.
- MR. CLUBOK: He's handed it to me, and I
- 19 appreciate it. It says --
- 20 MR. HEMLEY: It's -- 803(18) is the hearsay
- 21 exception from learned treatises, Your Honor, and to the
- 22 extent that the witness relies on it, if admitted, the
- 23 statements may be read into evidence but may not be received
- 24 as exhibits. That's the rule as I understand it, Your
- 25 Honor. You can't offer -- you can't simply offer -- I beg

- 1 your pardon, Your Honor. I know -- I don't want to -- can I
- 2 go ahead and --
- 3 THE COURT: Go debate this. That's fine.
- 4 MR. HEMLEY: I don't want to argue with the
- 5 Court's ruling. I really want to be respectful here.
- 6 THE COURT: Right.
- 7 MR. HEMLEY: I really do. It would be my
- 8 position, Your Honor, that when a witness relies upon a
- 9 learned treatise or an article -- which this witness did not
- 10 do. The predicate was not laid. Getting past that --
- 11 THE COURT: Yup.
- 12 MR. HEMLEY: -- if it is shown to him, then, on
- 13 cross-examination or used to corroborate his testimony in
- 14 some fashion, which arguably it was, but the predicate was
- 15 not laid, then if admitted, the statements may be read into
- 16 evidence, which they were, but the document does not come
- 17 into evidence. Otherwise we would have trial by submission
- 18 of learned treatises, which is improper.
- 19 THE COURT: Okay. So under your particular
- 20 theory, what you're suggesting is that they ask the
- 21 follow-up question, When you rendered an opinion that the
- 22 scientific community agrees with your theories and that
- 23 document is, therefore, relevant because it supports his
- 24 opinion that the scientific community supports his opinion,
- 25 then it would be admissible?

- 1 MR. HEMLEY: I got distracted, Your Honor, but I
- 2 would say --
- 3 THE COURT: You got distracted?
- 4 MR. HEMLEY: I'm sorry. I was listening to Mr.
- 5 Clubok at that point. I don't think Mr. Clubok, who is
- 6 going to make the decision on this, feels that this is a
- 7 point that I should be debating, so I will sit down.
- 8 THE COURT: No.
- 9 MR. CLUBOK: I will just say this. Mr. Hemley is
- 10 an evidence purist, and I hate to say I agree with him
- 11 instead of you, Your Honor, on this issue of evidence, but
- 12 the fact of the matter is with respect to the substance of
- 13 the articles, if they want to have them presented to Your
- 14 Honor certainly for purposes of considering the Daubert
- 15 motion and determining whether Dr. Hansen's opinion --
- 16 whatever is said in those articles is consistent and meets
- 17 the standard of Daubert, I have no objection to that
- 18 whatsoever. So I think we're just arguing about semantics
- 19 and the technical issues here.
- 20 THE COURT: Okay. So I will admit it, but I just
- 21 want to make sure Mr. Hemley and I are on the same
- 22 wavelengths, because we can go on at great length with this
- 23 kind of thing, which I have a tendency to do.
- MR. HEMLEY: Your Honor, you and I have
- 25 participated in evidence seminars together. We don't always

- 1 agree.
- 2 THE COURT: Right.
- 3 MR. HEMLEY: But I have great respect for your
- 4 understanding of the rules of evidence, and I will not
- 5 suggest that my pronouncement is more correct.
- 6 THE COURT: But what you're precisely saying is
- 7 that they did not lay the foundation in the question because
- 8 they did not ask him whether when he rendered the opinion
- 9 that other people in the community supported his position he
- 10 did not rely upon that individual document or that
- 11 individual journal, and if -- if in fact that was the case
- 12 and the other side decided to stand up and say, Doctor, you
- 13 read this article, did you rely upon this in making your
- 14 opinion -- rendering your opinion that other scientists
- 15 agreed with you and he said yes, then it's admissible.
- MR. HEMLEY: Then the statement -- in that
- 17 circumstance the statement could then be read into evidence,
- 18 but the document under no circumstance, absent an agreement
- 19 such as Mr. Clubok has just offered, could be offered. If
- 20 we were staying strictly within the Federal Rules of
- 21 Evidence. However, it's not a point that I wish to debate
- 22 further, Your Honor.
- 23 THE COURT: All right.
- MR. CLUBOK: I look forward to that seminar.
- 25 THE COURT: Absolutely. Okay. So you have

- 1 redirect?
- 2 MR. CLUBOK: Very, very briefly, Your Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: Okay.
- 4 MR. CLUBOK: First of all, I would like to offer
- 5 into evidence Plaintiff's Exhibit 1238, which is the
- 6 testimony of Richard -- Dr. Alley in front of the United
- 7 States House of Representatives Committee on Science and
- 8 Technology, February 8th, 2007.
- 9 THE COURT: You mean his entire testimony --
- MR. CLUBOK: No.
- 11 THE COURT: -- or the one that was just -- that
- 12 clip that was just --
- MR. CLUBOK: His entire testimony, Your Honor.
- 14 It's only about ten pages.
- THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. CLUBOK: A clip of which was a portion of.
- 17 MR. PAWA: Can I have Mr. Hemley's help on this
- 18 one?
- 19 No objection, Your Honor.
- 20 MR. CLUBOK: Thank you. Your Honor's words of
- 21 wisdom on that issue has spread to all of us. Very, very
- 22 briefly, I just want to address this point about the path
- 23 that -- consistency on path and how far we go down the path.
- 24 If you can put up Slide 24, please.
- 25 Let's go back to this one. This shows, and I'm

- 1 again with my finger indicating the magnitude of change that
- 2 would result in CO2 emissions in the U.S. auto and light
- 3 truck CO2 category under the two different moderate actions
- 4 and strong actions scenario if the regulation were adopted
- 5 nationwide. Okay?
- 6 Now if we could go back to Slide 14, please. We
- 7 again have on the slide the A1B, which is the mainstream
- 8 consensus opinion of the IPCC best estimate as to what the
- 9 global warming would be business as usual absent anything
- 10 else, and we have Dr. Hansen's view that we need to get down
- 11 to this alternative scenario line in order to stave off the
- 12 rapid sea level rise that he's spoken of.
- 13 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 14 BY MR. CLUBOK:
- 15 Q If you could, sir, and I know you haven't modeled this,
- 16 but just back of the envelope, if you could, if you could
- 17 put your finger on the start of A1B and move down the screen
- 18 roughly an estimate of the total impact; in other words, how
- 19 far we'd get on the path if this regulation that California
- 20 and Vermont and New York have adopted were adopted
- 21 worldwide, every single country on the planet adopts it, if
- 22 you can show us how far, using your finger, that line would
- 23 go from A1B towards that goal of the alternate scenario to
- 24 avoid the climate change that you say is going to come
- 25 otherwise.

- 1 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Pawa.
- 2 MR. PAWA: Just objection as asked and answered.
- 3 I think this was asked before.
- 4 THE COURT: He actually asked it in the context of
- 5 the United States.
- 6 MR. CLUBOK: Right.
- 7 THE COURT: And now he's talking worldwide, and
- 8 the question is whether this assumes that the doctor knows
- 9 about the impact worldwide --
- 10 MR. CLUBOK: That's right.
- 11 THE COURT: -- of this kind of regulation.
- MR. CLUBOK: That -- that's right, Your Honor.
- 13 And let's do these in steps.
- 14 Q Let's -- Dr. Hansen, you have a pretty good sense --
- 15 you have -- without -- you haven't run the model. I
- 16 understand that. But you have a pretty good back-of-the-
- 17 envelope sense of how far your finger would move if you did
- 18 this exercise if this regulation were adopted worldwide,
- 19 don't you?
- 20 A I would have to estimate. I think that vehicles are
- 21 probably a third of the emissions, and you want to reduce
- 22 those vehicle emissions by -- by one-third, so you're
- 23 talking about a one-ninth reduction in CO2 emissions?
- 24 Q If that's your math.
- 25 A That's -- that's -- that's a pretty -- that's a pretty

- 1 significant change.
- 2 Q Okay. You haven't done the math.
- 3 A But I haven't -- I haven't done the math, and I'm not
- 4 certain about the fraction of vehicles for emissions, but
- 5 it's not -- it's not a negligible change by any means.
- 6 Q Well, sir, if you were to put your finger on -- we said
- 7 it would be microscopic. You couldn't even draw the line if
- 8 you were trying to do it U.S.-wide. If you could, sir,
- 9 could you just roughly approximate, without having done the
- 10 math --
- 11 A Well, if it's 10 percent -- you know, if what I just
- 12 said was roughly right, if we reduced vehicle emissions by a
- 13 third and if vehicles are a third of CO2 emissions, then
- 14 you're talking about on the order of one-tenth of the total
- 15 change.
- 16 Q Okay.
- 17 A But just as an order of magnitude as opposed to
- 18 1/100th, or a hundred percent.
- 19 Q Okay. But we're talking -- we're talking about one-
- 20 tenth. Now, sir, that assumes that the gasoline-powered
- 21 engine continues through 2100 in order to get that one-tenth
- 22 difference between there and there; isn't that true?
- 23 A Well, I mean, this is your scenario. I would never --
- 24 this is not a realistic scenario, but I don't -- so I don't
- 25 know what you're assuming to 2100.

- 1 Q Okay. Let me -- let me make it even slightly
- 2 different. This regulation only affects passenger cars/
- 3 light-duty vehicles. Let's say this same AB 1493 regulation
- 4 adopts worldwide. And let me be more clear because we're
- 5 talking about light-duty vehicles. My colleagues reminded
- 6 me of that. You still believe that it would be a one-tenth
- 7 difference between business as usual and this alternative
- 8 scenario that you say we need to get to?
- 9 A See, if we went back the other direction a hundred
- 10 years, then you're back to horses and buggies. You just --
- 11 I don't think you can extrapolate a hundred years on this
- 12 assumption. I'm not sure what relevance the current
- 13 standards would have to year 2100.
- 14 You're going to have to go -- by 2100 we're going to
- 15 have to have different technology for the reason that I
- 16 discussed: A quarter of the CO2 stays in the air forever,
- 17 and we're going to have to find different technologies on a
- 18 hundred-year time scale. What we're talking about is
- 19 changes that could be made on the time scale of the next few
- 20 decades to get us on to a different path.
- 21 Q Okay. Let's talk about the next few decades. Let's
- 22 say, then -- instead of this regulation being adopted
- 23 worldwide and lasting till 2100, let's say it only lasts a
- 24 few decades. Then -- and it's only light-duty vehicles.
- 25 The regulation that was adopted by California. What total

- 1 difference would it make --
- 2 A Yeah.
- 3 0 -- versus --
- 4 A The practical difference is --
- 5 Q Excuse me, sir.
- 6 THE COURT: Wait a second.
- 7 Q What total difference -- not the practical difference.
- 8 I don't -- I understand the policy argument. But the
- 9 scientific difference that it would make based on your best
- 10 scientific estimate from business as usual to the path -- or
- 11 the point that you say we need to get to in order to avoid
- 12 this abrupt climate change you've talked about, can you just
- 13 scientifically quantify that, sir?
- 14 A Well, on this graph it would be small. Any single
- 15 contribution on this graph is going to appear small.
- 16 Q Sir, if I may, I'm not talking -- I just want to be
- 17 crystal clear. When you say "small," just like before, you
- 18 really couldn't even move your finger because the effect
- 19 would be microscopic, basically; isn't that true?
- 20 A On this scale, it would be small, yes.
- 21 Q Microscopic; isn't that true, sir?
- 22 A I don't -- I don't know if I would say "microscopic,"
- 23 but it would be small.
- 24 Q Yeah. And that's if the entire world were to adopt
- 25 this regulation that Vermont, New York, and ten other states

- 1 have currently adopted and are trying to enforce in the next
- 2 ten years, correct?
- 3 A No. Now you're back to the 10 percent change, right?
- 4 Q Oh, no, no. That's why I wanted to be sure we're clear
- 5 here, sir.
- 6 A Oh, you're only going to do some of the vehicles, you
- 7 mean?
- 8 Q This is what we're going to do. We're going to take
- 9 the same regulation as it exists that California, Vermont --
- 10 that Mr. Duleep said is feasible, you cited the NRC study.
- 11 The regulation we have and the impact that that's going to
- 12 have through 2100, assume that is immediately, let's say
- 13 next year, as fast as can be, adopted worldwide, so that
- 14 same regulation is going to apply everywhere around the
- 15 world. And assume whatever you want about whether or not
- 16 gasoline-powered engines are going to be phased out.
- 17 Either tell us -- just tell us what your assumption is,
- 18 that gasoline-powered engines stay till 2100 or you assume
- 19 it's being phased out in 30 or 40 years. With all that
- 20 assumption, if you put your finger on AlB, what's going to
- 21 happen best-case -- or, I'm sorry, best estimate midway
- 22 projection from the IPCC under A1B versus where you want us
- 23 to be, isn't it true that if you had to use your finger to
- 24 try to plot the difference, it would be a microscopic
- 25 impact?

- 1 A Right. Smaller than my finger.
- 2 MR. PAWA: Hold on. Objection.
- 3 MR. CLUBOK: Thank you. That's all I have.
- 4 MR. PAWA: Objection, Your Honor. I was trying to
- 5 object before he answered.
- 6 THE COURT: Okay. What's the objection?
- 7 MR. PAWA: This was a very long speech in which
- 8 the question was vague, ambiguous, and multiply compound.
- 9 It was not a proper question. Objection to the form.
- 10 THE COURT: I was confused about whether you limit
- 11 it to passenger cars and light-duty trucks or whether you
- 12 also had the two light-duty trucks 2 and light-duty trucks 2
- 13 and --
- 14 MR. CLUBOK: Let me -- I'll clear that up for Your
- 15 Honor, because I want to be crystal clear here.
- 16 Q Let's assume that it's the regulation that's right now
- 17 11 states. Let's assume -- and so it covers passenger
- 18 cars --
- 19 THE COURT: Wait. It's 12 states.
- 20 MR. CLUBOK: I'm sorry, Your Honor. Right now
- 21 it's 12 states.
- 22 Q Passenger cars and light-duty vehicles, the regulation
- 23 that exists, that is adopted worldwide, basically AB 1493 is
- 24 taken by every single state. The effect on this path that
- 25 we need to get to, according to your opinion, would be

- 1 microscopic; isn't that true?
- 2 A No, I never used the word microscopic. I said it would
- 3 be small compared to the total change that we need.
- 4 Q Okay. I'm sorry. If I was trying to use my finger to
- 5 graphically show the change, that --
- 6 A It's much smaller than your finger on this graph, yes.
- 7 MR. CLUBOK: Okay. Thank you. No further
- 8 questions.
- 9 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Thank you,
- 10 Dr. Hansen.
- 11 (The witness was excused.)
- 12 THE COURT: All right. Now, tomorrow Dr. Rock is
- 13 testifying and who else?
- MR. PAWA: Dr. Berck.
- THE COURT: I'm sorry?
- MR. PAWA: Dr. Berck will follow Dr. Rock.
- 17 THE COURT: Okay. I thought -- I thought --
- 18 MR. PAWA: Oh, I apologize. Dr. Christy. I
- 19 should know that. We'll work it out whether it will be
- 20 Rock, Christy or Christy, Rock. I've been going under the
- 21 assumption we have that it's Rock, then Christy. If he
- 22 wants to discuss it, we'll discuss it. Right now it's Rock,
- 23 Christy.
- 24 THE COURT: Okay. And then --
- MR. BOOKBINDER: Dr. Berck.

- 1 THE COURT: Dr. Berck. Okay. So you have a full
- 2 day. There's no hole in the testimony; is that correct?
- 3 MR. CLUBOK: We sure hope not, Your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: Well, according to Mr. Kline, there
- 5 was some question as to whether there was a gap, but not --
- 6 not true.
- 7 MR. KLINE: I think it depends on the pace.
- 8 That's all --
- 9 MR. BOOKBINDER: I can ask very slow questions,
- 10 Your Honor.
- MR. KLINE: No, no, no.
- 12 THE COURT: No, no, no. Okay. Do we have a
- 13 calculation as to the time at this point?
- 14 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Plaintiffs at 33 hours and 45
- 15 minutes. Defendants at 33 hours and 40 minutes.
- 16 THE COURT: Well, you're both -- you're both right
- 17 about exactly the same. You're both right around 33 hours
- 18 and 40 minutes, which means technically you have six hours
- 19 and 20 minutes, approximately, both sides. You're both at
- 20 the same spot. So six hours and 20 minutes. My guess is
- 21 that means that we will be ending -- if you use the last
- 22 second, both of you, we'd be ending by the end of the
- 23 morning on Tuesday; and if we go later in the next couple of
- 24 days, we'll be --
- 25 MR. HEMLEY: This gap issue is a real issue,

- because if the defendants can't build the day tomorrow --
- 2 and we understand the Court is going to be elsewhere on
- 3 Wednesday of next week, then we have some -- we may have
- 4 some requirements to stay late or start early or do
- 5 something so that all that is remaining within our allotted
- 6 time can be done because of the availability of witnesses.
- 7 THE COURT: You've got three expert witnesses for
- 8 tomorrow. Isn't that plenty?
- 9 MR. CLUBOK: I would hope so. We'll work it out,
- 10 Your Honor.
- 11 MR. BOOKBINDER: Your Honor, I can't imagine that
- 12 we're going to be having any sort of gap. Maybe tomorrow
- for once we'll actually leave at 3 o'clock or 3:30. That's
- 14 the worst-case scenario.
- 15 THE COURT: If you use up five hours tomorrow,
- 16 then we're down to eight hours, only eight hours left.
- 17 MR. BOOKBINDER: And we can have a nice long day
- 18 Monday.
- MR. PAWA: If we have a gap, we'll call
- 20 Mr. Hemley.
- 21 THE COURT: To talk on evidence.
- MR. PAWA: Yeah.
- 23 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. So we'll see
- 24 you tomorrow at 8:15.
- 25 (Court was in recess at 5:07 p.m.

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