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INTERVIEW

OF

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1	INTERVIEW OF CURT GOESON, TAKEN AT 12:06 P.M.:
2	MR. JENNER: Good afternoon. Today is
3	Friday, July 30th, 2010. My name is Stephen
4	Jenner. I'm an investigator with the National
5	Transportation Safety Board in Washington, D.C. We
6	are currently in Edmonton, Canada at the Crowne
7	Plaza Hotel in regards to a pipeline spill near
8	Marshall, Michigan that occurred on July 26th,
9	2010.
10	And I'd like to go around the room and have
11	everyone introduce themselves.
12	MR. GULSTAD: Rick Gulstad, engineer with
13	PHMSA.
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15	MR. TOLLEFSON: Tyler Tollefson, senior legal
16	counsel, Enbridge Pipelines.

17 MR. GOESON:

I'm Curt Goeson, control

- centre supervisor, Enbridge Pipelines.
- 19 MS. BUTLER: Karen Butler, PHMSA, regional
- 20 project manager,
- 21 QUESTIONS BY MR. JENNER:
- 22 MR. JENNER: Curt, would you spell your
- 23 name for the record, please.
- 24 A Curt, C-U-R-T; Goeson, G-O-E-S-O-N.
- 25 Q What is your current position?
- 26 A My current position is control centre supervisor.
- 27 Presently today, I'm acting manager as well.

- 1 Q Okay. On July 26, were you also in an acting role?
- 2 A Yeah, that would have been my first day in an
- 3 acting role while Ian Melligan is away on vacation.
- 4 MR. TOLLEFSON: Okay, so, Stephen and Rick and
- 5 Karen, you guys don't have any objection to Curt
- 6 having sat through all the other interviews, I
- 7 guess?
- 8 MR. JENNER: Absolutely not.
- 9 MR. TOLLEFSON: Thanks a lot.
- 10 Q MR. JENNER: Who are you currently employed
- 11 by?
- 12 A Enbridge Pipelines.
- 13 Q First I'd like to, if you would, tell me in your
- permanent position what are your duties,
- responsibilities?
- 16 A It's general oversight and responsibility for
- 17 control centre operations and the shift lead group.

- 18 Q Okay. In your role as an acting person, what are
- 19 your duties?
- 20 A Oversight and responsible for the entire department
- 21 including the control centre technical services,
- 22 control centre engineering, and training.
- 23 Q What is the reason for your acting position?
- 24 A Our current manager is on vacation.
- 25 MR. TOLLEFSON: So, Stephen, can we go off the
- record for a moment?
- 27 MR. JENNER: Yes, let's go off record.

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- 2 MR. JENNER: We're going to take a break
- 3 and return back in one hour.
- 4 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED AT 12:13 P.M.)
- 5 (PROCEEDINGS RECONVENED AT 3:27 P.M.)
- 6 MR. JENNER: Just for the record, there's
- 7 been a three-hour gap since we last went off the
- 8 record in our interview with Curt, and we had some
- 9 other interviews and other matters to attend to, so
- we will continue now with his interview.
- 11 FURTHER QUESTIONS BY MR. JENNER:
- 12 Q MR. JENNER: Curt, you had just given us
- some background about your permanent position and
- 14 your role as acting. And if you would, can you
- just tell me about your history with Enbridge?
- 16 A Sure. I graduated from school in 1992 and shortly
- thereafter joined Enbridge in a temporary role at

18 Edmonton terminal in the field as a utility person. 19 And I was employed there approximately two and a 20 half years. At which point in mid-1995, I believe 21 it was, I transferred to the control centre in a 22 full-time role. And like the other stories that you've heard, 23 24 started out as a trainee for a period of 25 approximately six months and then as a qualified 26 operator. And continued in that role until

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approximately 2000 when I transferred to gas

1	control systems, operating the vector system and
2	Enbridge gas distribution and various transmission
3	lines across the system.
4	And shortly I was in that role for a couple
5	years, might have been two or three years, and I
6	was promoted into a shift lead role.
7	Q I'm sorry. To a
8	A Into a shift lead role. Only stayed in that role
9	probably for approximately a year. Transferred out
10	of the control centre into a daytime role referred
11	to as a coordinator position. So that was probably
12	around 2006. Spent approximately a year in that
13	role and was promoted into a supervisory role.
14	Initial my initial at that time, I guess
15	I would say that that supervisor role was specific
16	to a smaller business unit but in the control
17	centre. And in February of this year, I was

- transferred into a -- my current supervisory role,
- which is over the entire control centre.
- 20 Q Briefly, if possible, can you just discuss some of
- your duties and responsibilities in your current
- full-time position?
- 23 A In my current role, I'm responsible for all the
- 24 control centre personnel working within the control
- centre. That includes operators and shift leads.
- 26 Directly -- my direct reports would include the
- shift leads, so I'm responsible for their

- 1 performance management; I'm responsible for the
- 2 long-term direction and budget for the control
- 3 centre department.
- 4 Q Who is your immediate supervisor?
- 5 A My immediate supervisor is Ian Melligan.
- 6 Q What is his title?
- 7 A Manager, control centre operations.
- 8 MR. JENNER: Okay, I am going to start off
- 9 by passing it off to Karen. And would you like to
- open the questioning?
- 11 QUESTIONS BY MS. BUTLER:
- 12 MS. BUTLER: Curt, are you frequently asked
- to address things like column separation alarms, or
- does that normally not elevate to your level?
- 15 A It normally doesn't elevate to my level.
- 16 Q Okay.
- 17 A I am on the on-call rotation, and if -- rarely

- would that ever occur to hit me on my on-call
- rotation, but if at that time I would be consulted.
- 20 Q Okay. Has it happened to you before?
- 21 A Not in -- not in this role, Karen, it hasn't.
- 22 Q Do you know, are there low alarms in place in the
- control room such that if a pressure hits a low
- limit, it alarms to the console?
- 25 A Yes.
- 26 Q Do you know if there were any low alarms on this
- discharge pressure near Marshall that went off?

- 1 A I don't know if it was a discharge pressure, Karen.
- 2 I believe it -- I don't know what pressure it was.
- 3 It might have been suction or discharge.
- 4 Q Okay. It could have been suction or discharge, but
- 5 it did send an alarm?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Okay. All right. Do you know what priority,
- 8 whether that was a -- you know, a high priority
- 9 alarm or something else?
- 10 A I don't know the exact priority, Karen.
- 11 Q Okay. All right. Have you ever been asked to
- restart a line after a ten-minute rule exception?
- 13 A Have I ever been asked?
- 14 Q Yes, for permission, I guess, to restart a line
- after they've exceeded the ten-minute.
- 16 A I'd have to say yes. I don't know the specific
- time or date, but I know of occasions.

- 18 Q Okay. And on those occasions, were there, like, a
- set of things you required as inputs or information
- that you were requested be exchanged before you
- 21 felt comfortable making that decision?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Can you talk to me about what those would be?
- 24 A Depending on the situation, Karen, I would just --
- I would expect that the rationale made sense, and
- some of those things would include some history
- about the shutdown, some history about the

- 1 elevation, you know, some -- some decision making
- 2 behind that current situation, some thought process
- 3 behind it. Was it -- did it drain? Was it shut
- 4 down improperly? Has it been shut down for a long
- 5 time? I would be looking to make some sense out of
- 6 the reason for the situation.
- 7 Q Do you think that your previous experience in the
- 8 control centre would help you make sense of that or
- 9 help you know the right questions to ask?
- 10 A In my current role?
- 11 Q Yes.
- 12 A No, Karen. I think that tools and procedures and
- processes are in place so that if that conversation
- takes place with somebody with a nontechnical
- background, they can make an informed decision.
- 16 Q Okay.
- 17 A Did that answer the question?

- 18 Q Yeah.
- 19 A I'm trying not to beat around the bush.
- 20 Q No, I appreciate it.
- 21 A Okay.
- 22 Q I know you've had the advantage of hearing the
- 23 interviews, so some of this may seem like a moot
- 24 point.
- 25 A No. No.
- 26 Q But I just want to, you know -- I guess the thing
- 27 I'd like to know is would you have asked anything

- 1 specifically in regard to pressures?
- 2 A Yeah, hindsight; right?
- 3 Q Right. Is there anything in the procedure that
- 4 identifies that to your knowledge?
- 5 A There -- I believe the procedures -- there are
- 6 procedures or protocol in place to deal with that
- 7 situation.
- 8 Q So do they specifically address pressure that
- 9 you're aware of, or do you just not recall?
- 10 A No, I'm pretty sure there are specific procedures
- regarding suspected column sep. or suspected leak.
- 12 Q Okay. Okay. Shift change and information
- exchange, are there specifics around that?
- 14 A Nothing documented like we're headed towards with
- 15 CRM. It's a -- it's strictly based on what was
- 16 going on at that time.
- 17 Q Okay. In listening to the interviews today and

- yesterday, do you see some issues with your shift
- 19 change procedures?
- 20 A I don't see issues with the shift change.
- 21 Q So it doesn't really concern you if all the
- information is relayed, or it does concern you that
- 23 it's related, but that may not be procedure based?
- 24 A I'd be very concerned about all of the information
- being relayed, but it's not procedure based.
- 26 Q Okay. This is a bit unfair because it does put you
- on the spot a bit, so you can think about it before

- 1 you answer. But how would you rate your
- 2 performance in the control room regarding so many
- 3 people?
- 4 A How would I rate my performance?
- 5 Q Yeah, how would you rate your control room's
- 6 performance?
- 7 A Oh. Like, overall or specific to this event?
- 8 Q Yeah, specific to these issues.
- 9 A Boy, that is an unfair question.
- 10 Q Okay, then I'll retract it.
- 11 A Okay.
- 12 Q So what I would like to emphasize is that I've --
- 13 I've heard a lot of things that concern me a little
- 14 bit.
- 15 A Yeah.
- 16 Q And I hope that you have too, and without making
- 17 you -- I know that you're still in the process of

18 investigating, but I kind of like to have some 19 reassurances that we're going to be addressing some 20 issues. And so without knowing exactly how to ask 21 the question such that you're still in an 22 investigation, you'll want permission to review it, 23 are there any specific ideas that you feel you can 24 share that you plan to implement or things that you 25 know you'll be looking into that you feel 26 comfortable stating on the record?

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A I can assure you I've also heard some things that

1	if all of the data lines up the way it's been
2	talked about over the past three days, we will
3	address it. You know, there were some occasions
4	where I thought the conversation was about, you
5	know, loss of pressure. I think that's that's
6	important. But I don't think it was ignored. I
7	think the real thing that we'll be addressing is
8	what's normal and what's not.
9	Q Do you think there were any verbal communication
10	issues with the control room on this particular
11	investigation?
12	A No, I don't. I think that I think a lot of
13	it you know, just listening to the conversation,
14	it may have been interpreted that way, you know,
15	with the two shift leads, someone talking to Bob
16	versus Allister. I think what you lose here in an

interview is appreciation for how close they sit

- together and all those conversations that take
- 19 place.
- 20 Q How do you think that all the model and the leak
- 21 detection elements stay in sync? Do you think --
- 22 how do you think that's working?
- 23 A Can you say that again, Karen?
- 24 Q The model, the hydraulic model, the leak detection
- system, your SCADA system, maintenance changes, how
- do you think all of that's staying in sync? I
- 27 mean, what's your impression of that?

- 1 A I think it's good. I don't know any differently.
- 2 I think the model is good at predicting or
- 3 detecting column separations.
- 4 Q Okay. I think there's just -- from my standpoint,
- 5 you know, I heard some very concerning things but
- 6 not just on behalf of the operators. I heard them
- 7 on behalf of your shift leads and how we kind of
- 8 assumed certain things are somebody else's
- 9 responsibility.
- 10 A Yeah.
- 11 Q And we're checking pressures but maybe not really
- because if we've been checking them, we probably
- would have seen zero, but maybe we don't have
- enough information about what's going on, so I
- guess what I'm asking you is when you look at
- 16 communications in the control room versus training,
- is there anything that surfaced to you through the

- last couple days?
- 19 A Communications within -- with people?
- 20 Q Yes.
- 21 A Oh, probably, you know, having listened to both the
- 22 analysts and operators --
- 23 Q Right.
- 24 A -- probably some training on roles and
- 25 responsibilities.
- 26 Q You think that's defined now?
- 27 A It is defined.

- 1 Q Is that in a specific procedure or --
- 2 A Documents. There's job profile documents.
- 3 Q I think there may be some questions later about
- 4 certain systems and how they have little
- 5 idiosyncrasies or alarms, but at this particular
- 6 point, I think I've asked you what I need to or
- your other interviews have answered those
- 8 questions.
- 9 MS. BUTLER: So, Steve?
- 10 MR. JENNER: Okay.
- 11 QUESTIONS BY MR. JENNER:
- 12 Q MR. JENNER: I just need to clarify
- something that you and Karen were discussing
- earlier about low alarms near Marshall.
- 15 A Yeah.
- 16 Q And you said, yes, it was either suction or --
- 17 A Based on my review --

- 18 Q Right.
- 19 A -- my brief review, yes.
- 20 Q Right. I didn't hear a time associated with those
- alarms. I don't know if it was Sunday, Monday.
- When did these alarms occur?
- 23 A That would be associated with a shutdown on --
- 24 Q The initial scheduled shutdown?
- 25 A Yeah, Sunday afternoon.
- 26 Q I just wanted to get that clear.
- 27 A Yeah.

1 Q How are operators' performance evaluated?

2	A Performance is evaluated, well, in a couple
3	different ways because there's different levels.
4	As a trainee, their performance is evaluated by
5	both their mentors and the training staff and with
6	input from the shift leads.
7	So the training and compliance group are
8	responsible for the trainees' performance
9	(INDISCERNIBLE) with input from others, mentors
10	shift leads.
11	Once those individuals become qualified, of
12	course they get an automatic promotion to an
13	opp. 2, and then from over over the next few
14	years, their performance is evaluated by the shift
15	leads.
16	So the current business unit has our shift
17	leads and their shifts working continuously

- together, year after year after year, which is a
- 19 little different than in previous years where
- everything was always changed on an annual basis.
- 21 So the shift lead will be responsible for half of
- the shift.
- 23 Q Are you familiar with what type of criteria they
- use to evaluate a high-performing operator versus a
- 25 low-performing operator?
- 26 A Well, there's two proponents to it. There's always
- the technical aspect, and there's the person

- 1 component, and they're 50/50. So, you know, the
- 2 things about initiative and personality and those
- 3 type of things are half the job, and the other half
- 4 of the job is technical ability. And that's just
- 5 through spending time, conversation, coaching.
- 6 Q And how often are these reviews performed?
- 7 A As a company, we do them quarterly.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A Yeah.
- 10 Q Who are -- who do you review? Do you review --
- 11 A Shift leads.
- 12 Q The shift leads?
- 13 A Yeah, currently ten shift leads.
- 14 Q I'm sorry?
- 15 A Currently ten shift leads.
- 16 Q What criteria do you use to evaluate their
- 17 performance?

- 18 A Well, they are -- they're frontline leaders.
- 19 Their -- majority of their performance is based on
- 20 how they coach and how they develop people. Their
- 21 frontline leadership role is, for the most part,
- people, and a small component of how they execute.
- When I say "how they execute," how they
- 24 execute in response to an emergency event, for
- example. That's one of their bigger roles. So
- 26 they're responsible for taking information from the
- operators and communicating it through the

1	department and the company. So when I say
2	"execute," I mean execute that.
3	Q Okay. If I'm not mistaken, some of your shift
4	leads have operating experience and some don't?
5	A Yeah.
6	Q Do you see a disadvantage or an advantage to either
7	one?
8	A No. And I expected this question because I
9	heard I heard it come up a number of times over
10	the past couple of days. And the old model of
11	where your supervisor was a technical expert is
12	that's our old model. Our new model is our
13	frontline leaders are people leaders, and to be a
14	true people leader, you don't need to be a
15	technical expert.
16	And so we're in the transition today. We are

of a frontline leadership. Some are in that role

- because they were technical experts in the past.
- 19 The new ones aren't. We have -- we have shift
- leads who have only been in the control centre for
- a year in a terminal operation role, but because of
- the leadership experience, qualifies them as great
- shift leads.
- Q Do you think the operators embrace this model in a
- sense, or do you think some are -- may call on one
- shift lead who has operating experience versus
- another who doesn't have?

- 1 A I'd be ignorant to say that doesn't happen.
- 2 Q Okay.
- 3 A Just like we have various technical expertise in
- 4 our shift leads, we have various acceptance levels
- 5 within our operators. And we have the old staff
- 6 who think the best people in the world are the most
- 7 technical.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A That's all.
- 10 Q Okay. And this is just -- okay, no question.
- 11 If you would just -- we've mentioned it off
- record, but I'd be interested on just what you plan
- on doing from here in terms of an internal
- investigation and what you hope to -- what you hope
- the end product would be.
- 16 A Yeah. Well, I'll answer your first question. Our
- internal investigation will be very similar to what

18 we do here. We'll be taking all the information, 19 establishing a timeline, putting in historical 20 SCADA records and phone conversations and alarms 21 and commands and building a story and to help us 22 find out what happened, when, details as far as 23 when. 24 What I hope that would come out of this is 25 exactly what I -- what I think Enbridge has done 26 for any event of this nature, and that's that we 27 get better, and we will, and that lessons learned

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- 1 come out of it if there are any -- I'm sure there
- are -- and that we apply them. We'll be better.
- 3 Q I know we've discussed it off the record, but we
- 4 would certainly be interested in your results from
- 5 this report if you're able to share that with the
- 6 NTSB and other agencies.
- 7 A Okay.
- 8 MR. JENNER: I think that's the questions I
- 9 have right now. Rick, do you have any?
- 10 MR. GULSTAD: Oh, a few.
- 11 QUESTIONS BY MR. GULSTAD:
- 12 Q MR. GULSTAD: You've been sitting here
- listening with us, and we've heard a variety of
- answers from different people, controllers from --
- starting with Dave to Greg and the shift leads.
- 16 There's -- there were some inconsistencies in how
- they answered the questions, and it might have just

- been the setting but -- like, for example, should
- 19 controllers have a pretty good understanding of
- 20 elevation profiles as a controller?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And they should be trained to understand what
- elevation profile is and how it affects pressures?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q And to some degree, they all should understand or
- be able to define, like, a column separation?
- 27 A Yes, and they are trained.

- 1 Q And they should be able to go to the display and
- 2 understand what it's telling them, information, or
- 3 at least understand what the MBS analyst is
- 4 relaying to them?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And we've heard some good things, I think, from
- 7 Greg, and it appears to be that he was thinking
- 8 outside the box, or he was able to come on shift
- 9 and right away understand that there was an issue
- and use his historical data to trend that analysis
- fairly quickly and realize there might have been an
- issue there.
- 13 A I wouldn't define it as out of the box.
- 14 Q Well, we'll just, I guess, rephrase it. Are
- 15 controllers encouraged to troubleshoot or
- understand what's happening on their system?
- 17 A We look to our controllers, operators as the

- technical experts, and how Greg performed was the
- 19 norm.
- 20 Q So they all should be able to do what he did?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q Okay. Another question, I mean, is it -- do you
- know your shift leads well enough that you can pair
- them, understanding their strengths and weaknesses?
- 25 A We strategically pair our shift leads.
- 26 Q So some might be more technically oriented; others
- 27 might have personal skills or whatever you're using

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- 1 to strategically do it?
- 2 A They're not together by mistake.
- 3 Q Okay.
- 4 MR. GULSTAD: Those are the questions I
- 5 have.
- 6 A Okay.
- 7 MS. BUTLER: Got a couple more.
- 8 FURTHER QUESTIONS BY MS. BUTLER:
- 9 Q MS. BUTLER: The first one is, of all the
- things that you heard in the interviews, what was
- 11 the most surprising statement made?
- 12 A Picture-perfect shutdown, the quote. Maybe I'm the
- only one that picked that up.
- 14 Q Was there anything else besides that that kind of
- surprised you, made you think a little bit?
- 16 A Not that I can -- I mean, I think throughout the
- last few days I raised my eyebrows a few times, but

- I don't actually recall what they are, Karen, to be
- 19 honest.
- 20 Q Okay. All right, and have you guys gone through
- workload studies on the various consoles?
- 22 A Yeah. We've, as recently as last year, started --
- we started on that path. We are internally as
- well. And when I say "we started on that path," we
- started on that path with an external contractor,
- and it just didn't work out.
- But we are -- well, we do it for two reasons

- today internally. We do it so that we can properly
- 2 estimate operating expenses of potential projects,
- and we do it so that we can properly divide
- 4 workload up amongst the consoles.
- 5 So we do things like we track phone calls and
- 6 SCADA alarms and, you know, phone calls, maneuvers,
- 7 injections and deliveries and try and get an idea
- 8 of an equal workload balance across the consoles.
- 9 Q How does 6B compare?
- 10 A Again, I think, you know, you have to look at it in
- normal operation because just like anything, things
- can always be at 100 percent depending on the
- event. In normal operation, it's average.
- 14 Q So it's not your most difficult console?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q Okay. And it's not your easiest?
- 17 A I wouldn't say it's our easiest.

- 18 Q Do you strategically determine what operators you
- put where based on their abilities?
- 20 A We have. We have. And group one hasn't typically
- been an area of concern. It probably has the
- highest experience levels, as you've seen, of the
- entire control centre.
- 24 MS. BUTLER: Okay, I think that's all I
- 25 had.
- 26 MR. JENNER: Okay, just a couple more.
- 27 FURTHER QUESTIONS BY MR. JENNER:

- 1 Q MR. JENNER: I'm not going to go through my
- 2 routine of the final questions, but I'm not aware
- 3 of what days you were working.
- 4 A Monday to Friday. Monday morning was my first day
- 5 back after having the weekend off, actually having
- 6 a three-day weekend.
- 7 Q So you were off Sunday?
- 8 A I was off Friday, Saturday, Sunday.
- 9 Q Okay. So the reason I'm asking, again, for
- different purposes. You were not -- or were you
- aware of the -- on Sunday -- realtime so to speak,
- on Sunday, were you made aware of, for any reason,
- the scheduled shutdown of the line?
- 14 A No, I wasn't.
- 15 Q And there would be no reason for you to be aware of
- 16 that?
- 17 A No.

- 18 Q Okay. On Monday when you came into work, were you
- aware of the events that were happening on line 6B?
- 20 A Very. Yeah, very. As -- when I arrived to work, I
- 21 was made aware in very short time.
- 22 Q What time do you arrive at work on Monday?
- 23 A It was probably around quarter after 7, in that
- time frame, say, on average is when I get to work.
- 25 Q What were you informed? Who talked to you and what
- 26 information was communicated?
- 27 A I walked past Blaine's office, and he was in

1	talking to everyone, Kelly and Brad I believe, so I
2	stopped in. And at that time, the information that
3	was provided was so they had they told me about
4	the two startup attempts.
5	At that time, they had they were told
6	about I think Greg had already found the
7	pressure or had advised about an abnormal
8	condition, and they were just talking about how to
9	proceed. And they had talked about advising Tom
10	Fridel, the region, to get somebody to walk the
11	line.
12	And the other thing they were talking about
13	was to contact engineering, and the reason for that
14	would be to confirm confirm pressures, which I
15	agreed with. And, you know, in the past, we quite
16	often get our engineers not to come in to look at
17	trends but to come in and do calculations on static

18 readings.

19 So those were the two kind of paths that they 20 were headed off, and, you know, I agreed that that 21 was the appropriate direction. I did ask if we had 22 received any emergency calls, and the answer was 23 no. So that was a short -- a short discussion that 24 we had. Because we all thought that in a 25 heavy-populated area like that, we should surely 26 have now received a call in our emergency line by 27 somebody.

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1	So, you know, that was kind of the one the				
2	one unknown plaguing my mind is that if we truly				
3	did put 2,000 cubes on the ground, somebody would				
4	have phoned us. But those are the directions we				
5	headed off on.				
6	Q Were you part of any other decision making until				
7	the time of the first call came in?				
8	A No.				
9	MR. JENNER: Great, thank you.				
10	Rick, do you have anything else?				
11	MR. GULSTAD: Just one.				
12	FURTHER QUESTIONS BY MR. GULSTAD:				
13	Q MR. GULSTAD: I'm just going to take the				
14	opportunity to ask you, how do you feel about a				
15	12-hour shift, or how does the performance have				
16	you noticed any changes in the performance in the				

latter part of a shift versus the first part of a

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- shift in terms of controllers' or shift leads'
- behaviour or possibly misinterpreting something or
- feeling fatigued? Do you see any of that?
- 21 A No, I don't. And we track -- we track our events,
- we call them, not necessarily this type of events,
- smaller type of things. We track them very closely
- for that reason, shift change, experience levels,
- 25 time of the day, and we don't see anything in
- common like that. And that's 132 people. No.
- 27 MR. GULSTAD: Okay, that's all.

1 MR. JENNER: That's all? Okay.

2 MS. BUTLER: Is that all you had, Rick?

- 3 FURTHER QUESTIONS BY MS. BUTLER:
- 4 Q MS. BUTLER: Okay, I have one more, and
- 5 that is, are you tracking anything that would
- 6 compare your new way of reviewing having shift
- 7 leads in the control room versus your old way and
- 8 the number of accidents or responses on behalf of
- 9 operators?
- 10 A No, we don't track the old way versus the new way,
- 11 no. There is no even definite time line between
- the two.
- 13 Q So there's really no way for us to know whether
- this is more effective or less effective based on
- 15 how we're set up?
- 16 A As far as having shift leads provide technical
- support versus being people leaders?

- 18 Q Right.
- 19 A No, there's too many -- too other -- sorry, too
- 20 many other dynamics there, Karen.
- 21 Q Okay.
- 22 A In the old technical roles, there was 4 people per
- 23 shift --
- 24 Q Okay.
- 25 A -- and today there's 25.
- 26 Q But analysis could be done on whether the accident
- trend in the control room is rising or if there's

- been delays in how they respond or certain metrics;
- 2 right?
- 3 A I don't see -- I guess I'd have trouble finding
- 4 that data. I don't even think that data exists
- 5 other than our major events, and those are very
- 6 infrequent as they are.
- 7 Q Okay. Something to think about.
- 8 MS. BUTLER: Okay, that was it for me.
- 9 CLOSING BY MR. JENNER:
- 10 MR. JENNER: Okay. I don't think there's
- any other questions. Thanks for talking to us.
- 12 Is there anything that you would like to add
- to this discussion?
- 14 A No. I just -- I'm interested in getting going on
- our -- from an internal perspective, and once I'm
- done that, I'm sure I'll have a lot more feedback.
- 17 MR. JENNER: Very good. Okay, thank you

8	again, and we'll conclude the interview.
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