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## 1 INTERVIEW

- 2 MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. Let's go on the record. This is
- 3 NTSB Pipeline Case No. DCA-10MP-007, Enbridge Energy, July 2010,
- 4 crude oil release in Marshall, Michigan. These are the Integrity
- 5 Management Group follow-up interviews being conducted at the GE
- 6 Pii offices in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Today is Thursday,
- 7 January 12th, 2012.
- 8 Let's go ahead and go around the room. We're continuing
- 9 with our interview of Petra and we'll go around the room and just
- 10 have everyone state for the record their name. No contact
- 11 information is needed. I'll start. Matthew Nicholson, NTSB, IIC.
- 12 MR. CHHATRE: Ravi Chhatre, NTSB, Integrity Management
- 13 Group here.
- MR. PIERZINA: Brian Pierzina, PHMSA, Central Region,
- 15 Kansas City.
- 16 MS. SENF: Petra Senf, Pii Pipeline Solutions.
- 17 MR. KILLORAN: Bill Killoran, GE Oil and Gas.
- 18 MR. FOREMAN: Geoff Foreman, Pii Pipeline Solutions.
- 19 MR. JOHNSON: Jay Johnson, Enbridge, US Compliance.
- 20 INTERVIEW OF PETRA SENF
- 21 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- Q. Okay. Petra, we'll continue along the same lines that
- 23 we were yesterday, namely, talking about the six features on this
- 24 failed segment of pipe. And then what I'd like to do maybe is
- 25 start with this and just go back and -- I'd like to go to back

- 1 through each of the features starting with the 9.3-inch flaw and
- 2 just maybe have you again walk us through what you see now versus
- 3 what it was called then. And if you could, to begin with, can you
- 4 just confirm, were all six of these features considered Step 1?
- 5 A. Yes, all of them.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. Yes, um-hum.
- Q. And with that I'll come down there. And as we discussed
- 9 before the interview I'd like to -- you know, we'll just go
- 10 through the crack field versus crack-like and then also the
- 11 orientation because I've got the report here. I want to be sure
- 12 we understand whether it's above or below that weld seam.
- 13 A. Um-hum. Okay. So I start with feature ID 154-005538.
- 14 This feature is located at 11.04 feet from the upstream girth
- 15 weld.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. The girth weld number is 2-17-720. So the first feature
- 18 was classified as -- this feature was classified as crack-like
- 19 with a depth of 25 to 40% deep with a length of 9.3 inches. The
- 20 circumferential position given in the software is 100 degree and
- 21 the position of the long weld is given with 96 degree.
- 22 Q. Okay. That's consistent with what I see in this report.
- 23 And then just for clarification that -- the feature orientation
- 24 degrees because it's a box and it has width, where is that
- 25 selected? Is it the centerline?

- 1 A. So it's the centerline of the box, yes.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. And so, the feature was located at the -- below the long
- 4 weld, this feature here. And do you want me to go through all the
- 5 sensors and tell you what I see or --
- 6 Q. Yes. Let's do that.
- 7 A. Okay. Good. Also the empty sensors or just the ones
- 8 where I have a signal?
- 9 Q. Just the ones where you have a signal I think would
- 10 be --
- 11 A. Okay. Okay. I'll start with sensor 1-4. And I see
- 12 reflections of the crack field. Also with amplitude or --
- 13 Q. Yes.
- 14 A. Okay.
- 15 Q. Well, in fact, what I was going to ask -- so we are
- 16 looking at what you would classify this as a crack field.
- 17 A. Um-hum, um-hum.
- 18 Q. In this crack field can you tell me then what the
- 19 longest indication might have been out of this crack field and
- 20 then how you would size the depth? Is that possible?
- 21 A. Okay. The longest indication -- so what I would do, I
- 22 would manually measure all the -- if I can just -- then I can see
- 23 it that here on my screen.
- MR. KILLORAN: Matthew, just for clarification of the
- 25 record, are you asking her for the longest -- the length of the

- 1 longest pixel within the crack field or the length of the crack
- 2 field?
- 3 MR. NICHOLSON: The length of the longest crack within
- 4 the crack field.
- 5 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- Q. Isn't that -- well, you tell me. It's a definition --
- 7 it's a GE definition, right? Longest indication?
- 8 A. So we have the overall lengths and we also try to
- 9 identify the longest indication in a crack field, that's right.
- 10 Q. And the overall length we have.
- 11 A. Yeah, we --
- 12 Q. That's the 9.3, correct?
- 13 A. Correct, yes. Um-hum.
- Q. Okay. I'm looking for the longest single entity within
- 15 that 9.3.
- 16 A. Okay. So the process today would be that it's
- 17 determined by the software so the analyst doesn't measure it, so
- 18 the software is determining it.
- 19 Q. Is that something you could run? You have that
- 20 software? You're saying -- is that the algorithm we've been
- 21 discussing? Okay.
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Are we capable of running that from here?
- A. Yes, we -- yes, I guess we are.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. Okay. I just need to open the software because I
- 2 cannot --
- 3 MR. FOREMAN: This could take time.
- 4 MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, is it going to take --
- 5 MR. FOREMAN: She's accessing the server from Germany
- 6 now, I think.
- 7 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 8 Q. Ah.
- 9 A. Yes, so -- yeah, the data -- the database is in Germany
- 10 and the data is on my computer.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. So it will take some time, but let's just continue with
- 13 all the other things we have and later --
- MR. CHHATRE: But what -- this is Ravi, NTSB -- a
- 15 question. What you are describing now, like crack field, that's
- 16 interpretation today or interpretation in 2005?
- MS. SENF: This is the interpretation today.
- 18 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MS. SENF: Yeah, um-hum.
- 20 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- Q. And to clarify again -- this is Matt -- in 2005 then
- 22 would they have sized the longest indication manually? I mean,
- 23 would that be an analyst's job?
- 24 A. Yes, right.
- 25 Q. Not software?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. That was a manual task, yes.
- 4 MR. FOREMAN: Did we in 2005 give the longest indication
- 5 inside a crack field?
- MS. SENF: Yeah, we give that quite for a while, um-hum.
- 7 Yeah, but it wouldn't -- so it -- we took that out of the B-scan
- 8 this longest indication, which isn't really a correct --
- 9 MR. FOREMAN: I didn't realize it was an Enbridge --
- 10 MS. SENF: -- or accurate thing to do.
- MR. FOREMAN: I didn't realize -- was that an Enbridge
- 12 deliverable to give the longest indication in a crack field?
- MS. SENF: Well, it just -- it was a standard
- 14 deliverable also in 2005, yes.
- MR. NICHOLSON: There's a column in your 2005 report.
- MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- MR. NICHOLSON: It says LI.
- MS. SENF: Yeah.
- 19 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 20 Q. I'm assuming that's your longest --
- 21 A. That's the longest indication.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 MR. FOREMAN: So just -- I didn't quite catch it. What
- 25 was the start position from the girth weld of this defect and the

- 1 end position in feet from the girth weld?
- MS. SENF: There isn't really a distance. I haven't
- 3 given that value because there isn't really a distance between the
- 4 long --
- 5 MR. PIERZINA: 11 --
- 6 MS. SENF: -- and the indication itself.
- 7 MR. FOREMAN: Well --
- 8 MR. PIERZINA: 11.04 feet downstream from the upstream
- 9 girth weld.
- MR. FOREMAN: Yeah, 11 --
- MS. SENF: Okay. Okay -- um-hum.
- MR. PIERZINA: And 28.95 from the downstream.
- 13 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- Q. Petra, this is Ravi again. So we are looking at the big
- 15 box that we have initially and then we are going into that big box
- 16 and looking at five different indications. Is that correct?
- 17 A. Right. Then I'll look at that data of the different
- 18 sensors.
- 19 Q. Right.
- 20 A. Yes, um-hum.
- 21 Q. And that long box contained 51-inch -- indication of
- 22 this long box is 51 feet -- 51 inches indication?
- 23 A. There are six boxes in this pipe joint.
- Q. The rupture pipe joint?
- 25 A. Yes, right.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. And right now I'm looking at one at 11 feet, so this is
- 3 not --
- 4 Q. Not -- so not (indiscernible).
- 5 A. -- not part of the failure.
- Q. Okay.
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: We're going to do --
- 8 MS. SENF: So --
- 9 MR. NICHOLSON: I'm going to ask her to go through all
- 10 six.
- MR. CHHATRE: I just want to make sure that I understand
- 12 it.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- MR. CHHATRE: And now, I understand what you're saying.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum, okay.
- MR. CHHATRE: So, the first one that we are looking at
- 17 in that pipe joint?
- 18 MS. SENF: Correct.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MS. SENF: Correct, yes. Okay, so the first sensor I
- 21 look at it's 1-4 and I see crack field indications with a mean max
- 22 amplitude of 41 dB.
- MR. PIERZINA: This is Brian. Petra, on the right-hand
- 24 side of the screen we're seeing an amplitude of 44. Now, is that
- 25 going to be a value coming from a different sensor than the one

- 1 that we're looking at?
- MS. SENF: Yeah, so this is the absolute or the maximum
- 3 amplitude we have in that feature.
- 4 MR. PIERZINA: Okay.
- 5 MS. SENF: Not necessarily from this sensor here.
- 6 MR. PIERZINA: Thank you.
- 7 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 8 Q. Okay. That's the maximum amplitude for this feature?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. Not of this sensor?
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. The mean max five amplitude on that feature.
- Okay. The next sensor it's 1-5. I also see crack field
- 15 indications in the half skip and also some red reflections from --
- 16 they are from a little cracking indication in the first skip. The
- 17 maximum amplitude here is 40 -- about 40 dB, so again mean max
- 18 five amplitude.
- The next sensor, it's 1-6. I can see reflections off
- 20 the longitude in the weld.
- Q. Say that one more time. What was it? The crack? Oh,
- 22 reflections, I'm sorry.
- 23 A. No, a reflection -- right.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. A reflection of the longitude in the weld. No defect

- 1 indications with the weld. The next sensor 1-7 it's -- it also
- 2 shows reflections off the long seam, no defect indications.
- MR. CHHATRE: Petra, this is Ravi. Are these sensors,
- 4 now they are -- can you tell if they are looking at the clockwise
- 5 or --
- 6 MS. SENF: So, these are all the clockwise sensors we're
- 7 talking about right now.
- 8 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 9 MS. SENF: It always starts -- when I open a box it
- 10 always starts with the clockwise sensors.
- 11 MR. CHHATRE: Great.
- MS. SENF: Okay. And the next one it's 1-8. Some weak
- 13 reflections off the longitude in the weld, no defect indications.
- And 1-9, sensor 1-9 shows me also some reflections off
- 15 the long seam, but not in that area where my defect indications of
- 16 the previous sensors is. So it's just upstream and downstream of
- 17 it, so this sensor didn't detect any data at that position, which
- 18 is fine. So it's just the longitudinal weld reflections might be
- 19 that low that they're not going to record it.
- 20 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. So these were the sensors off the clockwise side and now
- 23 I move to the counterclockwise. The first one I see it's 16-29.
- 24 Some weak reflections from the -- a background signal I would call
- 25 it. The next sensor is 16-30 and here I see some weak

- 1 reflections. Knowing that there is a crack field I would assume
- 2 that these are the reflections in the one-and-a-half skip from the
- 3 crack field, which will be displayed in a later sensor better.
- 4 So, reflections of a crack field in the one-and-a-half skip and --
- 5 Q. Would you look at the -- would you go the amplitude on
- 6 that one?
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. Or would -- or do you --
- 9 A. Yeah, yeah.
- 10 Q. Is there any need to --
- 11 A. So maximum amplitude there would be 30 dB --
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. -- mean max five. The next sensor I see it's 2-16. I
- 14 see similar data. I see reflections in the half skip and in the
- 15 one-and-a-half skip of a crack field. And the maximum amplitude
- 16 here about 35 dB. And the next sensor, 2-17, I can see nice
- 17 reflections of a crack field in the one-and-a-half skip with a
- 18 maximum -- mean max five amplitude of 44 dB.
- 19 MR. FOREMAN: Is that the strongest one?
- MS. SENF: This is the strongest one, yes. Yeah, 44 is
- 21 the strongest.
- 22 The next sensor it's 2-18. And here also I have some
- 23 reflections in the half skip with a maximum amplitude of 41 dB.
- MR. FOREMAN: So just for the record, when you say
- 25 maximum -- that just say max mean five.

- 1 MS. SENF: It's mean -- it's always mean max five.
- 2 MR. FOREMAN: It's not the actual --
- 3 MS. SENF: Yeah, it's always mean max five.
- 4 MR. FOREMAN: -- maximum signal amplitude.
- 5 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 6 BY MR. PIERZINA:
- 7 Q. This is Brian. It appears, upstream and downstream of
- 8 this feature we are seeing some weak reflections.
- 9 A. Um-hum.
- 10 Q. Would that be a minor crack field or something?
- 11 A. Minor -- yes, yes.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. And -- yeah, I guess at the beginning and the end of
- 14 this stronger crack field -- yeah, um-hum.
- 15 MR. NICHOLSON: Well -- so you're referring to these
- 16 here?
- 17 MR. PIERZINA: Yep.
- MS. SENF: Yeah, these ones --
- 19 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 20 O. Well, what -- are those in another box feature? What
- 21 would be -- or would you ignore them?
- 22 A. Today I would box it not only on the red pixels, I would
- 23 box it also on the yellow pixels. So, today they would be
- 24 included in that crack field.
- 25 O. Oh, you would extend this to pick it up?

- 1 A. I would extend it. Yes, right.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. Um-hum. In the past it was too minor because this is
- 4 way too low. Maybe as -- yeah, surface ID of a crack field below
- 5 the spec.
- 6 Okay. There is one -- there are a few sensors left.
- 7 Sensor 2-19 I see some reflections of the longitudinal weld in the
- 8 one-and-a-half or between the one-and-a-half and the second skip.
- 9 No defect indications. And in sensor 2-20 I also see reflection
- 10 of the longitudinal weld, no defect indications. And the last one
- 11 I guess is -- yes, is 2-21. Some reflection from the entry point
- 12 and also some reflection from the background, no defect
- 13 indications, no longitudinal weld indications.
- 14 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- Q. Petra, this is Ravi. Now, I notice you have three, six,
- 16 eight sensors on -- going counterclockwise, but you only have like
- 17 six going clockwise. Is that normal or --
- 18 A. Yeah, so I did not -- I didn't mention the -- so in my
- 19 box or in my list of sensors I always have the same number of
- 20 sensors clockwise and counterclockwise.
- 21 Q. That's what I thought.
- 22 A. But -- so some of the sensors might not record anything.
- 23 So it's still in my list, but there is no data because I didn't
- 24 mention it.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. Yeah, um-hum.
- 2 Q. So the sensors that are not mentioned is -- they have
- 3 nothing to report.
- 4 A. No data. Right. Yeah, nothing to report.
- 5 Q. But you will have eight clockwise, eight anti-clockwise?
- 6 Have the same number for both?
- 7 A. Yeah, right. Um-hum. Um-hum. Right.
- MS. SENF: Okay, so --
- 9 MR. NICHOLSON: Has our algorithm come up yet?
- 10 MS. SENF: Yes, so this is the real database here. Let
- 11 me see if I'm in the right mode. Yes, I'm in the right mode. So
- 12 let's --
- MR. KILLORAN: Petra, just for the record would you
- 14 describe what you're showing in the monitor to your right?
- MS. SENF: Okay. So I have opened the same data set
- 16 again. So, previously we looked at the client database so --
- 17 where only the reportable features are included. And now I am --
- 18 I'm looking at the same data on a database located in Stutensee
- 19 and there I can change a few things. I can change the feature
- 20 type and I also can change -- or can calculate the depth.
- Okay. So first thing what I will do is -- oh, yea,
- 22 yeah, yea. That's the bad thing (indiscernible) -- I'll give it a
- 23 try.
- 24 What I will do now, I will do all the steps which an
- 25 analyst is doing when he's checking a feature. So here I see the

- 1 crack field indications. I don't do anything with these. I
- 2 accept them and all the reflections from the long seam, which do
- 3 not correlate or -- which are not part of the crack field are, I
- 4 try to -- the problem is I cannot -- well, let's do it
- 5 differently. Let's do it differently.
- 6 So I will create a new area to be able to classify the
- 7 feature and size it.
- 8 MR. FOREMAN: So the problem is, is there's already a
- 9 data set created, so she's having to create a dummy set to do this
- 10 exercise or it corrupts everything --
- MR. NICHOLSON: I see.
- MR. KILLORAN: Yeah, we definitely don't want her to be
- 13 altering --
- MS. SENF: Well, this is a database -- you see here it's
- 15 called X Dummy dB. So, it's a test database. I wouldn't change
- 16 anything on our operations database. But -- yeah, I cannot change
- 17 this one here because it's -- just because it's a notebook on my
- 18 laptop. The notebook where I can do the classification is too big
- 19 for my laptop so I cannot --
- MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, okay.
- MS. SENF: -- I cannot accept any changes or save any
- 22 changes. So it will take a while to insert the area --
- BY MR. PIERZINA:
- 24 Q. While we're waiting -- and this is Brian -- can we
- 25 discuss maybe the classification of this 9.3 feature?

- 1 A. Um-hum.
- 2 Q. Did you see anything that would cause you as an analyst
- 3 to classify it as a crack-like?
- A. No, I didn't see anything. There was one indication on
- 5 the counterclockwise side in sensor 2-19 where I call it the
- 6 longitudinal weld reflections. And this is what we also see in
- 7 the failed feature with a strong amplitude, so this is the same
- 8 indication. So it --
- 9 Q. Where is it? Is it up here?
- 10 A. Yeah, it's these indications here and --
- BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 12 Q. But they're not really in this section, right? They're
- 13 not in that length?
- 14 A. No, right. But they are going through the whole pipe
- 15 joint.
- 16 Q. Oh, okay.
- 17 A. And this might have led to the classification. But when
- 18 the analyst started with this pipe joint, yeah, with a quality
- 19 check of this pipe joint. He went through -- I'm sure he
- 20 classified this as a crack field, but when he saw the crack in the
- 21 later feature for the sake of consistency he changed it back or he
- 22 changed it then to crack-like. This is my assumption.
- Q. So I want to point to here, the orientation's -- that's
- 24 99.3.
- 25 A. Yes. So this is -- the orientation you see here it's

- 1 always at the entry point of the signal.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. It's not necessarily --
- 4 Q. Oh.
- 5 A. -- the position of the defect itself. It's just -- so
- 6 it's 99.3 so you --
- 7 MR. PIERZINA: But if you took your cursor up to that
- 8 indication that you're seeing that would give you the orientation,
- 9 right, of that?
- MS. SENF: Yes. Here we have -- so it would be 99.5.
- BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 12 Q. But you're pointing here -- is that the indication --
- 13 A. No, I'm just pointing --
- Q. That's the crack field though, isn't it?
- 15 A. Yeah.
- 16 Q. Oh, okay.
- 17 A. Okay, so --
- 18 Q. Okay. Yeah, so the crack field is at 99.5. So the
- 19 orientation again that gets published on a final report, is that
- 20 through the algorithm?
- 21 A. Yes, and --
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. -- it's the center of the box.
- Q. It's the center of the box?
- 25 A. Yes, um-hum. Okay.

- 1 Q. But the crack-like -- what you thought might have been
- 2 classified as crack-like is actually at 90 -- I'm sorry, was at --
- 3 MR. CHHATRE: Ninety-five.
- 4 MR. NICHOLSON: Was it 95 or 99? Was at 95?
- 5 MS. SENF: 95.8. Yeah, um-hum.
- 6 MR. KILLORAN: I'm sorry. A moment ago Matthew asked
- 7 you if it was at 99.5 and you said yes. And now, it's 95.8.
- 8 MS. SENF: For the crack field is at 99.5.
- 9 MR. KILLORAN: Okay. That's what I wrote down.
- 10 MS. SENF: Yeah. And this indication here, which might
- 11 have led to the crack-like reclassification is at 95.8.
- MR. KILLORAN: Okay.
- 13 BY MR. PIERZINA:
- 14 Q. So -- and this is Brian here -- so that indication that
- 15 we're looking at for sensor 99.3 that's, that's not -- well, that
- 16 is right at the long seam, correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 0. 95 --
- MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah, 90- --
- 20 MS. SENF: It's 95.8.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah, right.
- 22 MS. SENF: 95.8.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Because 96, I think -- right.
- 24 BY MR. PIERZINA:
- 25 Q. 96 is --

- 1 A. Yeah, um-hum.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- A. Okay, so the feature is here. Sorry. It doesn't work
- 4 on this database, but I will open another file and -- if I'm able
- 5 to do that.
- Q. And what we're trying to do is use the current
- 7 algorithms to determine the longest indication?
- 8 A. Um-hum.
- 9 MR. NICHOLSON: Would it be easier just to do it
- 10 manually as they had done in 2005?
- MS. SENF: Yeah, I --
- MR. NICHOLSON: Maybe that's what we should do.
- MR. CHHATRE: I think --
- MR. NICHOLSON: Do you want to do that?
- 15 MR. CHHATRE: -- that will tell us the 2005, which is
- 16 what we are really --
- MS. SENF: Um-hum. Okay.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. I apologize if that's too much --
- MS. SENF: Okay.
- MR. NICHOLSON: I didn't realize that was -- you know,
- 21 how long it would take.
- MS. SENF: Go back -- so this one here, 3 inches here --
- 23 4 inches -- 4 inches would be the longest indication.
- MR. NICHOLSON: And then --
- 25 MR. CHHATRE: That will be for which defect now? Repeat

- 1 it.
- 2 MS. SENF: No, it's the defect 154-005538.
- 3 MR. NICHOLSON: And which sensor did you pull that off
- 4 of?
- 5 MS. SENF: I pulled that off sensors -- I look at all
- 6 the sensors and I -- then I took it out of the sensor 1-5.
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- 8 MR. PIERZINA: This is Brian here. One of the questions
- 9 I wanted to ask -- and maybe this is a good point to do it -- when
- 10 a client requests a detailed feature profile, I'm interested in
- 11 what that process is and what's done. And I know that in this
- 12 instance this feature they did request a detailed profile of. So
- 13 if you could maybe walk us through that process?
- MR. KILLORAN: Can I just -- from a process standpoint,
- 15 do you want to park that and let her go through all six features
- 16 first?
- MR. PIERZINA: I'm happy to --
- MR. KILLORAN: It's up to you, but --
- MR. PIERZINA: I'm happy to do whatever. Just, you
- 20 know, if it's easier to -- you know, that's a -- that was
- 21 something that was done specifically with this feature.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah, you know, I think we do it now
- 23 because it was on this feature profile.
- MR. KILLORAN: Okay.
- 25 MR. NICHOLSON: So it would mean more to us --

- 1 MR. FOREMAN: But it wasn't done in 2005, right?
- 2 MR. NICHOLSON: Yes, it was.
- 3 MR. PIERZINA: Yeah.
- 4 MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah, this one feature was profiled in
- 5 2005.
- 6 MR. FOREMAN: This one?
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: This one, yeah.
- 8 MR. PIERZINA: Okay.
- 9 MR. NICHOLSON: And it gets to the next -- well, the
- 10 other question I asked was the depth and I -- we'll probably hit
- 11 that as you do the profile maybe, so --
- MS. SENF: Um-hum, um-hum.
- 13 BY MR. PIERZINA:
- 14 Q. And one of the questions would be who would provide that
- 15 detailed profile of the feature? Would that be the analyst or a
- 16 QC person or a team lead or, you know --
- 17 A. So in 2005 -- so, shall I explain how we have done that
- 18 in 2005 or --
- 19 Q. Yes, please.
- 20 A. Okay. So in 2005, it was a special request for
- 21 Enbridge. We didn't do that for any other customers. We didn't
- 22 have the software for it. So then what we did, we went through
- 23 all the sensors and looked always for a change in amplitude, I
- 24 would say. And so, for the first inch the maximum amplitude was
- 25 30 dB, so he wrote that down, the analyst, 30 dB for the first

- 1 inch. And then, here this is a longer feature. Then he took that
- 2 one here, 4 inch with an amplitude of 40 dB. And then he looked
- 3 for the down -- what is after that 4 inch -- maybe the data is
- 4 here -- another 1 inch with 36 dB, and 2 inches with 40 dB, and
- 5 another 2 inches with 30. So it was quite a manual process, which
- 6 wasn't even reliable, I would say, at that time. So it's just
- 7 going through and seeing are there any changes in amplitude and
- 8 writing down the changes.
- 9 Q. And this is Brian. Then would the analyst need to do
- 10 that with each sensor. I would expect to -- because what we just
- 11 did we never got to the 44 dB amplitude, that somewhere there must
- 12 be, right?
- 13 A. Yes. So he did do that and for every sensor then he
- 14 combined it or he took the most severe sensors. In this case I
- 15 noticed we have four most severe ones. And then he went through
- 16 and looked for the changes in amplitude and the maximum amplitude
- 17 in there.
- 18 MR. NICHOLSON: The mean max five?
- MS. SENF: It was -- yeah. If -- when I talk about
- 20 maximum, it's always --
- MR. NICHOLSON: Right. It was still mean max five?
- MS. SENF: -- the mean max five, yeah. So --
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- BY MR. PIERZINA:

- 1 Q. So can you tell us what you would have reported this
- 2 step as manually? Was it the 46? How many -- what would be the
- 3 maximum depth reported for this crack?
- 4 A. Forty-four.
- 5 Q. Forty-four --
- 6 A. Um-hum.
- 7 Q. -- dB?
- 8 A. dB, yes.
- 9 MR. CHHATRE: I think that came from your sensor 2-17 at
- 10 one-and-a-half -- I think the maximum came.
- 11 MS. SENF: 2-17 --
- MR. CHHATRE: You said one-and-a-half --
- 13 MS. SENF: 2-17.
- MR. CHHATRE: Yeah, 2-17 one-and-a-half, decibel 44.
- MS. SENF: Yes, um-hum. Right, yes.
- And so, these profiles were provided for crack-like
- 17 indications, right? Here it is -- it is difficult to provide a
- 18 profile because we have several sensors. And for a crack-like
- 19 indication it's easier because you have one crack-like indication
- 20 and you have the individual changes in amplitude which you can
- 21 identify easily. For this crack field for me it's almost
- 22 impossible to create a representative profile --
- MR. NICHOLSON: I think the way it was reported was a
- 24 single depth, right? A start and an endpoint and a single depth?
- MR. PIERZINA: Kind of like --

- 1 MS. SENF: Yeah.
- MR. NICHOLSON: No, not the 9.3. It was reported back,
- 3 I think, as start/end and one depth. It didn't -- now, the 51-
- 4 inch they did more recently was a nice --
- 5 MR. KILLORAN: Do you need to look at the report to see
- 6 what provision they're referencing?
- 7 MS. SENF: It would be good to see that, yes. But I --
- 8 MR. NICHOLSON: We've got the report.
- 9 MS. SENF: -- could imagine that they took these 44 dB
- 10 over the whole length, yeah.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- MS. SENF: -- because we don't release -- here -- when I
- 13 look at this area here, I have a low amplitude but I have a higher
- 14 amplitude here in the same area, or when I go to the clockwise
- 15 here I also have here a high area, so the analyst can not really
- 16 pull out a profile of that. It is most probably the maximum
- 17 length -- the maximum amplitude over the whole length, yeah.
- 18 MR. PIERZINA: Okay. And this is Brian again. I guess,
- 19 you know, one of the questions would be, you know, it seems that
- 20 this would have been another opportunity for an analyst to say,
- 21 well, this doesn't look like a crack; it looks more like a crack
- 22 field, which I don't know if that would ever happen on a special
- 23 request if --
- 24 MS. SENF: Yeah, so there is a -- kind of a process that
- 25 we see. If something was reported in Step 1, we don't change it

- 1 in Step 2 or later because it -- so this feature here was reported
- 2 and put in the report. The profile was created -- I assume the
- 3 profile was created when we generated the report. So the people
- 4 are reluctant to change anything when it has already been gone to
- 5 the client. If it's real serious, that we say, okay, we classify
- 6 it as below 1 millimeter and now we see it's above 3 millimeter,
- 7 of course, they will change it.
- But here, okay, it should be a crack field but it is a
- 9 crack-like. I would assume that -- okay, it's more
- 10 (indiscernible) so we don't change it. So, there is -- it's not
- 11 really mandatory, but we shouldn't change anything when it has
- 12 already been reported to the client, if it's not really -- if it's
- 13 severe we have to change it, but if not, we leave it as it is.
- MR. PIERZINA: Okay.
- 15 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 16 Q. So the number I get -- can you just confirm the 44
- 17 equates to a 2 millimeter defect; is that correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. Yes, um-hum.
- Q. Which would be 27.4% of a .285-inch wall, which puts it
- 22 in this bin, the 25 to 40 bin. Okay. That works. Except when --
- 23 I thought it was -- when it was profiled was it a .09 depth? Do
- 24 we -- do you have that profile? You don't have the report, do
- 25 you, Petra?

- 1 A. No I don't have it here in my computer.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 (Phone rings.)
- 4 MR. KILLORAN: Somebody's BlackBerry is ringing.
- 5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's Matt's.
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: It's Matt's.
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: Well, I'm not going to -- I'm not going
- 8 to answer. It will be on the transcript now, but --
- 9 Bear with me. Here we go, .2 max depth -- oh, it was
- 10 reported -- the feature profile was reported -- this is what it
- 11 looked like, I guess. It's -- 5538 is the feature. That's how it
- 12 came back. So, I guess it came back as percent wall 29%, which
- 13 would have been greater than the 44 dB, but not by much. Did we
- 14 see -- we didn't see an indication greater than 44 dB, though?
- MS. SENF: No, no, no.
- 16 MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. Okay. 3.082 and you've got .078.
- Okay. Any other questions on the 9.3-inch feature?
- 18 MR. CHHATRE: No, the only question, I guess I didn't
- 19 quite get is how far -- I think it was 9.3 feet from the upstream
- 20 girth weld; is that what you are saying? Or downstream girth
- 21 weld?
- MS. SENF: From the upstream girth weld.
- MR. CHHATRE: Upstream?
- MS. SENF: 9.3.
- 25 MR. CHHATRE: 9.3 feet from the upstream.

- 1 MR. NICHOLSON: No. No, no.
- MS. SENF: No, no, no, no. No, sorry, sorry. 11.04
- 3 feet from the upstream girth weld.
- 4 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 5 MS. SENF: 9.3 --
- 6 MR. NICHOLSON: And that is -- that's where that box
- 7 starts basically.
- 8 MS. SENF: Correct. Correct.
- 9 MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. So we have orientation,
- 10 centerline, start. The length of the feature is the end of the
- 11 box?
- MS. SENF: Correct, um-hum.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. Good. Okay. So let's go to the
- 14 -- what's the next one?
- 15 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- Q. And just one quick question. Petra, this is Ravi. Is
- 17 there any difference between what was done in 2005 versus your
- 18 interpretation today? Is there any discrepancy in that besides --
- 19 A. The only discrepancy is that I would classify as a crack
- 20 field --
- 21 O. But that's --
- 22 A. -- and it was classified as a crack-like.
- Q. That's the only --
- 24 A. Depth-wise there is no discrepancy.
- Q. No discrepancy.

- 1 A. Yeah, or orientation or position-wise, there was no
- 2 discrepancy.
- 3 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- Q. Well, there is a discrepancy. The profile that's been
- 5 reported and the depth that Petra's coming up with don't match.
- 6 That's a discrepancy.
- 7 A. Well, I came up with a depth of 25 to 40%.
- 8 Q. The bin is correct, yes.
- 9 A. Yes, and this is the only thing I can provide. So the 9
- 10 -- 25% -- 29% concerns me a little bit, that that was delivered
- 11 in, back in --
- 12 Q. 2005?
- 13 A. 2005, yes.
- MR. KILLORAN: I'm sorry. You were tailing off there,
- 15 Petra. What did you say?
- MS. SENF: So, I'm concerned that an absolute depth of
- 17 29% was given in 2005 because we didn't provide an absolute depth
- 18 at that time. Maybe it's because providing a profile so we have
- 19 to give kind of a maximum depth. But it's -- it is a value --
- 20 well, we don't have a spec on it or tolerances on it, so the only
- 21 tolerance and spec we have is on the depth range, the 25 to 40.
- MR. CHHATRE: So instead of 29 what you are saying,
- 23 Petra -- this is Ravi, NTSB -- should have reported 25 to 40
- 24 instead of just number 29?
- MS. SENF: Correct.

- 1 MR. CHHATRE: Okay. Yeah, I understand now.
- 2 MR. NICHOLSON: Even if they profiled it? This was on
- 3 the profile that they gave --
- 4 MR. FOREMAN: There is on tolerance on profile,
- 5 absolutely none. It's not in the contract as deliverable.
- 6 MS. SENF: But that's the number --
- 7 MR. CHHATRE: So it was (indiscernible).
- 8 MR. NICHOLSON: So, it should have still said 25 to 40,
- 9 is what you're saying?
- 10 MS. SENF: Yes. Yes, correct, yes.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. And a profile doesn't really do
- 12 an operator any good then?
- 13 MR. FOREMAN: It's not a standard deliverable.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, okay.
- MR. FOREMAN: In 2005, it was not a standard
- 16 deliverable. We did it as run requested from Enbridge just to try
- 17 and get an understanding of the shape of the crack.
- MS. SENF: Yeah, there is a value --
- 19 MR. FOREMAN: On single cracks.
- 20 MS. SENF: -- seeing the shape, but not really the
- 21 depth. So --
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- 23 MS. SENF: -- even when we give a maximum depth of 29,
- 24 so it even -- it still can be 40% deep, right? So you -- so --
- MR. NICHOLSON: All right.

- 1 MS. SENF: -- we say it is somewhere in this range, but
- 2 we cannot give an exact value of depth. Ultrasonic is not -- it's
- 3 the physics which cannot give us an exact value. We see an
- 4 amplitude, but how was that amplitude reflected, right? What were
- 5 the conditions in that pipe that it was reflected? So, there is a
- 6 -- there's a tolerance. And the depths we get, it's not a
- 7 measurement or a sizing; it's an estimation.
- 8 MR. NICHOLSON: So, Geoff, then who would have agreed to
- 9 doing something outside the norm? Is that -- where does that come
- 10 from? The project manager?
- MR. FOREMAN: Yeah.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. So some agreement was made to
- 13 deviate?
- MR. FOREMAN: Yeah.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- MR. FOREMAN: It was like almost R&D, if you like, at
- 17 that time. Enbridge was the first companies to ask if profiles
- 18 could be done, so we attempted profiles. The problem Petra is
- 19 having is it's a crack field and not a crack-like feature. So a
- 20 crack-like feature you have one indication so you have one set of
- 21 values. She's got -- so we're picking the highest dB pixel, five
- 22 -- mean max five here today and we don't know what the analyst
- 23 actually picked.
- Now, today the process is formalized and the computer
- 25 does it for you so there's no human error --

- 1 MS. SENF: But it still is --
- 2 MR. FOREMAN -- in the selection.
- 3 MS. SENF: But it still is saying we don't give a spec
- 4 on it. We still don't give a spec on it. We have our depths bin,
- 5 so we only quarantee that we arrive within the tolerances. But we
- 6 don't guarantee on the profile itself. So it's (indiscernible)
- 7 and the depth itself is the profile of that --
- 8 MR. NICHOLSON: So that's made clear to Enbridge in this
- 9 case when you give them a profile, that it's --
- MR. FOREMAN: Yeah.
- MR. NICHOLSON: -- you can't --
- MR. FOREMAN: Today it's broader than an exact.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. They know that?
- MR. FOREMAN: Yeah.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 16 MR. CHHATRE: This is Ravi, Petra. I quess to finally
- 17 cap it off for this defect 154-005538, what has done since the
- 18 accident and 2005? Would the discrepancy (indiscernible) caught,
- 19 was the classification as a crack field versus crack-like feature?
- MR. FOREMAN: Um-hum.
- MS. SENF: Correct.
- BY MR. CHHATRE:
- 23 Q. And the other discrepancy would be the absolute number
- 24 of 29% versus 25 to 40 range?
- 25 A. Well, we --

- 1 Q. Is that correct?
- 2 A. We gave a depth bin at that time. We gave a depth bin
- 3 today. So at that time it was percent wall thickness. Today it's
- 4 millimeters. We gave an absolute depth of 29% at that time and
- 5 today we would give a depth, an absolute depth in millimeters.
- 6 Q. Okay. So that --
- 7 A. So we would do it in the same way. In the past it was
- 8 done manually.
- 9 Q. Right.
- 10 A. Today it's done by the software, but still no spec on
- 11 the profile contents, I would say, the shape of the profile or the
- 12 absolute depth of the profile.
- Q. Okay. So the 29% shouldn't have been given, shouldn't
- 14 have been used?
- 15 A. Well, it can be given, but it needs to be -- the client
- 16 needs to know that there is no spec on it, that it's done on best
- 17 endeavor, based on amplitudes.
- 18 Q. Right.
- 19 A. Which is not the only criteria you should use for depth
- 20 sizing.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. Yeah.
- MR. NICHOLSON: And that holds true today, if I ask for
- 24 a profile. Even though you give me absolute depth now, I'm --
- 25 it's -- there's no tolerance on that?

- 1 MS. SENF: Right.
- 2 MR. NICHOLSON: It's still within -- it's only as good
- 3 as the band that you reported it?
- 4 MS. SENF: Correct.
- 5 MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: All right. So are we ready to move on
- 8 to the next feature then?
- 9 MR. CHHATRE: Yeah, I'm ready.
- MR. NICHOLSON: 14.1 inch?
- MR. FOREMAN: And just for the record, for the actual
- 12 tolerance, you -- I think Ravi asked -- Geoff Foreman here. And
- 13 Ravi asked me yesterday, I think, for the confidence level in the
- 14 banding accuracies.
- MR. CHHATRE: Right.
- MR. FOREMAN: I can give you it for today. I don't know
- 17 what it was in 2005, but I found the spec sheet, the current spec
- 18 sheet.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay. If you can --
- MR. FOREMAN: And the banding today would be 1 to 2
- 21 millimeter, 2 to 3 millimeter, greater than 3 millimeter, with a
- 22 plus or minus .5 tolerance at a 90% confidence certainty, or plus
- 23 or minus 4 millimeters at an 80% confidence.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Say that again? Plus or minus 5 --
- 25 MR. FOREMAN: Millimeter at a 90% certainty and an 0.4

- 1 millimeter, plus or minus 0.4 millimeter at an 80% certainty. So
- 2 that would mean, as an example, a 2 to 3 millimeter band can be
- 3 1.5 to 3.5 at a 90% certainty or would be 1.6 to 3.4 millimeter at
- 4 an 80% certainty.
- 5 MR. CHHATRE: Okay. Are you going to send that to us
- 6 electronically or --
- 7 MR. FOREMAN: I can send it out electronically.
- 8 MR. CHHATRE: Okay. Great.
- 9 MR. FOREMAN: That's the standard spec today.
- 10 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MS. SENF: Okay. So Matt, the next feature you
- 12 mentioned --
- MR. CHHATRE: Do you want it back or --
- MR. FOREMAN: Well, yeah, I --
- 15 MR. KILLORAN: Yeah. Well, I mean, we're going to have
- 16 to label it.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay. That's fine. I'm okay with that.
- 18 MR. PIERZINA: So -- yeah, that's right. So --
- MR. CHHATRE: I don't want you to deviate from the
- 20 procedures.
- 21 MR. PIERZINA: -- the longer the band of the depth or
- 22 the wider the depth band the more confidence, right? So --
- MR. FOREMAN: Um-hum.
- 24 MR. PIERZINA: -- so 1½ to 3½ --
- MR. FOREMAN: That's 90%.

- 1 MR. PIERZINA: -- you get 90%. By taking --
- 2 MR. FOREMAN: Taking the band --
- 3 MR. PIERZINA: -- taking that tenth of a millimeter off
- 4 on each end you lose 10% of your confidence?
- 5 MR. FOREMAN: Yeah. Yeah, that's correct.
- 6 MR. PIERZINA: You know, not -- I don't want to get off
- 7 track, but this is a question I wanted to ask related to this POD
- 8 and POI is -- so that's a value for the entire pipe, correct?
- 9 MR. FOREMAN: Um-hum.
- MR. PIERZINA: Now, if -- I assume that for 95% of the
- 11 pipe body you actually have a higher degree of confidence than you
- 12 would within -- as opposed to within the long seam? Because the
- 13 long seam will affect your --
- MR. FOREMAN: Yep.
- MR. PIERZINA: -- your certainty, I guess? So the
- 16 question I would ask is does the 90% and the 80% take the
- 17 uncertainty with respect to the long seam into account so that
- 18 it's an average over the pipe circumference? Or could you apply
- 19 that 90% to the 1 inch along the long seam?
- MR. FOREMAN: The specifications are for the equipment
- 21 regardless of where it is, so that what you said, the second
- 22 (indiscernible) would kill the average. The fact that it's got a
- 23 weld in there is how it's been devised, so it's not specifically
- 24 for a pipeline but for the equipment. But you would expect the
- 25 equipment to work at that specification in the pipeline. So to

- 1 answer your question, it does take into account you're going to be
- 2 working in weld areas. There isn't two -- or we would have two
- 3 specs. You would have -- like for magnetics, for TFI, for
- 4 instance, there is a -- there's a pipe body spec and there's a
- 5 seam weld spec. For CD there's just one spec, but it takes into
- 6 account that the majority of the analysis is going to be along a
- 7 seam, which is where the -- 90% of your reflectors are going to
- 8 be.
- 9 MR. PIERZINA: Yeah.
- MR. FOREMAN: Now, if you read the spec there are some
- 11 areas, depending on the shape of the weld, the length of the weld
- 12 and the type of the weld, which they're all (indiscernible) on
- 13 confidence. You'd have to look at the bottom of that sheet.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 15 MR. PIERZINA: I'd like a copy of that.
- MR. FOREMAN: But what you really need is the 2005 spec,
- 17 which I'm going to try and get my hands on. What --
- 18 MS. SENF: I have, I have --
- 19 MR. FOREMAN: But it should be in the contract.
- 20 MS. SENF: Yeah, and it's also in your folder. I have
- 21 it there.
- MR. FOREMAN: Oh, oh, right.
- MS. SENF: The 2005 spec, right. Yeah.
- MR. PIERZNA: Okay.
- 25 MR. CHHATRE: And this is Ravi, NTSB. Geoff, when you

- 1 officially send me this, could you also in this one give the
- 2 example you're talking about? And now here you are talking about
- 3 the percentage of wall thickness?
- 4 MR. FOREMAN: Um-hum.
- 5 MR. CHHATRE: And if there is the wall thickness you
- 6 mentioned maybe you can make a note that that's the wall thickness
- 7 you are referring to here, will be what your wall thickness sensor
- 8 data is. Or is it a nominal wall thickness? Because, I guess, I
- 9 think it was (indiscernible) for a while because .285 was just
- 10 .25. So here you are saying  $12\frac{1}{2}$  to 25% of wall, 55 to 40% of the
- 11 wall thickness, you will clarify when you send that document to me
- 12 officially as to what wall thickness you are referencing to here.
- 13 The one that you measured with your probe or the nominal?
- MR. KILLORAN: Why, why don't we -- this is Bill. Why
- 15 don't we reference that as an information request?
- MR. CHHATRE: Right.
- 17 MR. KILLORAN: And we will --
- MR. CHHATRE: Yeah, sure.
- 19 MR. KILLORAN: -- address those questions in the context
- 20 of the 2011 general inspection of longitudinal crack
- 21 specifications grid 14 to 36.
- 22 MR. CHHATRE: And what's 2005 and 2008. I mean, since
- 23 the accident.
- MR. KILLORAN: Right.
- MR. CHHATRE: And give an example also you gave. That's

- 1 much easier for non-technical people to understand.
- 2 MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. Hold on. Did we just make an
- 3 information request here?
- 4 MR. CHHATRE: Yes, we did.
- 5 MR. NICHOLSON: Who captured it?
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: Nobody.
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: That's what I thought. Okay. Let me
- 8 get -- let me get that down. What was it, Ravi, that you were
- 9 asking for?
- 10 MR. CHHATRE: This was the spec sheet.
- MR. NICHOLSON: What spec sheet is -- that's a current
- 12 spec sheet.
- MR. FOREMAN: This is a current spec sheet.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Petra's going to give us 2005.
- 15 MR. FOREMAN: '5. The request is for 2005.
- MR. CHHATRE: And -- both.
- MR. KILLORAN: The request was for --
- MR. CHHATRE: For 2005 and --
- MR. FOREMAN: And the present one.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- MS. SENF: Yeah.
- 22 MR. CHHATRE: And in addition to give -- what I asked
- 23 for was clarifying the percentage of wall that they report, that
- 24 could be the wall thickness either nominal or your wall thickness
- 25 sensor. And give me an example of 80% confidence, 90% confidence

- 1 limits. Like if your defect is reported as 1½ millimeter with 80%
- 2 confidence it could be in this range.
- 3 MR. PIERZINA: Specific to the 24- and 36-inch pipe.
- 4 That spec sheet.
- 5 MR. NICHOLSON: What size? Twenty-six to 30?
- 6 MR. PIERZINA: Twenty-four to --
- 7 MR. FOREMAN: Twenty-four to 34.
- 8 MR. NICHOLSON: Twenty-four to -- okay.
- 9 MR. PIERZINA: Oh, 24 to 34?
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 11 MR. PIERZINA: Okay.
- MR. KILLORAN: Matt, can we go off the record for just a
- 13 second?
- 14 MR. NICHOLSON: Sure. Off the record.
- 15 (Off the record.)
- 16 (On the record.)
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. Back on the record. Okay. Are
- 18 we ready to move to --
- MR. CHHATRE: The next feature.
- 20 MR. NICHOLSON: -- the next feature?
- 21 MS. SENF: Okay. The next feature is -- the area ID is
- 22 154-006742. It is located 23.91 feet from the upstream girth
- 23 weld.
- BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- Q. Can I stop you for a second?

- 1 A. Um-hum.
- Q. I believe there's a 0154-006749 crack-like feature?
- 3 A. 6749?
- 4 Q. Do you not see that? At 20.79 feet from the upstream?
- 5 A. Excuse me. Yes.
- 6 Q. There is? Okay, good.
- 7 A. You were right.
- 8 Q. Good.
- 9 A. Yeah, excuse me. Okay, let's start with that. So area
- 10 ID 154-006749. It is located at 20.79 feet from the upstream
- 11 girth weld. It is classified as crack-like with a depth of less
- 12 than 12.5% wall thickness. The circumferential --
- 13 MR. CHHATRE: I'm sorry. Crack-like and what is the
- 14 next number?
- 15 MS. SENF: The depth is less than 12.5% wall thickness.
- 16 The circumferential position is 102 degree. The length it's 14.13
- 17 inches. Yes?
- MR. NICHOLSON: I'm sorry. The length is what?
- 19 MS. SENF: 14.13.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, okay.
- MR. CHHATRE: And the defect was at 102 degrees?
- MS. SENF: At 102 degrees. So the center of the box is
- 23 at 102 degrees.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MS. SENF: Okay. Good. So first I look at the

- 1 clockwise sensors. The first sensor with data is sensor 1-6 and I
- 2 only see the entry echo and some background noises, no defect
- 3 indication. The next sensor 1-7. It's the LW-C, which means it's
- 4 a long weld sensor, so I only see the reflections off the long
- 5 seam. The next sensor 1-8, only shows me reflections from the
- 6 entry echo and some background noise.
- 7 MR. CHHATRE: No defect?
- 8 MS. SENF: No defect indications. The next one, is
- 9 1-9. I see some weak reflections off the longitudinal weld, but
- 10 no defect indications. And so, these were the clockwise sensors.
- 11 Going to the counterclockwise sensors the first sensor is sensor
- 12 16-13 and I see some weak reflections of a crack field with a
- 13 maximum -- mean max five amplitude of 33 dB's. These indications
- 14 are located in the half skip.
- 15 Next sensor is 2-6 -- 2-16. I also see crack field
- 16 indications with a mean max five amplitude of 38 dB, which is the
- 17 maximum amplitude we achieved in this feature. And the next
- 18 sensor is 2-19. I only see some weak reflections off the
- 19 longitudinal weld.
- MR. CHHATRE: No defects?
- 21 MS. SENF: No defect indications. The same for the next
- 22 sensor, 2-20, reflections from the long weld and no defect
- 23 indications.
- MR. PIERZINA: I'm sorry. This is Brian. Don't we see
- 25 some crack field type -- you know, some weaker, the green?

- 1 MS. SENF: Which one? Do you mean these ones here?
- 2 MR. PIERZINA: Nope, up --
- 3 MS. SENF: This?
- 4 MR. FOREMAN: Is there one upstream?
- 5 MR. PIERZINA: Yeah, that -- yeah, right there.
- 6 MS. SENF: No. No, no. So you see this is a continuous
- 7 signal so it's also upstream and downstream of this feature and
- 8 it's the grade of the long weld. So, it would be reflections or
- 9 diffused signal from the long weld.
- 10 MR. PIERZINA: Okay.
- MS. SENF: No defect indications.
- MR. PIERZINA: Thank you.
- MR. FOREMAN: So there's one red pixel at one-and-a-half
- 14 skip there and --
- 15 MS. SENF: This one here.
- MR. FOREMAN: Can we see one -- is that giving us an
- 17 amplitude or not?
- 18 MS. SENF: That gives us an amplitude of 30 dB, but this
- 19 is a long weld reflection.
- MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- MS. SENF: Yeah.
- 22 MR. FOREMAN: I just want to make sure for completeness
- 23 that we --
- MS. SENF: Yeah. And so, the --
- MR. FOREMAN: -- we pick them all up.

- 1 MS. SENF: -- these kind of short reflections I wouldn't
- 2 even consider these.
- 3 MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- 4 MS. SENF: So this is here -- here it shows me in the
- 5 data as 1 inch -- is this right, 1 inch? No, it isn't -- yeah,
- 6 it's 1 inch, but -- yeah, because of the resolution I would say
- 7 it's even less than 1 inch. It's half an inch only. So it's --
- 8 we wouldn't consider it anyway.
- 9 MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- MS. SENF: The next sensor is 2-21 and it's a long weld
- 11 sensor, LW-C sensor. Again, I only see the reflection of the long
- 12 weld, no defect indications. Yes, and then I'm through. So,
- 13 these were all the same --
- MR. NICHOLSON: So longest indication --
- MR. FOREMAN: So, can you back to --
- MR. NICHOLSON: -- and amplitude -- sorry.
- MR. FOREMAN: Sorry. Could you go back to the very
- 18 first screen, Petra?
- 19 MR. KILLORAN: 1.6 or 1-6?
- MR. FOREMAN: No, to the very first sensor that you went
- 21 through on --
- 22 MR. CHHATRE: 1-6.
- MR. NICHOLSON: It's 1-6.
- 24 MR. FOREMAN: 1-6?
- MS. SENF: This one here?

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1 MR. FOREMAN: Okay. So just for completeness as well,
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- 2 that strong red reflector that looked to be just below the half
- 3 skip?
- 4 MS. SENF: This one here?
- 5 MS. FOREMAN: That's part of the --
- 6 MR. SENF: Part of the --
- 7 MR. FOREMAN: -- entry signal? It's not --
- 8 MS. SENF: Yeah. Part of the entry signal.
- 9 MR. FOREMAN: Okay.
- MS. SENF: Yes, correct.
- 11 MR. FOREMAN: I just wanted to clarify that.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum, um-hum.
- 13 MR. NICHOLSON: This here?
- MR. FOREMAN: That one, yeah, near --
- 15 MR. NICHOLSON: Is part of the entry signal?
- MR. FOREMAN: This one, yeah.
- MS. SENF: Yes, right, um-hum.
- 18 MR. FOREMAN: It's got no dB's, right?
- MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, it's got no dB's, right. Okay.
- 20 MR. FOREMAN: I just wanted to make sure for
- 21 completeness that we've gone through every single red pixel in
- 22 that feature.
- MS. SENF: Okay. And the longest -- let me see. The
- 24 longest indication here, I would say it's about -- it's less than
- 25 an inch. And this is -- how we reported it in the -- how we would

- 1 have reported it in the past, if it's below the spec we say -- we
- 2 just say it's below -- it's less than an inch and we don't say
- 3 it's half an inch. So, it's just below 1 inch or below 30
- 4 millimeters.
- 5 MR. CHHATRE: But that is your detection limit?
- 6 MS. SENF: Yeah, the 30 millimeters are the detection
- 7 limitation.
- 8 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 9 MS. SENF: Nominal speed.
- 10 MR. NICHOLSON: And the deepest indication would be that
- 11 38 decibels?
- MS. SENF: Correct.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Or 1 millimeter?
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- MR. PIERZINA: This is Brian. Just a question. What if
- 17 the defect was in between two skids? I mean it seems like all the
- 18 sensors that we're looking at for these first two features are on
- 19 one skid. Or are they on two?
- 20 MS. SENF: You mean -- so when I have the clockwise
- 21 sensors and they -- all of them are on the same skid, right, or
- 22 when it goes from one skid to the other.
- MR. PIERZINA: Oh, all right. So, that's not true.
- 24 Actually, the one --
- MS. SENF: It can happen that -- so here you see it.

- 1 For instance, here on skid 16, 16 and then the next one is 2 --
- 2 MR. FOREMAN: Skid 2.
- 3 MR. PIERZINA: Skid 2, right?
- 4 MR. FOREMAN: Yeah.
- 5 MS. SENF: Skid 2, so, yes.
- 6 MR. PIERZINA: Okay. Thank you.
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: The crack fields -- what was the
- 8 orientation on, let's say -- let's see, which one this would be.
- 9 MR. PIERZINA: 102 degrees?
- 10 MR. NICHOLSON: 16-30 maybe or 2-16?
- 11 MS. SENF: No, it's -- 103 to 104, 105, so it's --
- MR. NICHOLSON: That's on the 16-30?
- MS. SENF: Um-hum, 104 -- the center of it, I would say.
- MR. NICHOLSON: And the 2-16 would have been what?
- 15 MS. SENF: The 2-16, it's 103.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. Can we -- let's go off record for
- 17 a second here.
- 18 (Off the record.)
- 19 (On the record.)
- 20 MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. Back on the record, Petra Part 2,
- 21 Day 2.
- 22 All right. So where we left off we were going to enter
- 23 into this  $25\frac{1}{2}$ -inch long feature. And covering the same ground we
- 24 were before, if you would, please, Petra?
- 25 MS. SENF: Okay. So when we talk about feature area ID

- 1 154-006742.
- 2 MR. CHHATRE: What was that again? Can you repeat it?
- 3 1-4?
- 4 MS. SENF: 154-006742. This feature is located 23.91
- 5 feet from the upstream girth weld, circumferential position 100
- 6 degrees. It was classified as a crack-like feature with a depth
- 7 of 12.5 to 25% wall thickness, a length of 25.45 inches.
- 8 Going through the sensors, first sensor is 1-4. I just
- 9 see some weak signals -- some signals from the entry point and
- 10 also some -- yeah, some background signals, no defect indication.
- 11 The next sensor, it's 1-5. I see some crack field indications not
- 12 on the full length, pretty short, with a maximum -- mean max five
- 13 amplitude of 35 dB.
- MR. NICHOLSON: And can you give an orientation?
- 15 MS. SENF: Orientation of this is 99.3 degrees.
- MR. CHHATRE: And the weld -- this is Ravi. What was
- 17 the orientation of the weld?
- 18 MS. SENF: The orientation of the weld is still the
- 19 same. It is at 96 degrees.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 21 MS. SENF: Okay. The next sensor shows me the
- 22 reflections of the --
- MR. NICHOLSON: 1-6, right?
- MS. SENF: 1-6, sorry. Yeah, 1-6, some weak reflections
- 25 from the long weld, no defect indications. The next sensor, 1-7,

- 1 I just see the LW-C sensor, the long weld sensor, no other data,
- 2 no defect indications, sensor 1-7. And the next sensor, sensor 1-
- 3 8, I see some weak reflections, could be -- might not be caused by
- 4 the long seam because I'm already beyond the long seam. Might be
- 5 caused by a toe crack, very weak the reflections, so they're in
- 6 the half skip, and maximum amplitude here is 31 -- mean max five
- 7 amplitude 31 dB.
- 8 MR. FOREMAN: Petra, the -- between the one-and-a-half
- 9 and second skip, is that a shading effect or is that just --
- 10 MS. SENF: This one here?
- 11 MR. FOREMAN: Yeah, is that shading effect or just a --
- 12 MS. SENF: No. No, it's just some background -- some
- 13 gaps in the background noise.
- MR. FOREMAN: Okay.
- 15 MS. SENF: But not, not shading, no. If there would be
- 16 shading I would already expect that where I have a higher
- 17 amplitude here -- on the right-hand side of the feature --
- 18 MR. FOREMAN: Then the shading would be --
- 19 MS. SENF: -- I have a high amplitude.
- MR. FOREMAN: Okay.
- MS. SENF: When there is shading I would expect it
- 22 rather here. But this is just the background signal.
- MR. FOREMAN: Okay.
- MS. SENF: Okay. The next sensor, it's 1-9.
- 25 MR. NICHOLSON: Can you go back? 1-8, what was our

- 1 orientation of that --
- 2 MS. SENF: The 1-8, the orientation is 94.8 degrees.
- 3 MR. NICHOLSON: 94.8?
- 4 MS. SENF: Eight.
- 5 MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: That will make it above the long seam
- 7 then?
- 8 MR. FOREMAN: It's a tool crack so it'll be on the edge
- 9 of the weld.
- 10 MR. PIERZINA: The top side.
- MS. SENF: Edge of the weld, yeah.
- MR. NICHOLSON: On the top side.
- MR. CHHATRE: The outer edge.
- MS. SENF: On the top side, yes, um-hum. The next
- 15 sensor, 1-9, I see some crack field reflections in the half skip.
- 16 It is at 93 degrees with a mean max five amplitude of 34 dB. And
- 17 I also see some corresponding crack-like indications in the one-
- 18 and-a-half skip. So corresponding to the previous sensor it's
- 19 about 94.8 degrees again. And here the maximum amplitude is 32
- 20 dB's.
- 21 MR. NICHOLSON: Orientation one more time was what?
- 22 MS. SENF: The orientation was 30 -- 94.8 degrees.
- MR. CHHATRE: That was at one-and-a-half skip?
- MS. SENF: That's in the one-and-a-half skip.
- MR. CHHATRE: In the half skip it was 34 dB at 94

- 1 degrees?
- 2 MR. KILLORAN: 93.
- 3 MS. SENF: Yeah, 93 degrees and --
- 4 MR. CHHATRE: No -- 34 dB's, 94 degrees, I thought?
- 5 MS. SENF: No. No, it's 93 degrees.
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: 93. Oh, that is --
- 7 MS. SENF: 93. Yeah, um-hum.
- MR. NICHOLSON: That's what I have.
- 9 MS. SENF: Um-hum. Okay. Next sensor 1-10 -- let's see
- 10 here -- I see some weak reflections of a crack field, I would say,
- 11 not only in the half skip but also in the one-and-a-half skip. In
- 12 the half skip it's at 91.4 degrees with an amplitude of 30 dB and
- in the one-and-a-half skip it's about 26 dB and it is at 93.2
- 14 degrees.
- 15 MR. NICHOLSON: Those were weak reflections of crack
- 16 field?
- 17 MS. SENF: Correct.
- 18 MR. CHHATRE: And that one, the orientation puts them
- 19 above the seam weld?
- 20 MS. SENF: Yeah. All of it is above the seam.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MS. SENF: 93 -- yeah, above, um-hum.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Where are we in the box? What distance?
- 24 MS. SENF: Here we are at -- so you want to have the
- 25 distance to the upstream girth weld. I guess it's about 25 feet

- 1 from the upstream girth weld. Um-hum.
- MR. CHHATRE: And we are still looking at the clockwise,
- 3 right?
- 4 MS. SENF: Right. We are still looking at the clockwise
- 5 sensors. Okay. The next sensor is 1-11. It's not part of the
- 6 sensor list anymore, but I still can see some weak reflections.
- 7 It's not part of the box anymore because the reflections are too
- 8 low for it, but I see crack field reflections in the one-and-a-
- 9 half skip corresponding to the indications in the previous sensor
- 10 and with a mean max five amplitude of 26 dB and at 91.4 degrees.
- BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 12 Q. So, can we go back to 1-9?
- 13 A. Um-hum.
- Q. Where were we on 1-9? Oh, we were -- so you're seeing
- 15 indications --
- 16 A. So we see -- I see indications --
- 17 Q. -- throughout --
- 18 A. -- starting at 24.5 to 26 feet from the upstream girth
- 19 weld.
- Q. And then on your -- what was 1-5? It must have been the
- 21 very start of the feature?
- 22 A. Yes. Right.
- 23 Q. So what are we -- what would you call that?
- 24 A. I would say it's also part of the crack field or some
- 25 crack field reflections.

- 1 Q. Starting --
- 2 A. Yeah, starting at 24.7 I would say.
- 3 Q. To 25?
- 4 A. To 25, yeah.
- 5 MR. KILLORAN: I'm sorry. I couldn't hear you, Petra.
- 6 MS. SENF: To 20- -- from 25.7 to 25.
- 7 MR. PIERZINA: 24.7?
- 8 MS. SENF: 24.7 to 25.
- 9 MR. CHHATRE: So, I'd say, about 5, 6 inches long? You
- 10 are in decimal, right? You're not in inches?
- 11 MS. SENF: Three inches roughly. Yeah, um-hum.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MS. SENF: Any other questions for the clockwise?
- MR. PIERZINA: So, so far we haven't seen much of
- 15 anything below the long seam, correct?
- 16 MS. SENF: Um-hum, um-hum. Yeah, so the clockwise
- 17 sensors normally see the things about the long seam and the
- 18 counterclockwise the things below the long seam, so let's see what
- 19 we see on the counterclockwise.
- MR. PIERZINA: Okay.
- MS. SENF: So it's -- it's okay, everything is right.
- MR. PIERZINA: Sure.
- 23 MS. SENF: Okay. Counterclockwise side, first sensor
- 24 16-29. I see some weak reflections in the one-and-a-half skip. I
- 25 cannot tell if it's part of a crack field so there is no real

- 1 signal visible. It could also be background signal. So, I need
- 2 some corresponding signals in other sensors to make an assessment
- 3 on that.
- 4 The next sensor it's 16-30. The sensor detected two
- 5 indications: one at about 24.1 feet with a length of 4 inch and I
- 6 see -- what is it -- some weak reflections. It could be caused by
- 7 a crack field, I would say -- 24 dB in the one-and-a-half skip.
- 8 And the second indication I see from that sensor is at
- 9 25.5 feet from the upstream girth weld. This looks really like a
- 10 crack field indication going from the half skip to the -- of the
- 11 first skip and the one-and-a-half skip. And the maximum amplitude
- 12 here is 29 dB in the one-and-a-half skip. In the half skip I only
- 13 have 27 dB's.
- MR. NICHOLSON: 27 dB?
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- MR. NICHOLSON: In the half skip?
- 17 MR. CHHATRE: And what is the orientation?
- 18 MS. SENF: In the half skip for the amplitude.
- 19 MR. PIERZINA: What's the orientation?
- 20 MS. SENF: The orientation, in the half skip it is at
- 21 104 degrees and in the one-and-a-half skip at 103 degrees.
- MR. NICHOLSON: That's -- those are the orientations of
- 23 your second indication. What was your --
- 24 MS. SENF: Yes, right. Orientation of the first
- 25 indication is at 103 degrees. Next sensor is 2-16.

- 1 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- 2 Q. I have a question, Petra.
- 3 A. Um-hum?
- 4 Q. So here you're saying the clockwise sensors show the
- 5 defect above the seam weld.
- A. Above the seam weld, um-hum.
- 7 Q. And the counterclockwise signals show the defect below
- 8 the seam weld.
- 9 A. Um-hum, um-hum.
- 10 Q. Now, would that mean the defect really lies at the weld
- 11 or it can be -- I'm just trying to -- because I haven't seen so
- 12 far that happened in the first --
- 13 A. So -- yeah, when it is exactly at the weld, really, so
- 14 at the edge of the weld, it is normally seen as you mentioned, so
- 15 the one above from the clockwise and the one below from the
- 16 counterclockwise. If it's a little bit away from the long seam so
- 17 we see it with clockwise and counterclockwise sensors. It's just
- 18 when the beam goes directly through the long seam I wouldn't see
- 19 anything which is behind the weld, so I can only see it from
- 20 clockwise or counterclockwise.
- 21 Q. So this will mean it is -- is it close to weld or --
- 22 A. So here in the 3D scan of that feature, black lines --
- Q. Is the weld.
- 24 A. -- show the long weld, correct.
- 25 Q. Right.

- 1 A. And now you see here on the top, the clock -- from
- 2 clockwise indication. So this was the toe crack I talked about.
- 3 And here below the weld you see the blue indications,
- 4 counterclockwise crack field, but also some red indications. So
- 5 we also saw some --
- 6 Q. Clockwise, you mean.
- 7 A. -- crack field indications in the clockwise sensors. So
- 8 as long as I'm right at the edge of the weld I only get it from
- 9 one side, but when I am a little bit away from it -- and here I'm
- 10 an inch away -- I should get it with clockwise and
- 11 counterclockwise sensors.
- 12 Q. So when you are away from the weld you're getting --
- 13 A. Yes.
- 0. -- both clockwise and counterclockwise?
- 15 A. As long as I go through that weld with my beam I won't
- 16 get anything which is behind the weld.
- 17 O. Behind.
- 18 A. But when I'm next to the weld I will get a
- 19 (indiscernible).
- Q. But this one will you put, I guess, upside of the weld
- 21 or downside of the weld? I mean, I realize it's away from the
- 22 weld, but which side is away? Is it away on the -- do you know
- 23 what I'm saying?
- 24 A. Um-hum.
- Q. When the defect is away from the weld, where is it? Is

- 1 it above the weld or below the weld?
- 2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Both.
- 3 MS. SENF: Both, yeah.
- 4 MR. FOREMAN: But, no, the -- well, okay. Yeah, then
- 5 clarification. The toe --
- 6 MS. SENF: Yeah, but it depends where you are --
- 7 MR. FOREMAN: -- that the toe crack is one side and the
- 8 SCC is on the other side, is that what you're saying? The two
- 9 crack fields will be the same?
- 10 MS. SENF: So a crack field is not exactly at the weld.
- 11 It is a little bit away. It is a wide area.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MS. SENF: And as long as it's wide I have a chance to
- 14 get it with a clockwise and with a counterclockwise.
- 15 MR. CHHATRE: So your crack field -- really some of the
- 16 crack field contains cracks above the weld, some may contain below
- 17 the weld, and that's what's happening here?
- MS. SENF: Yeah.
- MR. CHHATRE: I got you.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah. They're independent features.
- MR. FOREMAN: So, the black --
- 22 MS. SENF: Yeah, independent features.
- MR. FOREMAN: -- the black line is the weld. That's the
- 24 toe crack and that's the crack field. So is this crack field on
- 25 the same side as the seam weld as the previous feature? Is it the

- 1 one that we looked at before?
- 2 MS. SENF: Most of them we looked at so far were below
- 3 the weld, the crack fields.
- 4 MR. FOREMAN: So when we see it below the weld --
- 5 MS. SENF: Yes. Yeah, um-hum.
- 6 MR. FOREMAN: -- we using the same reference because we
- 7 can see it above and we see it below, so this is the direction of
- 8 flow? Okay.
- 9 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 10 MR. PIERZINA: Then that makes -- that makes sense,
- 11 right, if the coating has disbonded and, you know, you --
- MR. CHHATRE: Yeah, I mean, I did not see where -- what
- 13 the interpretation we got. I mean, so far the first time I saw
- 14 indications clockwise on one side and counterclockwise on the
- 15 other.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- MR. CHHATRE: Until this point they're all on one side
- 18 of the seam weld, so --
- 19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.
- 20 MR. FOREMAN: Which is why we drew -- we're not in the
- 21 big box yet, but that's why I drew --
- MR. CHHATRE: Yeah. Now, I see what you're getting at.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- MR. CHHATRE: Some cracks may be above, some cracks may
- 25 be below the seam weld?

- 1 MR. FOREMAN: Yes.
- 2 MS. SENF: Right. Um-hum.
- 3 MR. CHHATRE: Yeah, I understand.
- 4 MS. SENF: Okay. Where are we?
- 5 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 6 Q. You were on 2-16.
- 7 A. Um-hum.
- Q. And I think we're ready to go.
- 9 A. Okay, 2-16 I see a crack field indication, which
- 10 is visible in the half skip and also in the one-and-a-half skip.
- 11 In the half skip, which is at 103 degrees, my maximum amplitude is
- 12 about 38 dB, mean max five amplitude again. And in the --
- Q. What was that -- where are we on the plane? Where is
- 14 that crack field? From upstream?
- 15 A. It is over the whole length from that feature, so all
- 16 these indications are crack field indications.
- 17 Q. Okay. For the whole --
- 18 A. So some of them really weak and some of them stronger.
- 19 And the indications in the one-and-a-half skip are at roughly 1.1
- 20 -- 101.5 degrees and the maximum amplitude here is 34 dB.
- 21 Q. I'm good.
- 22 A. Okay.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Anyone else?
- MS. SENF: Next sensor at 2-17, I see some strong
- 25 reflections of a crack field in the half skip, mean max five

- 1 amplitude 41 dB at approximately 101.6 degrees going over the
- 2 whole length of the feature. And in the one-and-a-half skip I
- 3 have reflections with a mean max five amplitude of 30 dB and this
- 4 is at 99.9 degrees.
- 5 And the next sensor it's 2-18. I only have a -- I also
- 6 see a crack field indication in the half skip. It's a pretty
- 7 short indication. It starts at 25.7, I would say, 25.7 feet from
- 8 the upstream girth weld, and it ends at 25 point -- excuse me,
- 9 25.2 to 25.5 from the upstream girth weld.
- 10 BY MR. PIERZINA:
- 11 Q. This is Brian. Can you help try to make me understand
- 12 why we see such a thin band of the sensor recording? You know,
- 13 everything else is great.
- 14 A. Um-hum.
- 15 Q. Is that just because the sensor didn't register data
- 16 or --
- 17 A. Correct. Correct. So the data or the indications
- 18 upstream and downstream of -- downstream of that small band did
- 19 not meet the detection criteria, so the amplitudes were too low
- 20 for detection. Only these ones here met the thresholds. And when
- 21 we go back, when we look at -- now we see both sensors here. We
- 22 see 20-18 and 20-17, and so you see that this -- these indications
- 23 of sensor 2-18 correspond to the little -- I don't want to call it
- 24 gap -- there is a little gap in the crack field at 2-17 and they
- 25 correspond to each other.

- 1 So either -- the crack field is not a straight crack
- 2 field, it's slightly curved, and in here there are no reflections
- 3 from the crack field but they are here. So it's just the shape of
- 4 it -- of the indication or the shape of the crack field made it
- 5 possible that only a small part is -- or the shape of the crack
- 6 field really depends on the detection. When there is -- in this
- 7 range here where I have the gap, when the amplitude's too low it
- 8 won't record it, so --
- 9 Q. And so -- and this is Brian again. Given that we know
- 10 that there's a lot of reflectors over that length and we're not
- 11 getting any amplitude signal returning on the other -- you know,
- 12 outside of that narrow band, is -- does that mean -- could that
- 13 mean that there's an issue with the, you know, sensor? Did it
- 14 maybe not fire or something or -- I guess I'm having a hard time
- 15 understanding why --
- 16 A. Yeah. Um-hum, um-hum.
- 17 Q. -- why we wouldn't see more --
- 18 MR. FOREMAN: Could it be -- could it be this? Because
- 19 it's a crack field. It's not a single crack. So could it be a
- 20 short crack --
- MS. SENF: Right.
- MR. FOREMAN: That's what will happen, it's not all in
- 23 the same orientation?
- 24 MS. SENF: Um-hum. So, so when we look at the 3D scan I
- 25 can -- I think we can see the shape of the crack field. So, it's

- 1 straight here and then we have a curve here. And this curve is
- 2 right -- it is at 25.2 up to 25.6, I would say. It's exactly --
- 3 or part of this region here or here. Now, the curve is displayed
- 4 like this in our data, so -- nothing was detected by the sensor
- 5 here, but by the next. To answer your question, if the sensor
- 6 would not work, I wouldn't get any data here, so --
- 7 And when I -- what I can do is -- going back to that
- 8 sensor here -- so you see the sensor is working here, it is
- 9 working here. I make a compression of the data to see more of it.
- 10 Okay, there's no data here, but the sensor worked well so there is
- 11 no reason to assume that it did not work here. There is no reason
- 12 for it.
- 13 BY MR. PIERZINA:
- Q. Okay. Maybe -- so maybe I'll ask a different way and
- 15 this might help me understand. Why -- if you could put up 2-17
- 16 again with --
- 17 A. Um-hum.
- 18 Q. -- along with 2-18. Why do you see so much in 2-17 and
- 19 so little in 2-18?
- 20 A. The main indications are detected here with 2-17, so
- 21 this is the sensor we get all the signals from that small crack
- 22 field -- or from that narrow crack field, this is how I would call
- 23 it. This sensor is slightly next to it. The position of this
- 24 sensor is not -- the position of the sensor to the defect is not
- 25 in such a perfect position as here.

- 1 Normally I get signals from one indication in the half
- 2 from one sensor only, not from two or three sensors, just from one
- 3 sensor. And this sensor here was in a perfect position to detect
- 4 these defects or these features here. But because of the curved
- 5 shape only this sensor was in a good position to detect --
- 6 MR. FOREMAN: (Indiscernible) that's the crack field.
- 7 MS. SENF: -- the crack field.
- 8 MR. PIERZINA: Okay.
- 9 MS. SENF: It is a curve which -- this is responsible
- 10 that only a little part of the crack field was detected by that
- 11 sensor but more of it here. The same question would be why don't
- 12 we have anything here? Yeah.
- MR. FOREMAN: Right, so -- piece of paper. If the
- 14 perfect footprint for 2-17 is here and it sees the majority of the
- 15 crack -- but the crack's not totally linear. It's wandered off
- 16 and come back again. But the perfect footprint for 2-18 is
- 17 adjacent to it, so it doesn't see anything in this area but it
- 18 sees it there. And this one only sees this area and doesn't see
- 19 that. So it's because it's not a perfectly straight crack. It's
- 20 wandered off and come back again.
- 21 MR. NICHOLSON: But on the skid 18 is behind 17.
- MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Because that skid actually has kind of a
- 24 helical shape to it, so it's not --
- 25 MR. FOREMAN: So it's really offset --

- 1 MR. NICHOLSON: Yes.
- 2 MR. FOREMAN: -- diagonally across by half an inch or an
- 3 inch.
- 4 MR. NICHOLSON: Right.
- 5 MR. FOREMAN: Right? So you're picking one footprint up
- 6 and then another footprint on the overlap. So you're not seeing
- 7 it overlapping. You're seeing one sensor seeing one side clearly
- 8 and then the other sensor picks up the long piece. So it's just
- 9 the orientation is the crack's not running perfectly straight,
- 10 it's (indiscernible).
- BY MR. CHHATRE:
- 12 Q. But -- this is Ravi --
- 13 A. So, so --
- 14 Q. This is Ravi. A follow-up question to Brian's and
- 15 Geoffrey's. I'm not so much worried about not seeing the crack,
- 16 but my concern -- not really a concern, but actually I'm not
- 17 seeing anything. I'm not seeing the background. Like, you
- 18 normally see background, you normally see scatter. I'm not seeing
- 19 anything in that particular -- that's the question I really had
- 20 was -- forget about the crack.
- 21 A. Um-hum. Um-hum.
- 22 Q. Why I'm not seeing anything? No background, no scatter?
- 23 A. So when there is only background the data is not
- 24 recorded except at the long seam. When I'm at the long seam I
- 25 also record data when there is background. So, yesterday we

- 1 talked about the LW-C sensor. So when the LW-C sensor or when a
- 2 sensor identifies a long seam, the two neighboring sensors will
- 3 record the data if there is --
- 4 MR. FOREMAN: Are forced.
- 5 MS. SENF: -- if there is a signal or not. If that's
- 6 just background it will be recorded.
- 7 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. Here in this case we are -- we are in the base material
- 10 more or less. And if there is only background we won't record it
- 11 because if we would record background the discs would be full
- 12 after a minute or two.
- 13 Q. Okay. So the program automatically eliminates any
- 14 background reflections?
- 15 A. The program only records data when indications meet a
- 16 certain threshold, when the reflections are an indication above
- 17 the background signal. So, we have a threshold for it. So, it
- 18 needs to be 11 dB above the threshold, for instance.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. And if this is not the case it's not recorded.
- Q. Okay. So I mean there could be a whole bunch of points
- 22 there or pixels there, but they all will be -- if I understand you
- 23 correctly, below 11 dB?
- MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- MS. SENF: Yes, right.

- 1 MR. CHHATRE: Okay. So that's what I'm really --
- 2 MR. FOREMAN: So that cuts out really --
- 3 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 4 MS. SENF: Um-hum, um-hum.
- 5 MR. FOREMAN: -- the gray and blue.
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: But that's --
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: So the gray, I guess, really is an
- 8 indication.
- 9 MR. FOREMAN: It's just not seen.
- 10 MR. CHHATRE: Right. Right. That's what I'm saying.
- 11 So, not makes it sense that they are in there. That makes sense.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. Don't leave 2-18 till we get
- 13 amplitude and orientation for this.
- MR. FOREMAN: That's right.
- 15 MS. SENF: So we don't have it for 18?
- MR. FOREMAN: No.
- MS. SENF: No, okay.
- MR. NICHOLSON: We didn't get there.
- MS. SENF: 18, an external crack field at 99.9 degrees
- 20 in the half skip, mean max five amplitude 37 dB.
- BY MR. CHHATRE:
- Q. And that's about a 3 -- 3 to 4 inches long roughly?
- A. Yeah, maximum 4.
- 24 Q. Yeah.
- 25 A. Um-hum. The next sensor is 2-19. I have a pretty wide

- 1 reflection from the entry point and background signals, no defect
- 2 indications.
- 3 Q. Now, Petra, do -- it's hard to line up -- can you line
- 4 up the clockwise and anti-clockwise sensors from your data? I
- 5 mean, I can see we had 2-17, 2-18, 2-19 counterclockwise and 1-4
- 6 and 1-6 clockwise.
- 7 A. Um-hum.
- 8 O. And if I was able to see the two -- all this will be
- 9 matching clockwise and counterclockwise sensors.
- 10 A. Um-hum, um-hum.
- 11 Q. Does your program tell you which one of these will be
- 12 matching with the -- or which one of the clockwise will be
- 13 matching counterclockwise?
- 14 A. Yeah, it tells me somewhere here having it in the list,
- 15 but I also could have a look at my sensor configuration.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. But, yeah, the sensor configuration just tells me the
- 18 numbers of the sensors.
- 19 O. Um-hum.
- 20 A. So, it doesn't really tell me which one correspond to
- 21 each other.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- MR. PIERZINA: And the orientations for those sensors
- 24 are the entry point orientation; is that right?
- MS. SENF: Correct, yes.

- 1 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- 2 Q. The (indiscernible) one -- sensor 1-27 is equal to 2-12,
- 3 one clockwise and one counterclockwise. I just have the
- 4 impression -- if you wouldn't have told me that, that's the
- 5 impression I would have gotten, that 2-12 is counterclockwise at
- 6 the same location as 1-27, which is clockwise. I mean, that's
- 7 all --
- 8 A. These two here?
- 9 Q. Yeah.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. That's what I figured that --
- 12 A. Yeah, but --
- 13 Q. -- they are different skids, but --
- 14 A. Yeah, both of them are on the same skid here.
- 15 Q. Oh, they're on the same skid?
- 16 A. No, they are -- no, this is really how you have seen it
- 17 in the workshop.
- 18 Q. Right.
- 19 A. So this displays one skid.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. The clockwise and the counterclockwise. So you see the
- 22 angle of incidence -- and the position of the entry point is close
- 23 to each other because the sensors are.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. Is that right what I'm saying? There is one degree part

- 1 of it -- is that right what I'm saying? And the distance -- oh,
- 2 it's an inch, okay.
- 3 Q. Yeah, I'm just curious, on the tool, I thought it one
- 4 skid you have all these sensors. They may be opposing, but
- 5 they're all going the same way. And the next skid will have
- 6 making sensors going counterclockwise to equal clockwise. Or did
- 7 I --
- 8 A. So, I guess -- so the sensor 2-7 here and the sensor 1-7
- 9 here from the other -- from the neighboring skid.
- 10 Q. Will be going on the --
- 11 A. They will go on the same position, yeah, um-hum.
- 12 Q. Clockwise and counterclockwise?
- 13 A. Counterclockwise, yes.
- Q. Okay. So you can --
- 15 A. On a neighboring --
- 16 Q. -- like 1-24 --
- 17 A. -- a neighboring skid, yes.
- 18 Q. -- will match with 2-24, clockwise and counterclockwise?
- 19 A. Sorry. Can you say that again? 2-24?
- 20 Q. Like 1-24 will be clockwise and 2-24 will be
- 21 counterclockwise the same location?
- 22 A. No, no, no. So it's -- so then I have to go to the next
- 23 skid. So I'm here at the 1-24 here and now this here corresponds
- 24 to that one here.
- 25 Q. Oh, okay.

- 1 A. So, it's always the neighboring skid.
- 2 Q. Oh, okay.
- 3 A. Yeah.
- 4 Q. All right.
- 5 A. Okay. So you just asked me why the tool didn't collect
- 6 any --
- 7 Q. Right.
- 8 A. -- background signals here.
- 9 Q. Um-hum.
- 10 A. It didn't collect anything here, but now you only see
- 11 background signals.
- 12 Q. Right.
- 13 A. So you see that this one of the neighboring sensors.
- 14 Now we are getting closer to the long seam and now we see
- 15 background signals.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. So -- and there is no defect indication in sensor 2-19.
- 18 It's just some signals because the sensor was forced -- or the
- 19 tool was forced to collect the data.
- 20 Q. This is Ravi again. And the other -- the other way to
- 21 put it that was like all these background pixels they are beyond
- 22 the threshold, they're all -- the color code looks like they
- 23 are --
- A. Um-hum. Yeah, they're all --
- 25 Q. -- (indiscernible).

- 1 A. Yeah.
- 2 O. So --
- 3 A. Yeah, so there is -- there isn't really a need to record
- 4 this data, but we have clues at the long seam. One of the sensors
- 5 identified the long seam and that means you have to collect the
- 6 data of the neighboring two sensors if there is anything or not.
- 7 It doesn't matter.
- 8 Q. Okay. I see.
- 9 A. So -- yeah.
- 10 Q. So it's a default programming --
- 11 A. Correct. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- MS. SENF: The next sensor is 2-20. It's the second
- 14 neighboring sensor and what I see is some reflections off the long
- 15 seam, no defect indications at all. The next sensor, 2-21. It's
- 16 a LW-C. I only see the reflections of the long seam and no other
- 17 indications. So these were all the counterclockwise sensors, so
- 18 we are through.
- MR. PIERZINA: And anything in there that lead you to
- 20 call that feature a crack-like feature?
- 21 MS. SENF: Yes -- yes and no. So the reflections off
- 22 the clockwise sensor 1-8 and 1-9, there we have some toe crack
- 23 reflections, but these reflections are not as strong as the
- 24 reflections from the crack field.
- MR. PIERZINA: That's the toe crack in the one-and-a-

- 1 half skip?
- 2 MS. SENF: Yeah, we have -- in sensor 1-8 we have it in
- 3 the half skip and in 1-9 it's in the one-and-a-half skip, yes.
- 4 MR. CHHATRE: And you will call that a toe crack?
- 5 MS. SENF: Yeah, so --
- 6 MR. FOREMAN: Crack-like.
- 7 MS. SENF: It is a toe crack, but we would call it a
- 8 crack-like indication.
- 9 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MS. SENF: So it's the other term we use it.
- MR. FOREMAN: So in that box there are both crack-like
- 12 and crack field indications?
- MS. SENF: Correct.
- MR. FOREMAN: And you called it a crack-like?
- MS. SENF: Correct.
- 16 MR. CHHATRE: There's one, two and three so far.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 18 MR. CHHATRE: Up to five?
- MS. SENF: Halfway through, um-hum.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MS. SENF: Yeah, let me know when we can jump to the
- 22 next one.
- MR. CHHATRE: I'm ready.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Oh -- did we get -- oh, you gave me the
- 25 -- oh, for the crack fields then on this one what would be our

- 1 longest indication recorded? And deepest?
- 2 MS. SENF: Um-hum. Below, below 1 inch -- this is 1
- 3 inch -- yeah, it's below 1 inch. There isn't really an
- 4 interlinked indication visible.
- 5 MR. CHHATRE: The longest was less than 1 inch?
- 6 MS. SENF: Less than 1 inch, yeah.
- 7 MR. JOHNSON: What was the length of the toe crack?
- 8 MR. CHHATRE: I -- yeah, I'm going to say that 2-18 I
- 9 think is telling it's 3 to 4 inch long.
- 10 MR. NICHOLSON: Well, I asked her for the longest
- 11 indication of the crack field though, not crack-like.
- MS. SENF: So the toe crack goes over the whole length
- 13 of the feature, about 25 inches.
- MR. CHHATRE: Right. 35.2 and 35.5, so one-third that
- 15 means, I would say, 3 to 4 inches. And I think that would
- 16 classify as crack field now.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Now, what are you asking -- what are you
- 18 saying, Ravi?
- MR. CHHATRE: I'm saying 2-18 and --
- 20 MR. NICHOLSON: Crack field indication --
- MR. CHHATRE: And that is roughly .3 --
- MR. NICHOLSON: Well, that's true. That was a 4-inch --
- 23 but that's the entire field. That's the length of the field. I'm
- 24 asking for the longest indication, right, and that's less than 1
- 25 inch.

- 1 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 2 MR. FOREMAN: But the longest indication in the box was
- 3 the whole length of the box, which was the toe crack.
- 4 MS. SENF: Yeah, but there are two features. There's
- 5 the crack-like feature and the crack field.
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: Exactly.
- 7 MS. SENF: And the longest indication of the crack field
- 8 is less than an inch.
- 9 MR. FOREMAN: No, I understand that.
- MS. SENF: Yeah, yeah.
- 11 MR. FOREMAN: But if I'm the analyst in 2005 and I'm
- 12 looking at a box that's 25 inches long and I've got a crack-like
- 13 that's 25 inches long and I've got to see it as a crack field
- 14 indications that are all short. And the biggest amplitude is
- 15 maybe -- I don't know in that crack field indication?
- MS. SENF: Yeah.
- 17 MR. CHHATRE: So --
- 18 MR. FOREMAN: But he's reporting the box, so he's took
- 19 the crack-like length and the deepest indication from the crack
- 20 field, max five -- mean max five.
- MR. NICHOLSON: For the final report?
- MR. FOREMAN: For the final report.
- MR. NICHOLSON: In 2005.
- MR. JOHNSON: Yes.
- 25 MR. NICHOLSON: That's fine. I'm asking had it been

- 1 analyzed as a crack field, what would have been the longest
- 2 indication?
- 3 MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- 4 MR. NICHOLSON: That's what I'm trying to get to.
- 5 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: And Petra, all of our discussions, this
- 7 one for all these features we talked about, that's the current
- 8 interpretation, right? That is not how --
- 9 MS. SENF: Correct.
- 10 MR. CHHATRE: -- the 2005 person would have looked at
- 11 it?
- MS. SENF: This is my interpretation, correct.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay. I just want to make sure.
- MS. SENF: Yeah, um-hum.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay. Great.
- MR. NICHOLSON: And I didn't catch the deepest
- 17 indication for a crack field. Which one of those?
- 18 MS. SENF: So this is in sensor 2-17, maximum amplitude
- 19 of 41 dB.
- 20 MR. CHHATRE: So I must have missed that 41 dB somewhere.
- 21 MR. NICHOLSON: Which one? You said it was on 2-18 --
- MR. CHHATRE: I knew -- yeah, I knew it's -- which one
- 23 was it? 41?
- 24 MR. NICHOLSON: At 2-18 I wrote down 37 dB.
- MR. CHHATRE: Where'd you have 41 dB?

- 1 MR. PIERZINA: She said 2-17.
- 2 MS. SENF: 2-17 does have 41 dB, um-hum.
- 3 MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, yeah. Actually I wrote down 42.
- 4 MR. CHHATRE: Okay. I had written down 30 dB for that.
- 5 So it's 41 dB?
- 6 MR. NICHOLSON: That's on the one-and-a-half skip.
- 7 MR. CHHATRE: Oh, I see. 41 dB was --
- 8 MR. NICHOLSON: I wrote down 42 dB.
- 9 MR. FOREMAN: Do you want to just go through those
- 10 couple of sensors again and just confirm that we've got --
- 11 MS. SENF: This is the maximum one we have is 41 dB.
- MR. CHHATRE: Yeah, okay.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- 14 MR. JOHNSON: That was 17, 2-17?
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. I'm ready when you are.
- MS. SENF: Okay? So, and the next feature is
- 18 154-005567.
- 19 MR. CHHATRE: 1 --
- 20 MS. SENF: 154-005567.
- 21 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- 22 Q. Okay. Why are these numbers have different -- there's
- 23 no symmetry to those?
- A. So we divide our data into sections, so 1.5 sections, so
- 25 we start with section 1, 2, 3. So here we are -- pretty at the

- 1 end of the run we are at section 155.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. And then the boxes, which are created during the data
- 4 processing, it starts with box 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
- Q. Okay.
- A. And so, one section contains about -- between 2,000 and
- 7 5,000, 6,000 boxes after data processing. In some cases the
- 8 analyst needs to add a box or needs to join to boxes when he
- 9 thinks so this is one feature not two features. And then he will
- 10 get a new area number. So the last one was maybe 6000, so when he
- 11 joins a feature it will be 6001.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. And because we want to keep all the out area numbers in
- 14 the database that we can go back and check when there's something
- 15 wrong, everything will be kept. No area box will be deleted from
- 16 the database. It's still there. It's just not visible in our
- 17 data anymore.
- 18 Q. So only if you delete a box still we get a different
- 19 number?
- 20 A. When you delete it it's gone, but when you insert a new
- 21 one or when you join two boxes --
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. -- it will get a new number.
- Q. Another number?
- 25 A. Yes, um-hum.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 MS. SENF: Okay. So we are area 5567 --
- 3 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- Q. And, I'm sorry, your segment is 1½ kilometers long?
- 5 MS. SENF: Correct.
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 7 MS. SENF: Yeah. Okay. So this feature is located at
- 8 26.66 feet from the upstream girth weld at -- circumferential
- 9 orientation of the box is 100 degrees. It was classified as
- 10 crack-like with a depth of 12.5 to 25% wall thickness, overall
- 11 length 51.61 inches.
- MR. CHHATRE: How much?
- MS. SENF: 51.61 inches. Okay. Going through the
- 14 sensors, starting with the clockwise sensors, the first one is
- 15 1-1. I see some -- a small band of data at 28 feet from the
- 16 upstream girth weld with some weak reflections. Difficult to tell
- 17 whether it's a rather background signal, no defect indication
- 18 again.
- The next sensor is at sensor 1-4. I see a crack field
- 20 indication in the half skip. The max -- mean max five amplitude
- 21 is 40 dB, orientation 100.8 degrees.
- MR. NICHOLSON: And where are we?
- MS. SENF: It starts at 28 -- yeah, 28.2 feet from the
- 24 upstream girth weld and it ends at 30.5 feet. The next sensor I
- 25 see again a crack field indication in the half skip.

- 1 MR. NICHOLSON: This is 1-5.
- 2 MS. SENF: This is -- excuse me, this is 1-5.
- 3 MR. CHHATRE: And what is it -- how far is it? I'm
- 4 sorry, 1-5? And you said how far it is from the girth weld?
- 5 MR. KILLORAN: She hadn't said yet.
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: Oh, she didn't. Okay.
- 7 MS. SENF: You're faster than me. So the crack field
- 8 indication at max -- mean max five amplitude 42 dB, orientation
- 9 99.5 degrees. So actually I see two crack field indications. One
- 10 of them starts at 28 feet from upstream girth weld and it ends at
- 11 29.2. This is the one with 42 dB amplitude. And I see a second
- 12 -- a smaller indication at 30 feet with a length of about 4
- 13 inches. The maximum amplitude here is 33 dB. Orientation also 99
- 14 point -- yeah, .2, .3.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- 16 MS. SENF: The next sensor is 1-6. It's a LW-C and I
- 17 just see some long seam reflections, no defect indications.
- 18 MR. PIERZINA: I have question.
- 19 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 20 MR. PIERZINA: And this is Brian. This is the LW -- oh,
- 21 it's -- LW-N is the one that captures --
- MS. SENF: Right. Right. Yeah.
- MR. PIERZINA: All right. Never mind.
- 24 MS. SENF: Um-hum. Then the next is at 1-7. It's a
- 25 LW-N, long seam reflections are visible, no defect indications.

- 1 Then it's sensor 1-8. I see two indications. First I see a weak
- 2 toe crack in the half skip. This starts at 28 inch with a length
- 3 of about 9 or -- yeah, 10 inches; orientation 94.8 degree; mean
- 4 max five amplitude 27 dB. And I also see some crack -- weak crack
- 5 field indications in the half skip. They start at 29.5 feet with
- 6 a length of about 18 inches and mean max five amplitude 31 dB and
- 7 orientation 94.7 degrees.
- 8 MR. NICHOLSON: Now, 94.7 --
- 9 MR. FOREMAN: Petra, what's that number in one-and-a-
- 10 half?
- MS. SENF: 94.7. Pardon me?
- MR. FOREMAN: What's that indication in the one-and-a-
- 13 half?
- MS. SENF: This one here?
- MR. FOREMAN: Yeah.
- 16 MS. SENF: I would say a reflection from the long seam.
- 17 MR. FOREMAN: Okay.
- 18 MS. SENF: Because we are still close to the long -- or
- 19 you're at the long seam here. This is the toe crack, yeah.
- MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- 21 MS. SENF: Um-hum. The next sensor is 1-9 and here I
- 22 can see three indications. Let's start with the one on the left.
- 23 It begins at 26.6 feet. It's a weak crack field in the half skip.
- 24 Mean max five amplitude 34 dB; orientation 93 degree. The second
- 25 indication it's a toe crack in the one-and-a-half skip. It starts

- 1 again at 28 feet and with a length approximately 8 inches, maximum
- 2 amplitude 32 dB. And the third indication, it's again --
- 3 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 4 Q. What was that orientation?
- 5 A. Hmm? Orientation was 94.8. The third indication it's a
- 6 crack field. It starts at 29.7 feet and with a length of 15
- 7 inches. Orientation 92.9 degree and max -- mean max five
- 8 amplitude 37 dB's. The next sensor 1-10. On the very left of our
- 9 -- at the beginning of the box it's at 26.6. I see a weak crack
- 10 field indication in the one-and-a-half skip. Orientation 93.1
- 11 degrees and maximum amplitude 29 dB's. And at --
- 12 Q. How long was that? You said at 26.6 feet?
- A. Right. And it's about 5 -- yeah, 5 inches long. And
- 14 the second indication starts at 29.8 feet with a length of 12
- 15 inches and it's a crack field indication, which is also -- it's
- 16 starting at the half skip and it goes over to the one-and-a-half
- 17 skip, so the orientation in the half skip it's 91.4 degrees, 32
- 18 mean max five amplitude, 32 dB's. And in the --
- 19 Q. 32 dB?
- 20 A. 32 dB, yeah, um-hum.
- 21 Q. In the one-and-a-half skip?
- 22 A. In the one-and-a-half skip, so orientation is about 93
- 23 degree and 28 dB mean max five amplitude.
- 24 Next sensor 1-11. There is one indication of a crack
- 25 field, really weak, and it starts at 29.7 feet from the upstream

- 1 girth weld. And indications are in the one-and-a-half skip at
- 2 91.5 degree and mean max five amplitude 27.
- MR. CHHATRE: And how long that is? It started at 29.7?
- 4 MS. SENF: Yeah, it is 11 inches long. Now, these were
- 5 the clockwise sensors. Going to the counterclockwise side, the
- 6 first sensor is 16-30. I see weak crack field indications in the
- 7 half skip and in the one-and-a-half skip. It starts at 28 feet on
- 8 the length, so 19 inches. Orientation in the half --
- 9 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 10 Q. I'm sorry. It goes 19 inches?
- 11 A. Nineteen inches, yes.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. Orientation in the half skip 104.5 degrees and mean max
- 14 five amplitude 30 dB. And in the one-and-a-half skip at 103
- 15 degree and mean max five amplitude 27 dB.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. The next sensor it's 2-16. I see crack field
- 18 indications in the half skip and also some weak ones in the one-
- 19 and-a-half skip. Indication starts at 28 feet on a length of 30
- 20 inch -- 30 inch and --
- 21 Q. Show me where you got that?
- 22 A. It's from here to here.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. So that's 30 inch.
- 25 MR. FOREMAN: It starts where? At 26?

- 1 MS. SENF: 28.
- 2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 28.
- 3 MR. FOREMAN: 28?
- 4 MS. SENF: Yeah. So the mean max five amplitude is
- 5 38 dB's and the orientation is 103.1 degrees.
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: 103. --
- 7 MS. SENF: 103.1 degree.
- 8 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 9 MS. SENF: For the half skip. And in the one-and-a-half
- 10 skip I have an amplitude of 32 dB and orientation is about 101.4
- 11 degrees.
- MR. FOREMAN: And its length was what?
- MS. SENF: Well, it's the same length so it's -- it
- 14 starts at 28 feet and it's 19 inches long.
- MR. FOREMAN: It goes to 30 inches.
- MS. SENF: No, 30 inches.
- 17 MR. PIERZINA: 30 inches.
- MS. SENF: So, 30 inches; 19 was the previous one.
- MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- MS. SENF: 30 inches, yeah.
- 21 The next sensor it's 2-17. I see crack field
- 22 indications in the half skip, which starts again at 28 feet with a
- 23 length of 36 inches. Mean max five amplitude 40 dB and
- 24 orientation 101.5 degrees.
- The next sensor, again I see crack field indications

- 1 with a little gap in between, so I would divide it into two
- 2 indications. The first one is a crack field in the half skip and
- 3 in the one-and-a-half skip. It starts at 26.6 with a length of 13
- 4 inches and the mean max five amplitude is 37 dB; orientation in
- 5 the half skip is 99.9 degree.
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: 99.9?
- 7 MS. SENF: 99.9. And on the same length of the 13
- 8 inches we have reflections. The one-and-a-half skip crack field
- 9 reflection it's at 98.3 degrees and mean max five amplitude of 34
- 10 dB. The second indication starts at 28 feet and is about 15
- 11 inches long. I see a crack field in the half skip and the signals
- 12 of this crack field are close to the -- or they already start
- 13 close to the entry point, like a little bit of a curved shape, and
- 14 orientation is 100 degrees and the mean max five amplitude is 40
- 15 dB's. The next sensor 2-19 --
- MR. FOREMAN: Just before we're on the next sensor, go
- 17 back. So you said it was near this entry point. Does that mean
- 18 it's an internal crack or was it external?
- MS. SENF: No, no, it's -- but it could mean that it's
- 20 -- or that the entry point does have a little curve so the shape
- 21 of the crack field is slightly curved, I would say, so it's -- the
- 22 signal is not a straight signal but a curved one.
- MR. FOREMAN: But it's on the external --
- MS. SENF: So it's close to --
- MR. FOREMAN: But it's on the external surface?

- 1 MS. SENF: It's -- it is external, yeah.
- 2 MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- 3 MS. SENF: So, yeah. Okay. The next sensor 2-19 it's a
- 4 LW-N, the neighboring sensor, and I see long seam reflections in
- 5 the one-and-a-half skip. They start at 27.2 feet from the
- 6 upstream girth weld over a length of 32 inches.
- 7 BY MR. PIERZINA:
- 8 Q. And what type of reflection would you call that?
- 9 A. I would call it a seam weld reflection.
- 10 Q. Crack like?
- 11 A. No, a seam weld reflection not a crack-like reflection.
- 12 Q. Not a crack?
- 13 A. No.
- Q. Okay. And why on this reflection would you go the total
- 15 length as opposed to two individual lengths?
- 16 A. Yeah, that's -- yes. Yeah, that's a good question.
- 17 It's not right. I should divide it into two indications.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. That's right. Yeah, um-hum. Okay.
- 20 MR. NICHOLSON: Even if it's a long seam or how --
- MS. SENF: Yeah, because it is a long seam that's why I
- 22 would say it's just one indication, yeah, so --
- MR. JOHNSON: It's not a reportable feature.
- MS. SENF: Yeah, so -- yeah, it's a non-reportable, no
- 25 need to have two boxes, so --

- 1 MR. PIERZINA: And it's non-reportable because why?
- 2 MS. SENF: Because it's just the reflection of the long
- 3 seam.
- 4 MR. CHHATRE: See by default I thought -- this is Ravi
- 5 -- that long seam reflections are always reported by the program.
- 6 MS. SENF: Yeah, but reported means it doesn't go to the
- 7 report.
- 8 MR. CHHATRE: Right. I mean --
- 9 MS. SENF: It doesn't go to the final report.
- 10 MR. CHHATRE: But this (indiscernible) but I'm saying
- 11 you'll see those pixels on the screen, whereas in other cases
- 12 where there was only background you didn't see anything.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum, yeah.
- MR. PIERZINA: But in that -- again, this is Brian. In
- 15 that area of 29 feet you've got some high amplitude reflection,
- 16 right?
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 18 MR. PIERZINA: Especially, you know, in the --
- 19 MS. SENF: Yeah, that's fine. When I go to the next
- 20 sensor I see the same here, so it seems that the long seam is not
- 21 really straight, that there -- that it's slightly deviating and I
- 22 get some higher reflections and then lower reflections, higher
- 23 again. This is a normal reflection of the long seam. And when I
- 24 look at both sensors now, 2-20 and 20-19, it's corresponding here.
- 25 These stronger reflections are visible here and these strong

- 1 reflections are visible here, so it's --
- 2 MR. FOREMAN: So does that mean that --
- 3 MS. SENF: -- it's corresponding.
- 4 MR. FOREMAN: Does that mean that the actual DSAW weld
- 5 has an edge so you're getting a stronger corner effect from the
- 6 actual weld itself?
- 7 MS. SENF: Yeah, this is -- but this is what we always
- 8 expect.
- 9 MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- 10 MS. SENF: Or this is how the algorithm works, right?
- 11 It does have a nice weld cap and because of that shape we get the
- 12 LW-C. We identify it as a long seam and we record the neighboring
- 13 two sensors.
- MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- MS. SENF: Yeah, um-hum.
- MR. FOREMAN: And this is where the analyst earns their
- 17 money because that's -- you can't just follow the red mark means
- 18 simply a crack. And that's when it starts getting complicated.
- 19 MS. SENF: Yeah.
- MR. FOREMAN: For me, anyway. I'm only at level zero.
- MS. SENF: Not only for you. We figured that out here.
- 22 So this indication originally classified as a crack-like, right?
- MR. FOREMAN: Um-hum.
- MS. SENF: Or the analyst thought it's a crack-like
- 25 indication, which is not the case.

- 1 MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- 2 MS. SENF: Good. Any other -- have I told you
- 3 everything about the sensor or is there something --
- 4 MR. NICHOLSON: There was nothing --
- 5 MR. PIERZINA: You're having no indications, is what
- 6 you're saying?
- 7 MS. SENF: Okay. Long seam reflections?
- 8 MR. NICHOLSON: The long seam reflection.
- 9 MS. SENF: Okay. The next sensor it's 2-20, same here
- 10 long seam reflections, no defect indication. Next sensor 2-21,
- 11 same here, no defect indications. Long seam reflections only.
- 12 And the next sensor is 2-21 and here I see --
- 13 MR. KILLORAN: 2-22.
- MS. SENF: 2-22, excuse me. I see a crack field
- 15 indication in the one-and -- in the half skip. It starts at 29.7
- 16 feet from the upstream girth weld, length approximately 15 inches,
- 17 and there is a -- there are some strong reflections with a mean
- 18 max five amplitude of 45 dB, orientation 93.6 degree.
- 19 MR. CHHATRE: So this lies above the weld, right?
- 20 MS. SENF: Yes, right. Yeah. So you see -- all the
- 21 other crack fields we have seen are here below the weld. Here --
- 22 and this one here now it is above the weld. It is here.
- BY MR. PIERZINA:
- 24 Q. So the 45 dB amplitude for the mean max five that we
- 25 get, what depth bin should that correspond to?

- 1 A. That should correspond to the third one, so it is --44
- 2 would mean it's 2 millimeters so it would be in the 2 to 3
- 3 millimeter or -- yeah, corresponding to 25 to 40 bin.
- 4 O. 25 to 40%?
- 5 A. Um-hum, yeah.
- 6 Q. But the feature was reported as 12-1/2 to 25?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. Do we know why that would be?
- 9 A. I can only assume. I cannot --
- 10 Q. Well, I think we would probably appreciate your opinion
- 11 just to know what -- from your perspective why that would be.
- 12 A. Um-hum, so --
- MR. KILLORAN: Well -- I'm sorry. If she's got a
- 14 professional opinion, but if she's going to speculate, I mean,
- 15 I -- distinguish. Just be clear what you're giving. Is it your
- 16 opinion or are you just speculating?
- 17 MS. SENF: It's speculation.
- 18 MR. KILLORAN: Okay.
- MR. PIERZINA: And that's, that's fine. I think we
- 20 understand.
- MS. SENF: Okay. Yeah.
- MR. NICHOLSON: We understand.
- MS. SENF: So the analyst goes through all the sensors
- 24 like this, going this speed, so he sees all the indications. So
- 25 now he looked at the clockwise and now he goes to the

- 1 counterclockwise and normally it ends somewhere here because the
- 2 analyst exactly knows where he is. He always starts from the
- 3 bottom and he goes up. And when he's -- so he had to look at
- 4 these crack field indications on the counterclockwise side and
- 5 then -- okay, there is a long seam I'm gone -- I'm done, so.
- 6 And now -- and here, again, another long seam indication, now I'm
- 7 done. And now there is another crack field now. And so, my
- 8 assumption is that he didn't even look at this sensor.
- 9 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 10 MR. FOREMAN: And this is only at the side of the weld?
- MS. SENF: So meanwhile --
- 12 MR. FOREMAN: Is it?
- MS. SENF: -- the colors change. So, this is the new
- 14 software we use here. The colors change when he's done. So he
- 15 needs to go through all the sensors until he sees a white line.
- 16 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- Q. But here -- and this is Ravi, NTSB, question. Since the
- 18 accident have you -- you meaning GE -- have you gone back to those
- 19 two analysts --
- 20 A. Um-hum.
- 21 Q. -- and did you -- not the entire line, but at least for
- 22 this particular segment --
- A. Um-hum.
- Q. -- have you discussed with them as to what certain --
- 25 why certain -- I mean the discrepancy, you know, how you would

- 1 classify and they did at that time.
- 2 A. Um-hum, um-hum.
- 3 Q. Was that discussed? And I guess -- and I realize some
- 4 of the things you said you speculate --
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. -- or that you are hoping.
- 7 A. Yes, um-hum.
- 8 Q. But if you have discussed that with them then maybe we
- 9 can have their interpretation, right? And I thought you --
- 10 already did talk to them?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. So --
- 13 A. But --
- 14 Q. I, I guess what I'm leading to is maybe don't need to --
- 15 A. Yeah, I talked to them and I watched them when they
- 16 looked at the feature and this is exactly what they did. So they
- 17 went through the sensors, okay, okay, okay, okay, okay with that,
- 18 okay, okay. But they didn't go to the end and -- so they -- of
- 19 course they knew, okay, so if Petra is talking to me about these
- 20 features there is something wrong then. So they moved back and
- 21 forth, back and forth and I -- okay.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. There is another indication.
- Q. So I quess --
- 25 A. But they didn't say really, oh, there is another

- 1 indication. They just -- oh, okay, I know it's a crack field.
- 2 But it took them really a while to get -- to go to the end of it,
- 3 so --
- 4 Q. I guess what I'm hitting at is either (a) maybe we can
- 5 have their interpretation of it. If you -- if I understand, you
- 6 gave them a blank of these scans and they went through.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. So it's not really 100% speculation.
- 9 MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah.
- 10 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- 11 Q. You had some reasons for what they did, so --
- 12 A. Um-hum.
- 13 Q. Am I correct in that?
- 14 A. Yes, but I have seen that they went through all the
- 15 sensors.
- 16 Q. Right. Sure.
- 17 A. Because they know they have to go through --
- 18 Q. Right, right.
- 19 A. -- all until it gets white.
- 20 Q. And that's what -- I understand.
- 21 A. But in 2005 -- yeah.
- 22 Q. I call (indiscernible) maybe there is more credence to
- 23 what you are saying than calling it pure speculation.
- A. Um-hum.
- Q. If there is some basis --

- 1 A. They would like --
- MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah, if you've watched them go through
- 3 the process --
- 4 MS. SENF: Yes.
- 5 MR. CHHATRE: That's what I'm saying.
- 6 MR. NICHOLSON: -- it's more than assumption.
- 7 MR. CHHATRE: It's a little more --
- 8 MR. NICHOLSON: Right.
- 9 MR. CHHATRE: -- little more solid than a complete
- 10 guess.
- MR. FOREMAN: But I think what I'm hearing is that she
- 12 went through the process with the modern software --
- MR. NICHOLSON: Right. Yes.
- 14 MR. FOREMAN: -- which you keep going until you get a
- 15 blank screen. In 2005 there it was a judgment call when they saw
- 16 long seam to think whether that would go to the other side of the
- 17 long seam. It's not the same --
- 18 MR. CHHATRE: Right.
- 19 MR. FOREMAN: -- set of cracks.
- 20 MS. SENF: I don't want to say that they have -- don't
- 21 have to go through all the indications, but here, especially here
- 22 in this feature the -- here's the long seam and here is another
- 23 long seam indication.
- 24 MR. FOREMAN: And that was at the end.
- MS. SENF: I wouldn't expect anything after this either.

- 1 MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- MS. SENF: Yeah, but --
- 3 MR. FOREMAN: But there is.
- 4 MS. SENF: But there is, yes.
- 5 BY MR. PIERZINA:
- 6 Q. Well, all right. And so -- and this is Brian again, but
- 7 -- so we have, we have a 45 dB mean max five, right? And does the
- 8 analyst know that somewhere there is a 45 dB mean max five
- 9 reflector?
- 10 A. Yeah, he -- so he -- yeah, it is -- it is difficult for
- 11 features at the long seam because the amplitude we get here, the
- 12 45, is for the whole feature. So it could be caused by a crack
- 13 field indication or by the long seam indication.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. So, difficult for him to tell that there is a 45 dB
- 16 indication.
- 17 Q. Well, so -- and I guess my question is with the 45 dB
- 18 amplitude feature that puts you in the 25 to 40% bin and the
- 19 feature was reported in the 12-1/2 to 25% bin.
- 20 A. Um-hum.
- Q. So that, that is a huge difference. So I think it would
- 22 be important for us to understand how we got from the 25 to 40%
- 23 bin down to the 12-12 to 25% bin.
- 24 A. Um-hum.
- Q. Right?

- 1 MR. NICHOLSON: I agree it's important. I don't see how
- 2 we're going to be able to know that. How are we --
- 3 MS. SENF: So, what I --
- 4 MR. NICHOLSON: We'll have to talk to the analyst,
- 5 right?
- 6 MS. SENF: Yeah. What I can -- so there is -- there is
- 7 one indication with the 45.
- 8 MR. PIERZINA: Sure. Right at the very end and above
- 9 the well.
- 10 MS. SENF: Right at the very end, yes, and above the
- 11 well, so it is -- yeah, it's over here. Right, yes. And -- yeah,
- 12 the only reason why it was only classified to 25 -- 12.5 to 25 is
- 13 that this indication was not considered for sizing.
- 14 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 15 Q. Well, if it was mean max five --
- 16 A. Mean max five, yeah.
- 17 Q. Oh, that is --45 is the mean max five.
- 18 A. Um-hum, um-hum.
- 19 Q. So it didn't take the 45 and four other readings and
- 20 average them. Okay. So, yeah, it should have been reported as
- 21 45. So the only answer would be it didn't get looked at.
- 22 A. Or he didn't consider it for sizing. At that time it
- 23 was a manual process the sizing, right? So he went to --
- Q. He just discarded it.
- 25 A. -- he went through the data as we did, so he looks at

- 1 all the crack field indications and looks, okay, what is my
- 2 maximum amplitude? It's 40, it's 40, 42, then this how he did it
- 3 in the past.
- 4 MR. PIERZINA: Sure.
- 5 MS. SENF: Yes.
- 6 MR. PIERZINA: Now in 2005 the data that is on the right
- 7 hand side of the screen that we're looking at today would that be
- 8 the -- would that have been presented in that same fashion in
- 9 2005?
- MS. SENF: Yes. Yes, yes.
- MR. PIERZINA: So, correct me if I'm wrong, if I'm an
- 12 analyst and I know up front that I'm looking for a 45 dB
- 13 reflector, wouldn't -- I would want to find that, right?
- MS. SENF: Um-hum. Um-hum. Yeah, but the problem is
- 15 this value here is for the whole feature and I'm at the long seam.
- 16 And when I look at the long seam reflections -- here in this case
- 17 I have 41 dB -- and what do I have here -- 41 dB, 41 dB. So the
- 18 -- yeah, here I have weaker reflectors, but the analyst -- for
- 19 features at the long seam though this maximum value is normally
- 20 corresponding to the long seam reflections and not to defect
- 21 reflections.
- It's not reliable. He doesn't know where it comes from.
- 23 Does it come from the long seam or does it come from the defect?
- 24 And normally the analyst is not looking at that value here.
- 25 Rather in the base material but not at the long seam.

- 1 MR. PIERZINA: So --
- 2 BY MR. FOREMAN:
- 3 Q. I've got another question. If you were analyzing that
- 4 today under today's rules, would that SCC colony or crack field be
- 5 part of this one big box or would it be a separate defect?
- 6 A. Today, we -- because the two crack fields are located on
- 7 each side of the weld --
- 8 Q. Um-hum.
- 9 A. -- on all sides of the weld -- so we would have two
- 10 boxes.
- 11 Q. Two boxes.
- 12 A. One box for this one here.
- 13 Q. Right.
- 14 A. And another box for this one here.
- 15 Q. Right. So we would have a big -- we'd have a deep
- 16 shorter box on either side of the weld that's not associated with
- 17 the big field on this side of the weld. Yeah?
- 18 A. Um-hum.
- 19 O. Right. So it would have been a missed -- and then -- so
- 20 therefore it wouldn't be missed because there'll be a separate box
- 21 to go and actually look at it?
- 22 A. Yeah, well -- and even if it would be one box the sizing
- 23 that we use now -- so the sizing algorithm for crack fields is
- 24 that it only excludes indications which relate -- which do not
- 25 relate to a crack field. So today the analyst goes through --

- 1 let's go back here. I cannot really show that or do that in the
- 2 data, but what he's doing, he looks at reflections which do not --
- 3 are not part of the crack field and they just exclude it.
- So -- it's not working here, but they exclude them and
- 5 excluding -- an excluding frame means it's not considered for
- 6 sizing. But -- so in this case he would exclude all these
- 7 indications because this is not crack field. This one here is not
- 8 crack field. It will be excluded. Just a box with an X in the --
- 9 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 10 Q. Through this up -- this background stuff?
- 11 A. So the whole thing I would -- I would just exclude it --
- 12 don't use it for sizing because I have lots of reflections here
- 13 which are not part of a crack field.
- 14 Q. Oh, okay.
- 15 A. So all the non-relevant indications are excluded.
- 16 Q. But previously they would have been included as part of
- 17 the mean max?
- 18 A. Previously it was a manual process, the --
- 19 Q. Oh, okay.
- 20 A. -- the depth estimation. And since we have it in the
- 21 software -- so the analyst needs to tell the software which
- 22 indications are not included for sizing.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- A. So he would exclude -- no he wouldn't exclude these ones
- 25 here. Which ones -- he would exclude this one here and this one

- 1 here. So even if he wouldn't look at this one here, when he's not
- 2 excluding it, it will be part of the sizing and then it will be 25
- 3 to 40.
- 4 MR. PIERZINA: What is the maximum amplitude --
- 5 MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah, this is -
- 6 MR. PIERZINA: -- reflector in that area, if we can
- 7 tell? I don't know if we can, but --
- MS. SENF: Yes, we can.
- 9 MR. PIERZINA: Oh, we can --
- 10 MS. SENF: Let's see. Okay. So I -- no, I only see
- 11 indications with 44 dB or higher and -- yeah, that makes it easier
- 12 for me -- then one at 46, 44 -- yeah, 46.
- MR. FOREMAN: Yeah, because mean max five will be some
- 14 higher than --
- MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah, the bin, right.
- 16 MS. SENF: So, 46 is the maximum amplitude, um-hum.
- 17 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- 18 Q. This is Ravi. I still -- I mean, the point he was
- 19 making was correct. If he had the number 45, maybe
- 20 (indiscernible) that's a good check to see that you had looked at
- 21 all, because even if it is -- as you move away from the seam it's
- 22 still good to know that, okay, they didn't see -- the program
- 23 tells me 45 dB max.
- A. Um-hum, um-hum.
- Q. And indeed I didn't find 45 dB max.

- 1 A. Um-hum, um-hum.
- 2 Q. They can see there are no -- it's blue black.
- 3 A. Yes. Yes.
- 4 Q. But as you really can see (indiscernible) makes sense.
- 5 A. Yeah, but for 95 of the -- 95% of the indications are at
- 6 the long seam, right. Always checking so what is the maximum
- 7 here? So where does the maximum come from? Does it come from a
- 8 defect or does it come from the long seam?
- 9 Q. Right. Can be done.
- 10 A. Yeah, can be done.
- MR. FOREMAN: Okay. But from my understanding that's on
- 12 the other side of the weld. That particular piece didn't even
- 13 fail.
- MS. SENF: That's a (indiscernible).
- 15 MR. FOREMAN: So if you look at it from another point of
- 16 view, if we actually called it -- making this one a big feature
- 17 with a deeper depth than it actually had, right?
- 18 MR. NICHOLSON: Well, the difference is what would it
- 19 have done on the Enbridge side? That's the difference. Twenty-
- 20 five to 40 would have prompted different actions from --
- MR. FOREMAN: I agree.
- MR. NICHOLSON: That's (indiscernible).
- MR. FOREMAN: But it would have been wrong. It would
- 24 have been a wrong call because it would have been on the other
- 25 side of the weld, right?

- 1 MR. NICHOLSON: Right.
- 2 MR. FOREMAN: I agree it would have prompted different
- 3 actions and it's a shame it didn't, but -- but it is actually in
- 4 the -- the point I was making was --
- 5 MR. KILLORAN: Well --
- 6 MR. FOREMAN: -- it wouldn't be -- and today it wouldn't
- 7 be incorporated in that long defect. It would be separate defect
- 8 or a separate --
- 9 MR. NICHOLSON: Right. No, that's a good point. Right.
- 10 It's its own --
- 11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (indiscernible) you say it would
- 12 probably be different. What's your basis for that?
- 13 MR. NICHOLSON: No. I said that.
- MR. FOREMAN: He said --
- 15 MR. NICHOLSON: And then I think he --
- MR. KILLORAN: But he said you agreed?
- 17 MR. CHHATRE: It could. It doesn't mean it would.
- 18 MR. FOREMAN: Yeah, I couldn't say it would, but it --
- 19 MR. CHHATRE: It could (indiscernible).
- MR. NICHOLSON: It may have.
- MR. FOREMAN: Yeah.
- 22 MR. NICHOLSON: Just --
- MR. KILLORAN: Should we take a break?
- 24 MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah, I was going to -- I see a lot of
- 25 people leaving. Let's go off record here and take a break.

- 1 (Off the record.)
- 2 (On the record.)
- 3 MR. NICHOLSON: On the record. This is Petra interview
- 4 Part 6.
- 5 And, actually, we're -- we just covered the 51.6-inch
- 6 feature, right? We went through all the sensors. That's where we
- 7 kind of left off. And the revelation here was that we had seen an
- 8 amplitude of 45 dB in the very last feature on sensor 2-22.
- 9 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 10 Q. So, I think what I need to know from you, Petra, that --
- 11 if you'd just confirm for me that back in 2005 because the final
- 12 report says the feature bin was 12½ to 25%. Seeing a 45 decibel
- 13 would have -- should have shown this as 51.6-inch long feature and
- 14 25 to 40 percent bin; is that correct?
- 15 A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And if it had been reported to me an operator is 25 to
- 17 40% and I came back to you asking for a profile, what would I have
- 18 gotten as a profile on that in 2005?
- 19 A. So the profile would include all the reflections we see,
- 20 the ones below the weld also the ones above the weld, but it would
- 21 not be a profile that is 25% -- 25% came over the whole length.
- 22 You know, it will be kind of a different shape of profile.
- Q. But it would include that 45 dB reading?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. It would still be reported as the mean max, I

- 1 guess is what I'm getting at? You wouldn't have seen --
- 2 A. Right.
- 3 Q. -- it as 46 dB?
- 4 A. No. No.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. I would see as 45.
- 7 MR. CHHATRE: (Indiscernible) -- this is Ravi. What if
- 8 I were to put it as to 2 to 3 millimeters or 3 millimeters?
- 9 MR. SENF: In the 2 to 3 millimeters. So the 45
- 10 corresponds to slightly above 2 millimeters, or 2.2 millimeters.
- 11 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MR. SENF: Yeah, um-hum.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah, it'd be like, you know, 2.2
- 14 millimeters, which would be 30% of wall.
- 15 MR. CHHATRE: Right.
- 16 MR. NICHOLSON: Which would put it in the 25 to 40% bin.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay. I got 38 was 1 millimeter. And for
- 18 26 (indiscernible) millimeter, so --
- MS. SENF: Yes. Right. So, I mean, that still
- 20 would be in spec. So we have a tolerance of plus or minus .5
- 21 millimeter on the depths bin. So, even if we call it 12.5 to 25,
- 22 it's slightly above 25. So, we would still would be within spec.
- 23 But it's -- the depths ranges are below 1.
- BY MR. CHHATRE:
- Q. And because we are still on this longer feature, I have

- 1 couple of clarification questions that we left off yesterday. And
- 2 for the record, if there is a crack field and a crack-like
- 3 feature, the same length and same maximum depth, which would be
- 4 considered more, I guess, damaging or more serious, a serious
- 5 flaw?
- 6 A. In 2005, it would have been a crack field -- crack-like.
- 7 Q. Crack-like.
- 8 A. 2011 or '12, it would be a crack field.
- 9 Q. Okay. Can you clarify why is that -- why would that
- 10 thing change? Because both still have the same maximum depth and
- 11 same --
- 12 A. Yes. Right. So, we learned, especially when we -- when
- 13 we received the dig from -- the first dig from the duo tool is
- 14 that the characteristic of a -- yeah, the characteristics of a
- 15 crack field deliver weaker signals, or because of the
- 16 characteristics of a crack field, the signals are weaker received
- 17 than from a crack-like indication. And because that we changed
- 18 our depth sizing algorithm for crack fields, so even if it's the
- 19 amplitude as a crack-like, we consider it a higher amplitude. So
- 20 we will make it deeper. So we calculate it deeper even if it's
- 21 the same.
- Q. Okay. So that is why crack field will be more serious
- 23 or more, I guess, detrimental, if --
- 24 A. Right. So, the depth will be deeper and -- and this is
- 25 now in everyone's head: so, okay, it gets deeper, okay, it is

- 1 more serious. Yeah.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- Q. But it's not clear to me, in 2005 why is crack-like more
- 5 severe, if you will, or why is that --
- A. Because it's -- a crack field only consists more cracks
- 7 and a crack-like is always a long crack. So it's just because of
- 8 the length. Yeah, we consider it more --
- 9 Q. So, in that case it's the overall length is --
- 10 A. Um-hum.
- 11 Q. -- the more concerning feature?
- 12 A. Yeah.
- 13 Q. Because the depth would have been the same regardless.
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. If I'm an operator and I ask you to profile at 51.6
- 16 feature, which you've already indicated profiling is sort of a
- 17 specialty, and I asked you for the maximum indication in that box
- 18 area, would you -- can you -- you would have provided that, right?
- 19 If I said I didn't want the mean max, I want the maximum amplitude
- 20 or depth?
- 21 A. Yeah, I would provide 46 --
- 22 Q. 46.
- 23 A. -- dB then. Um-hum. One question to that feature, have
- 24 I given you the interlink length of that feature? I don't think
- 25 so.

- 1 Q. The longest indication?
- 2 A. Longest indication, yes.
- 3 Q. No.
- 4 A. So -- longest indication.
- 5 Q. No. We did not get there. That's -- thank you. That's
- 6 right, we did not get longest indication for deep -- well, we know
- 7 deepest now. Deep 45.
- 8 MR. CHHATRE: I thought you said less than 1 inch and --
- 9 MR. PIERZINA: That was --
- 10 MS. SENF: For 5567?
- MR. PIERZINA: We have 76.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, (indiscernible) -- different ones.
- MS. SENF: Two-inch, 2 inches.
- 14 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 15 Q. Two inches?
- 16 A. Yeah.
- 17 Q. Is the longest indication --
- 18 A. Yeah, um-hum.
- 19 Q. -- out of that whole 51.6? Okay. Where -- can you just
- 20 tell me where that -- what sensor you pulled that from?
- 21 A. Yeah. It was -- what do I see here -- it was sensor
- 22 1-18 -- 2-18.
- Q. Yeah, okay. And it was located at what orientation?
- 24 A. It's located at 100.1 degree. 1001.1.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. Um-hum. Okay.
- 2 MR. CHHATRE: At 2-18?
- 3 MS. SENF: 2-18.
- 4 MR. CHHATRE: But I don't know whether we're giving --
- 5 okay.
- BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 7 Q. 2-18 was actually when we're -- Petra noted there should
- 8 have been two indications because there was a gap, right?
- 9 A. Um-hum.
- 10 Q. So, is that in the first or second indication?
- 11 A. In the second.
- 12 Q. Okay. Second meaning downstream?
- MR. CHHATRE: And that was 40 dB, right, the second
- 14 deviation was? I thought the orientation was 100 degrees and now
- 15 you're saying 100.3 or -- that's what it is?
- 16 MS. SENF: Yeah. The longest indication was at 100.1
- 17 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 18 BY MR. NICHOLSON:
- 19 Q. The analysis that you just did on that 51.6, that seemed
- 20 like a very thorough analysis. Is that how a check would be done
- 21 by a Level 2 analyst? And are they going through sensor by
- 22 sensor?
- 23 A. They have to go through all the sensors again.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. And -- so, in the past they had to measure all the

- 1 indications to see what the maximum indication is. Yes, so they
- 2 do the same work as an analyst, yes.
- 3 Q. And very similar to what we're seeing today --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- without the interruptions.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. All right.
- 8 MR. PIERZINA: This is Brian. Petra, the quality check
- 9 that was done back in 2005, how much experience did that analyst
- 10 have at that time?
- MS. SENF: At that time I -- 9 to 10 years of
- 12 experience. So, he's one of our oldest analysts.
- MR. PIERZINA: Okay. And he was a Level 2 analyst at
- 14 that time?
- MS. SENF: He was a Level 2, yes.
- MR. PIERZINA: Okay.
- 17 MR. CHHATRE: This is Ravi.
- 18 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- 19 Q. Petra, another question, on the depth reports, when --
- 20 do you guys get any input either from Calgary office of GE or the
- 21 operator that when they do the verification or whatever technology
- 22 GE used, that the actual measured wall thickness and the one that
- 23 you reported, how closely they matched? Do you get that input or
- 24 you don't get that input?
- 25 A. So, in general, we don't really get the input from

- 1 Enbridge if we are right or wrong. So, what we get is -- so, we
- 2 need to correlate our girth welds to another pipe, right?
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. So, normally we get one from (indiscernible). And
- 5 another has a nominal wall thickness in it.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. So, we can't really correlate it with our wall thickness
- 8 because there are always differences, right? So, and but this is
- 9 -- yeah, this is the only comparison that I would say we have
- 10 between other data and ours.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. But this doesn't really help us to see if our wall
- 13 measurement is correct or not.
- 14 O. Have you -- and, I know you probably didn't review all
- 15 of this, but in the review process was there any pipe segment that
- 16 you recall had a .35-inch nominal wall? Because I think the wall
- 17 that I remember was 285, 265, something like that. And does that
- 18 -- I quess, let me back up. Do you know -- before the analysis
- 19 begin, would the analyst know what the nominal wall for the pipe
- 20 is? For the pipe diameters, I guess, if you would.
- 21 A. No. So, he knows only the things he sees here in our
- 22 software. Nominal wall thickness is not given in our software,
- 23 not yet. No.
- Q. And for the record, I don't -- I went through my notes
- 25 and I don't see I got your formal education for the record. It's

- 1 kind of our routine we ask everybody to complete -- the formal
- 2 education you have? I know you have degree, but I don't --
- 3 MR. KILLORAN: Formal education.
- 4 MS. SENF: Okay.
- 5 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- 6 Q. I didn't get down the --
- 7 A. I worked as a technical designer, technical designer.
- 8 Q. Okay. And what -- does that involve a formal education
- 9 or -- I don't understand what -- I'm just calling it that --
- MR. KILLORAN: What universities did you go to, Petra?
- 11 MS. SENF: No, it's not a university. So we have a
- 12 different way how to learn that in Germany. So it is part-time
- 13 working in a company and part-time going to school again.
- 14 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- 15 Q. School, okay.
- 16 A. Um-hum.
- 17 Q. Thank you. Was that -- would it be equivalent to high
- 18 school, two years college, or -- well, the system in your case as
- 19 a member of (indiscernible).
- 20 A. Um-hum.
- 21 MR. FOREMAN: Is that like a technical college?
- 22 MS. SENF: Yes, it's rather technical, technical school.
- MR. FOREMAN: A technical institute?
- MS. SENF: Technical school.
- MR. FOREMAN: It's not a university, but it's --

- 1 MS. SENF: Not a university but --
- 2 MR. FOREMAN: -- a technology --
- 3 MS. SENF: Yeah, um-hum.
- 4 MR. FOREMAN: -- institute?
- 5 MS. SENF: Institute, yes.
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: Okay. That's only (indiscernible).
- 7 MS. SENF: Um-hum. Um-hum.
- 8 MR. NICHOLSON: And you are a, I'm sorry, technical
- 9 designer?
- 10 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- MR. NICHOLSON: What is that; like a PAL CAD (ph.) or
- 12 CAD?
- MS. SENF: PAL CAD, yeah.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. With Pipetronix or --
- 15 MS. SENF: No. No. With our company.
- 16 MR. CHHATRE: Okay. That was -- I didn't meant to
- 17 deviate from what we were doing, but I just wanted to get those
- 18 two things taken care of.
- 19 BY MR. PIERZINA:
- 20 Q. This is Brian. Seeing as long as we're backing up a
- 21 little bit, I did also want to have you distinguish the change in
- 22 your responsibilities from the team lead position to the technical
- 23 lead position, if it --
- 24 A. Okay. So, in 2006, the structure of the analysis team
- 25 has changed. So, at that time we had -- oh, we started with a

- 1 global analysis manager. At that time it was Sean Kelly (ph.) in
- 2 Calgary and now it's Clint Garth. And we had a technical lead.
- 3 That time it was Ralph Fava (ph.). I was a team leader, so -- and
- 4 though the responsibility for the analysis team changed as well,
- 5 so I had -- so all the elements now were my direct reports, the
- 6 direct reports for the team leader. Yeah, it was in the middle of
- 7 2006 when it changed. And so my responsibility as a team leader
- 8 was to leading all the analysis projects; so, the inspections we
- 9 did, and supervision of all the analysts.
- And when I moved on to lead role, that meant that I was
- 11 not -- excuse me, not ending up -- being responsible for operation
- 12 of project, but to make sure that all the process which are in
- 13 place are correct, to develop new processes, to work with software
- 14 and software improvements. I have two direct reports now. These
- 15 are the trainers we have ultrasonics: one WM, wall measurement,
- 16 trainer and one USCD trainer, an EMAT trainer. And -- yeah, so
- 17 it's rather the -- Clint is the production side and I'm the
- 18 quality side of that job.
- 19 Q. Okay. Thank you. I think that --
- MR. CHHATRE: This is Ravi.
- BY MR. CHHATRE:
- 22 Q. So, do you do -- do you supervise any of the
- 23 (indiscernible) of these like we just did? Are you not divorced
- 24 from this type of activity, doing the analysis?
- 25 A. Can you say that again?

- Q. Well, I -- now, the analysis that we just went through
- 2 as analyst Level 2 or Level 3, whatever the case may be.
- 3 A. Um-hum.
- 4 Q. Now, in your position you no longer do the analysis?
- 5 A. Right. Right.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. So, I rather take care of all the issues we have later
- 8 on.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 MR. NICHOLSON: Can we -- you know, we don't have a
- 11 whole lot of time today and I think there's one other person we
- 12 want to get in, so maybe if we can just plow through these last
- 13 two features and --
- MR. CHHATRE: I think there's only one, right? Five?
- MS. SENF: No, there's two.
- MR. NICHOLSON: I've got two.
- 17 MR. CHHATRE: Oh.
- 18 MR. KILLORAN: Two.
- MR. NICHOLSON: And then we can maybe finish up with
- 20 some other background questions for Petra.
- MS. SENF: Okay. The right feature it is area ID 154-
- 22 005579. It is located approximately 31.18 feet from the upstream
- 23 girth weld. The orientation is 101 degrees. It is classified as
- 24 a crack-like indication less than 12.5% deep; overall length 40.14
- 25 inches.

- 1 MR. NICHOLSON: 4-0.?
- 2 MS. SENF: 40.14 inches.
- 3 MR. CHHATRE: Can you repeat the indication or location
- 4 that we have? I missed that.
- 5 MS. SENF: So the -- the start distance of it?
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: No, no.
- 7 MR. FOREMAN: The orientation.
- 8 MS. SENF: Orientation?
- 9 MR. CHHATRE: No, no, the location for the number 5 --
- 10 what are of the box, how you identify the box itself.
- 11 MS. SENF: So, the area ID is --
- MR. CHHATRE: Yeah, area ID, yeah.
- 13 MS. SENF: 154-005579.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 15 MS. SENF: Um-hum. Okay. First sensor clockwise side
- 16 is sensor 1-5. And I see some crack field indications. They
- 17 start at 32.3 feet from the upstream girth weld on a length of 13
- 18 inch. And the mean max five amplitude is 33 dB and orientation is
- 19 99.1 degree.
- Next sensor is 1-6, and I see that LW-C, the long seam
- 21 center and some reflections from the seam weld as well. No defect
- 22 indications.
- MR. CHHATRE: I'm trying to -- would that be -- the
- 24 number 1-5 was that one-and-a-half skip, half skip?
- MS. SENF: That was in the half skip, um-hum. Sorry, I

- 1 didn't say that.
- 2 So, back to 1-6 on the long seam indication, no defect
- 3 indication.
- 4 Next sensor is 1-7. I see only long seam reflections,
- 5 no defect indication.
- 6 MR. NICHOLSON: So, it's LW-C plus?
- 7 MS. SENF: Yeah, it's, rather, LW-N. So LW-C is just
- 8 the short part of, so --
- 9 Next sensor would be the 1-8. I only see some weak
- 10 background signals, no defect indication.
- 11 MR. CHHATRE: I believe you explained that earlier.
- 12 What does LW-C and LW-N means again?
- MS. SENF: LW-C means it's a long seam center and LW-N
- 14 is the neighbor of the long seam center.
- The next sensor is 1-9, and I see reflections of a crack
- 16 field in the half skip. It -- yeah, actually, I see two
- 17 indications. One of them -- the first one is at 31.18 from the
- 18 upstream girth weld.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Say it again. 31?
- MS. SENF: 31.18. The length here is 8 inches. Mean
- 21 max size amplitude: 38 dB. Orientation 92.9 degree.
- The second indication, also a crack field in the half
- 23 skip. It starts at 32.5 feet from the upstream girth weld.
- 24 Length here is about 25 inches. The mean max five amplitude is 35
- 25 dB; orientation 92.9.

- 1 The next sensor is 1-10. I see some weak reflection.
- 2 They could -- part of them are background reflection, others might
- 3 be some very, very weak reflections of the crack field. I'll take
- 4 one of it. It is -- it starts at 34 feet from the upstream girth
- 5 weld. It's 6 inches long; mean max five amplitude 33 dB;
- 6 orientation 91.3.
- 7 The counter-clockwise side is -- let's see. First
- 8 sensor 16-29. Some weak reflections at 32.3 feet from the
- 9 upstream girth weld. Most probably crack field reflections but
- 10 very weak in the half skip. 26 dB mean max five amplitude.
- 11 Orientation 106 degree.
- MR. NICHOLSON: You said 26 dB, correct?
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Thank you.
- 15 MS. SENF: Next sensor is 16-30. Some weak crack field
- 16 indications. It starts again at 32.3 feet from the upstream girth
- 17 weld. Mean max five 32 dB. Length -- sorry, I don't see that.
- 18 Length 3 inches. And orientation 104.9 degree.
- The next sensor is 2-16. I see reflection from the --
- 20 from a crack field with a little gap in between. So, the first
- 21 one of it is at 32 feet from the upstream girth weld. Length 8
- 22 inches. Mean max size amplitude 34 dB. Orientation 103.2 degree.
- 23 And the other indication it is start at 32.7 feet from the
- 24 upstream girth weld; 3 inches long; mean max five 33 dB;
- 25 orientation again 103.1.

- 1 BY MR. CHHATRE:
- Q. Now, are these half skip, one-and-a-half skip? Both, I
- 3 mean, 1-16 is 30 and --
- 4 A. In the half skip.
- 5 Q. One-half.
- 6 A. Half skip.
- 7 Q. And what about 16-30? Was it also half skip?
- 8 A. Yeah, both of them are half skip.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 MS. SENF: The next sensor, it's 2-17. I have three
- 11 indications of crack fields, all of them in the half skip. The
- 12 first one starts at 40.14 feet from the upstream girth weld.
- MR. PIERZINA: I'm sorry, that -- how far from the
- 14 upstream girth weld?
- 15 MS. SENF: Oh, excuse me. 31.18 then with -- 31.18.
- 16 MR. CHHATRE: Not 40. --
- MS. SENF: No. No. That was the length.
- 18 MR. FOREMAN: So, question. Why is a black line there?
- 19 Is there not more of it to the left?
- MS. SENF: Well, the -- yes, but this was covered by a
- 21 previous area.
- MR. FOREMAN: Previous area, okay.
- MS. SENF: Yeah. Um-hum.
- MR. FOREMAN: Okay.
- MR. PIERZINA: When you talk about the previous area,

- 1 are you talking about the previous feature that was just
- 2 discussed?
- MS. SENF: Yes. Yeah, so more or less. Let me see.
- 4 MR. FOREMAN: Oh, the previous sensor?
- 5 MS. SENF: So there is a little gap in between them,
- 6 yeah.
- 7 MR. FOREMAN: Oh, right.
- 8 MS. SENF: Right. But so here in this case -- let me
- 9 see what happened here. Here we have -- so there isn't really a
- 10 real crack field indication so the analyst concentrate on red to
- 11 red at that time. So, this sensor is not necessarily the one he
- 12 used for the length sizing. He used other sensors for it. Let me
- 13 see which one he used. Yes, he used this one here. So, he does
- 14 have the main indication, everything which is here, everything
- 15 (indiscernible) and so that's why he didn't even consider it for
- 16 length sizing. And the other area starts over here.
- 17 BY MR. PIERZINA:
- 18 Q. Okay. And what kind of distance are we talking about
- 19 between those where you just drew that?
- 20 A. Three inches.
- Q. Okay. Well, you kind of got -- it looks like -- all
- 22 right, maybe make -- erase the yellow box, if you could, that you
- 23 have there and draw a box around the upstream feature, not from
- 24 that one, but just -- that feature there, draw what you would
- 25 around the crack field that you see there.

- 1 A. You mean like that, or --
- Q. Okay. Why don't you, why don't you go a little bit
- 3 farther downstream? Yeah, there you -- there.
- 4 A. Um-hum.
- 5 Q. Okay. So what -- so and what kind of distance are we
- 6 talking now between the black line and the yellow line?
- 7 A. You mean here?
- 8 Q. Yeah, right there.
- 9 A. Yeah.
- MR. FOREMAN: That was 3 inches, isn't it?
- MS. SENF: Yeah, 3 inches.
- MR. PIERZINA: Still 3 inches? All right.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum. Still 3 inches, yes. Um-hum.
- MR. FOREMAN: Can you put a kind of box on and been
- 15 discounted? You think I would never have had a box on that area
- 16 that Brian just asked you to --
- 17 MS. SENF: No. The previous box is somewhere here.
- 18 MR. FOREMAN: What?
- MS. SENF: The previous box, the upstream box.
- 20 MR. FOREMAN: Oh, right. That was their previous --
- MR. PIERZINA: Yeah, that's the box that we had close to
- 22 the 45 dB.
- MR. FOREMAN: Right. Okay. So it was covered, right.
- MR. PIERZINA: (indiscernible) just about right there,
- 25 right?

- 1 MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, okay. This is -- these are your 45
- 2 dB indications; is that what --
- MS. SENF: No. No, they're --
- 4 MR. NICHOLSON: From the other --
- 5 MS. SENF: The 45 is -- where do I see it -- here. This
- 6 is the 45 indication from the previous box.
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, okay.
- 8 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 9 MR. NICHOLSON: You're on a different sensor but you're
- 10 at the same location? Just --
- MS. SENF: Yeah, because -- it's the same sensor, but
- 12 I'm just in a different box, so --
- MR. FOREMAN: Just the next stop.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, you just went to the --
- MS. SENF: Right. Yeah, um-hum.
- MR. NICHOLSON: -- the other box, okay.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- MR. PIERZINA: But that is --
- MR. NICHOLSON: So you just measured that out from here
- 20 to there (indiscernible), right?
- 21 MS. SENF: Um-hum. Yeah. So and at that time the rule
- 22 was to box from yellow to yellow, but meanwhile it is box it from
- 23 green to green. So, the one box would have ended here and maybe
- 24 end the other box, end it right at that feature here. So there
- 25 wouldn't have been a gap in between today.

- 1 MR. PIERZINA: It would have been one big long --
- 2 MS. SENF: Yeah. So, let's -- why don't we look at this
- 3 -- it's easier to look at. So that would have been this box here,
- 4 from here and -- I don't see everything. Can I --
- 5 MR. FOREMAN: Would he (indiscernible) just took the
- 6 seam weld away?
- 7 MS. SENF: No. That doesn't really happen.
- 8 (indiscernible) already -- that doesn't happen. But so one box
- 9 would be somewhere here and the other box would be really -- yeah,
- 10 I cannot draw two boxes, but the other would be something like
- 11 here.
- MR. NICHOLSON: So they would not be one box?
- MR. FOREMAN: And they would have been separated?
- MS. SENF: No, they would be still separate boxes.
- 15 MR. FOREMAN: And that's because of the 3-inch you have
- 16 nothing in between?
- MS. SENF: Not necessarily. It really depends how it is
- 18 displayed on the B scan, right? In the B scan it's the easiest
- 19 way to adjust it to the length and it might be perfectly visible
- 20 in a (indiscernible).
- MR. FOREMAN: No, because of the compression of the --
- 22 yeah.
- MS. SENF: Yeah.
- MR. PIERZINA: Sorry to interrupt.
- MS. SENF: Okay. No problem.

- 1 MR. NICHOLSON: 2-17 is what we were on.
- 2 MS. SENF: Okay. 2-17.
- 3 MR. NICHOLSON: First indication 31.182.
- 4 MS. SENF: Right. Mean max size amplitude 32 dB. Have
- 5 I told you the length?
- 6 MR. NICHOLSON: No. No.
- 7 MS. SENF: It's 4 inches long. And the orientation is
- 8 101.5 degree.
- 9 The second one is 32 feet from the upstream girth weld.
- 10 MR. CHHATRE: Thirty-two?
- 11 MS. SENF: Thirty-two feet.
- MR. CHHATRE: Feet? Okay.
- MS. SENF: Yeah. Five inches long. Mean max size
- 14 amplitude 36 dB and orientation 101.6.
- 15 The third indication is at 32.8 feet from the upstream
- 16 girth weld. Mean max five amplitude 34 dB. Orientation --
- MR. NICHOLSON: Forty-two?
- 18 MR. FOREMAN: No.
- 19 MS. SENF: Thirty-four.
- 20 MR. KILLORAN: 3-4.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, 3-4, sorry.
- MS. SENF: And orientation 101.5 degree.
- MR. FOREMAN: What's the length of that one?
- MS. SENF: All right. And the length, the length is 4
- 25 inches.

- 1 MR. CHHATRE: How many inches?
- 2 MS. SENF: Four inches. The next sensor --
- 3 MR. CHHATRE: I have a question.
- 4 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 5 MR. CHHATRE: The field distance is -- these are real
- 6 close. Wouldn't that be a crack field?
- 7 MS. SENF: Well, this is -- what we see was one sensor,
- 8 right? And so we have to consider all the sensors. The crack
- 9 field, it's -- so you see it here on the 3D scan. We have -- can
- 10 we see it here really good? So the orientation is slightly
- 11 different in a crack field, so one sensor might not see the whole
- 12 picture. One sensor might only see a part of it, but the other
- 13 sensor sees the rest of it. So, all of them need to considered
- 14 then.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 16 MS. SENF: Yeah. So, I would assume here that maybe
- 17 here in between there are really weak signals, which wasn't
- 18 reported, but it still (indiscernible).
- MR. FOREMAN: So, Ravi, I mean, it's -- what you do and
- 20 to check all the sensors is it one continue crack, one result, or
- 21 is it three cracks?
- MR. CHHATRE: Right.
- MR. FOREMAN: And this is an individual crack, not --
- 24 MS. SENF: Next sensor would be 2-18. Looking at the
- 25 other sensors, I would also call it an external crack field in the

- 1 half skip. Start distance is at 32.3 feet from the upstream girth
- 2 weld. Mean max five is 232 dB. Orientation 100.1 degree.
- 3 MR. FOREMAN: And length?
- 4 MR. NICHOLSON: Length?
- 5 MR. FOREMAN: 100.1.
- 6 MS. SENF: Thanks. Five inches long. And --
- 7 MR. CHHATRE: What is the sensor -- 20?
- 8 MR. PIERZINA: Five inches.
- 9 MR. CHHATRE: Five inches.
- 10 MS. SENF: Five inches. Um-hum.
- 11 And the next sensor is 2-19. I see some weak
- 12 reflections from -- they are background -- yeah, background
- 13 reflections. It's a neighboring sensor again. That's why some
- 14 data were recorded here. No defect indications visible.
- 15 Sensor 2-20, the sensor collect -- recorded reflection
- 16 of the long seam. No defect indications.
- Sensor 2-21, it's an LW-C. Only the reflection of the
- 18 long seam is visible. No defect indications.
- 19 And sensor 2-23, a crack field reflection visible at
- 20 34.1 feet from the upstream girth weld. Length 3 inches, mean max
- 21 five amplitude 35 dB. Orientation 92.1 degree.
- Now, these were all the sensors. Now, I'm looking for
- 23 the longest indication.
- MR. PIERZINA: So, did they do both directions at this
- 25 one?

- 1 MS. SENF: Yes. Um-hum.
- 2 MR. PIERZINA: Where did -- where was the 42 dB
- 3 amplitude, the maximum amplitude? So, I didn't see us get into
- 4 the --
- 5 MS. SENF: Well, it's not coming from a defect
- 6 indication. Well, this one here is 38. So, I need to take it
- 7 back and --
- MR. CHHATRE: Well, we don't have (indiscernible) --
- 9 MS. SENF: Forty-two.
- MR. CHHATRE: Forty-two.
- MS. SENF: Well, this time the 42 comes from the long
- 12 seam.
- MR. PIERZINA: All right. So then help me understand
- 14 why -- so 42 dB corresponds to approximately 1.8 millimeters?
- MS. SENF: Um-hum. Yep.
- MR. PIERZINA: Right?
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 18 MR. PIERZINA: So why is that not a defect?
- 19 MR. FOREMAN: It's coming from the weld cut.
- 20 MS. SENF: It's a weld cut. It's -- so it's just a
- 21 reflection of the cap. It's not a defect indication.
- MR. PIERZINA: All right. So, let's say -- okay, is it
- 23 right in the center of the weld or is at the toe of the weld or
- 24 where is it that we're seeing it?
- MS. SENF: It's -- let's see. Well, this is a drawing

- 1 of the DSAW weld and so we get reflections here from that part of
- 2 it, from this part of the weld cap and also from this part of the
- 3 weld cap. Now, the 34 degree, given that -- or, I'll reflect it
- 4 here from that edge.
- 5 MR. PIERZINA: Okay. And how would that be different if
- 6 there was a, say, 1-millimeter toe crack coming from --
- 7 MS. SENF: Here? Up here?
- 8 MR. PIERZINA: From right there, yeah.
- 9 MS. SENF: From here?
- 10 MR. PIERZINA: Yeah.
- 11 MS. SENF: So this sensor wouldn't see it at all. This
- 12 sensor here. So, this is the clockwise sensor. This wouldn't see
- 13 the toe crack, but the counterclockwise sensor would get a nice
- 14 reflection here, (indiscernible) --
- 15 If there is a toe crack, I wouldn't see that with this
- 16 sensor here. This sensor only gives me a signal back from the
- 17 weld cap.
- 18 MR. PIERZINA: Okay.
- 19 MS. SENF: But not from a cracking indication.
- 20 MR. PIERZINA: Okay. So, now, what's the orientation of
- 21 that 42 dB reflector?
- MS. SENF: The orientation is 96.5 degree.
- MR. PIERZINA: 96.5 degrees. Okay. So that's the
- 24 bottom toe of the weld?
- MS. SENF: It is counterclockwise or the other side --

- 1 no, at the top. At the top. Ah, yeah. Yeah, because we are the
- 2 counterclockwise, so --
- 3 MR. PIERZINA: But the degrees don't change, right?
- 4 MS. SENF: So, the one on the long seam -- so, here is
- 5 95 -- or 96 degree. And when I go for the down, I go up -- go
- 6 down to 98, so --
- 7 MR. PIERZINA: Right. I thought we had the -- didn't we
- 8 have the center of the long seam basically at 96 degrees?
- 9 MR. FOREMAN: We did. Where the start -- where the
- 10 diamond is on the screen --
- MS. SENF: Yeah, I don't -- you see where the diamond is
- 12 here?
- MR. PIERZINA: Um-hum.
- MS. SENF: And these are -- this is the long seam
- 15 reflections. So, it's --
- MR. PIERZINA: A little bit, okay.
- 17 MS. SENF: A little bit.
- 18 MR. FOREMAN: All right. So, the cut, the end of the
- 19 cut.
- 20 MS. SENF: Yeah. Um-hum. Right.
- MR. FOREMAN: Each from the center of the weld, right?
- MR. PIERZINA: Um-hum.
- MS. SENF: So we have only --
- MR. FOREMAN: From each side.
- MS. SENF: So, we have just one diamond for it, right?

- 1 So and it can vary over the 12 meters of pipe length slightly, 1
- 2 or 2 inch.
- 3 MR. NICHOLSON: So the longest indication, deepest
- 4 indication, that's what we were --
- 5 MS. SENF: Yeah, the longest indication, I have to look
- 6 for it.
- 7 MR. CHHATRE: It looks like (indiscernible) nothing,
- 8 right?
- 9 MR. FOREMAN: I think there's three of them. If she can
- 10 do that, fine.
- 11 MS. SENF: So 2 inches is the maximum, what I have.
- MR. CHHATRE: Which one?
- MS. SENF: The longest indication. Yeah, the longest
- 14 indication was seen in sensor 16-30 and it's 2 inches long.
- MR. NICHOLSON: And the orientation?
- MS. SENF: Orientation is 105 degree.
- MR. CHHATRE: So, in 2-24 it is (indiscernible) data?
- 18 MS. SENF: Right. Right. Um-hum.
- MR. NICHOLSON: And the deepest indication would have
- 20 been what, then, of all that?
- MS. SENF: Okay. The deepest indication is in sensor 1-
- 22 9.
- MR. CHHATRE: Thirty-eight.
- MR. PIERZINA: Thirty-nine.
- MR. CHHATRE: No, 38, I think.

- 1 MS. SENF: Thirty-eight.
- MR. PIERZINA: So, then, 38 would correspond to 1
- 3 millimeter. And that is -- okay, approximately what percent?
- 4 MS. SENF: So, I have --
- 5 MR. NICHOLSON: 13.7 for 2851.
- 6 MR. PIERZINA: So this one was your --
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: It says less than --
- 8 MR. PIERZINA: -- says less than --
- 9 MR. NICHOLSON: -- 12 (indiscernible). Did I do that
- 10 wrong? It wasn't on here divided by 25.6 -- oh, it should be
- 11 25. --
- MS. SENF: Um-hum. So, the reason for that is this is
- 13 one pixel only, right? Or two -- it's a very, very short
- 14 indication with this high amplitude. All the other reflections I
- 15 have are with lower amplitude. So, I would not necessarily use
- 16 only that pixel for that sizing, because I have to have -- I have
- 17 to look over the whole feature and there the amplitude was always
- 18 weaker. So, that time we also had the rule --
- 19 MR. NICHOLSON: But that's a min max -- that's a mean
- 20 max of five already, right?
- MS. SENF: Right. But we need to have a certain length
- 22 for it for an indication to use it or to consider it for --
- MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, okay.
- 24 MS. SENF: -- depth sizing. I guess I show the graph
- 25 yesterday and the pass we said, okay, we need 20 millimeter of

- 1 length. Then we use it for depth sizing. And we max five in the
- 2 path and (indiscernible) -- yeah.
- 3 MR. FOREMAN: It's not (indiscernible) showing four, but
- 4 the minimum max (indiscernible) --
- 5 MR. NICHOLSON: So what is -- how long is that when you
- 6 just happen to do this.
- 7 MS. SENF: Yeah, just trying to do it here.
- 8 MR. FOREMAN: It's just (indiscernible).
- 9 MS. SENF: So in (indiscernible) it's 1 inch. Let's go
- 10 to millimeters.
- 11 MR. CHHATRE: 25.4
- MS. SENF: It's 8 -- 13 millimeters. So, it's --
- 13 MR. NICHOLSON: Well, in (indiscernible) --
- MS. SENF: It's a rounding issue. It was inches, right?
- 15 So it's either 1 inch or it's nothing. And when it's more than
- 16 nothing, it is an inch. So, it is -- it is below 20 millimeters
- 17 and that's why it wasn't considered for that size.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Below 20?
- 19 MS. SENF: Below 20 millimeters.
- MR. NICHOLSON: I thought 30 was the threshold. Twenty?
- MS. SENF: For the crack field sizing we use 20
- 22 millimeters.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, okay. So, what is the deepest
- 24 indication that you would have reported, that would have been
- 25 reported?

- 1 MS. SENF: I guess it's also in this -- it doesn't look
- 2 -- it would have been the same sensor, at sensor 1-9, and it's
- 3 35 dB.
- 4 MR. CHHATRE: Okay. And (indiscernible) I got 38 dB
- 5 also.
- 6 MS. SENF: Yes. That was on the left. The indication
- 7 on the left is 38 but this is too short for sizing and on the
- 8 right-hand side that feature it does 35, and this would have been
- 9 used for sizing.
- 10 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MR. NICHOLSON: So, on the 51.6-inch feature where you
- 12 have 45 dB deepest indication, was that on a feature that was long
- 13 enough to have been considered a real indicator?
- MS. SENF: It's real indicator, right. So, this is the
- 15 45.
- 16 MR. FOREMAN: Which is the (indiscernible) --
- MS. SENF: This is the 45. And here you see we have not
- 18 only the one pixel we have here; we have many indications. And
- 19 that (indiscernible).
- 20 MR. NICHOLSON: So that was -- okay. It wasn't a matter
- 21 of length and -- okay. Okay.
- MR. CHHATRE: Now, would that feature get all that?
- 23 Like when I pass here, would that be a number of (indiscernible)?
- 24 You are saying it's only one, but if you are matching one-and-a-
- 25 half skip, will that be a good number then?

- 1 MS. SENF: It's too short for even a -- even if it's two
- 2 sensors, it's too short for -- at that time it was too short for
- 3 using the sizing --
- 4 MR. CHHATRE: But not (indiscernible)?
- 5 MS. SENF: Meanwhile we use every pixel, yeah.
- 6 MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. Any other questions? We have one
- 7 more feature. Just one, relatively small.
- MR. CHHATRE: Which one is that, now?
- 9 MS. SENF: Okay. I have to go back to -- so, the every
- 10 ID is 154-006743. The feature is located at 36.82 feet from the
- 11 upstream girth weld. It was classified as crack-like, less than
- 12 12.5%. Length: 27.76 inches.
- MR. NICHOLSON: And what was your orientation, did you
- 14 say?
- MS. SENF: I'm sorry. I didn't tell you that. The
- 16 orientation was 98 degrees.
- MR. FOREMAN: What did you say the length is?
- 18 MS. SENF: The length was 27.76 inches.
- 19 MR. CHHATRE: And 154 or just 54-00643?
- 20 MS. SENF: 154. It's always 154. Everything's from the
- 21 same section.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum. Um-hum. Okay. So, first sensor is
- 24 -- on the clockwise side it is sensor 1-5, and I -- and there are
- 25 indications of a crack field in the half skip. It starts at 37.6

- 1 feet from the upstream girth weld. Orientation: 99.4 degree.
- 2 Length: 4 inches. And mean max five amplitude 34 dB.
- MR. CHHATRE: Can you repeat the length and degrees?
- 4 MS. SENF: So, it was 4 inches long and 34 dB.
- 5 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 6 MS. SENF: The next sensor is sensor 1-7. It's LW-C, so
- 7 I will see the long seam reflection.
- Next sensor is 1-8. It's a neighboring sensor, that's
- 9 why I see some weak reflections of the long seam. No defect
- 10 indications.
- 11 The next sensor is 1-9. I see some long seam
- 12 reflections and I also see a crack field in the one-and-a-half --
- 13 in the half skip. It starts at --
- MR. NICHOLSON: In the half or the one-and-a-half?
- 15 MS. SENF: In the half. In the half skip. It starts at
- 16 36.82 feet from the upstream girth weld. The length is -- the
- 17 length is 18 inches. Mean max five amplitude 35 dB. Orientation
- 18 92.8 degrees.
- 19 The next sensor is 1-10. Also see a crack field in the
- 20 half skip. It starts at 36.9 feet from the upstream girth weld.
- 21 Length 16 inches. Mean max five amplitude 34 dB. Orientation
- 22 91.2 degree.
- The next sensor is 1-11. I see indications of -- two
- 24 indications of a crack field. The first one is in the half skip.
- 25 It starts at 37 feet from the upstream girth weld. Five inches

- 1 long. Mean max five 31 dB. Orientation 89.7. The second
- 2 indication I see a crack field reflection in the half skip and in
- 3 the one-and-a-half. Pretty weak. It starts at 37.7 feet. Length
- 4 8 inches. Mean max five amplitude 29 dB. The orientation, it
- 5 goes from 89.9 to 91.4. That's one continuous reflection over the
- 6 time of flight.
- 7 MR. FOREMAN: That's unusual -- (indiscernible)
- 8 MS. SENF: Yeah, it's just -- because it is a wider
- 9 crack field than --
- 10 MR. FOREMAN: Yeah.
- 11 MS. SENF: Yeah, it's just this place. I would have
- 12 checked this place. The width of the feature will tell, not
- 13 (indiscernible) severity.
- 14 The next sensor I see some weak reflections. Cannot
- 15 really tell if they are caused by a crack field or some background
- 16 noise.
- 17 MR. FOREMAN: This is from 1-12?
- 18 MS. SENF: Yeah, 1-12. Sorry for that. Sensor -- okay,
- 19 these were the clockwise sensors. Counterclockwise 16.28. I see
- 20 some weak reflections, mainly background signals. No real defect
- 21 indications.
- 22 Sensor 16-29, I see some weak crack field indications in
- 23 the half skip and in the one-and-a-half skip. I start with one-
- 24 and-a-half skip. It starts at 37 feet from the upstream girth
- 25 weld. Length: 3 inches; 26 dB mean max five amplitude;

- 1 orientation 106.3 degree. And the indications in the one-and-a-
- 2 half skip (indiscernible) --
- 3 (Noise interruption)
- 4 MR. NICHOLSON: Hold on for a second.
- 5 MR. NICHOLSON: Sorry. These are very sensitive.
- 6 MS. SENF: Um-hum. Um-hum.
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: Please continue, please.
- 8 MS. SENF: Okay. It starts at 37.3 feet from the
- 9 upstream girth weld. Mean max -- length 4 inches. Mean max five
- 10 25 dB.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Hey, I'm sorry. Too many numbers. The
- 12 mean max was what?
- MS. SENF: Mean max was 25 dB. Length was 3 inches and
- 14 orientation approximately 104.4 degree.
- 15 The next sensor is 16-30. I see some weak reflections
- 16 of a crack field mainly in the one-and-a-half skip, I would say.
- 17 It starts at 37.5 feet from the upstream girth weld. Length 4
- 18 inches. Mean max five 25 dB. Orientation 102.9 degree.
- 19 Next sensor 2-16. I see crack field indications mainly
- 20 in the half skip. Start at 37.3 feet from the upstream girth
- 21 weld. Length is 6 inches. Mean max five amplitude 37 dB.
- 22 Orientation 103 degrees.
- Next sensor is 2-18. Here I have two indications. The
- 24 first one, it's an external crack field in the half skip. Starts
- 25 at 35. -- 37.5 feet from the upstream girth weld. Four inches

- 1 long. Mean max five amplitude 36 dB. Orientation 100.1 degree.
- The second indication starts at 38.5 feet. Length 7
- 3 inches. Mean max five amplitude 38 dB. Orientation 99.8 degree.
- 4 MR. NICHOLSON: Is this -- they were both crack fields?
- 5 MS. SENF: Both crack fields, both in the half skip.
- 6 MR. PIERZINA: Petra -- this is Brian. Petra, could you
- 7 explain why with this crack field being sized at 38 dB that the
- 8 feature would be reported less than 12½ percent?
- 9 MS. SENF: It's right at the border, that's why. So,
- 10 it's -- if it's just a few pixels of 38, so then you need to make
- 11 the decision is it now (indiscernible) 10% of it was -- or 70%
- 12 (indiscernible) was it, right? So it was one anomaly there.
- MR. PIERZINA: One anomaly record would be 15%.
- 14 MS. SENF: 15%. Um-hum.
- 15 MR. PIERZINA: I quess that's where the wall thickness
- 16 kind of comes in to play.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum. Um-hum.
- 18 MR. PIERZINA: Well, actually, even with 285 wall I see
- 19 a 13.8%.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah, 13.8, right, would be your 1
- 21 millimeter.
- 22 MS. SENF: Um-hum. Yeah, so it's borderline. So the
- 23 analyst needs to catch it or is it a long reflector or not, or is
- 24 it -- does it go over the whole length of the crack field or not?
- 25 So, it's -- yeah, it's up to the analyst to decide if he's putting

- 1 that into the less than 12 part or above 1 part.
- 2 MR. NICHOLSON: Well, wasn't -- the 38 dB, was that the
- 3 same issue we just had on the other one? Was it a short
- 4 reflection?
- 5 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 6 MR. PIERZINA: That's a -- there's a -- there are two
- 7 more red pixel in this one.
- 8 MS. SENF: Yeah, there are more pixels. All of them are
- 9 also below 20 millimeters, so the -- the long pixel itself. So
- 10 this might have been the reason why it didn't choose -- well, let
- 11 me do a zoom on it that we can have a closer look to it. Oh,
- 12 which one was it?
- 13 MR. NICHOLSON: It's 2-18.
- 14 MS. SENF: 2-18. Okay. 2-18. Here we are. So, I'll
- 15 go -- okay. So, here these pixels -- there's one pixel it's 5
- 16 millimeter and another one it's 9 millimeters. Again, that would
- 17 be too short for it. So, when we look and zoom in it, it is --
- 18 looks different, right? So -- and just having these few
- 19 indications, I would also -- would have recommended the analyst to
- 20 put it in the less than five.
- 21 MR. PIERZINA: Even with a mean max five of 38?
- 22 MS. SENF: Yes. Because (indiscernible) the whole
- 23 length of the crack field, right? And if there are only two
- 24 pixels of it, it's not enough to rate it much deeper or deeper
- 25 than -- oh, just rate it deep because it's two pixels. So -- two

- 1 short pixels.
- MR. PIERZINA: So, I have to ask the question. Okay,
- 3 how many pixels does it take, then?
- 4 MS. SENF: So, it is 20 millimeter length. So, that was
- 5 the rule at that time. So, one pixel is 3 millimeters, so it
- 6 takes six or seven pixels.
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: One pixel is 3 millimeters?
- 8 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 9 MR. NICHOLSON: Is that what you said?
- 10 MS. SENF: Yes. Um-hum.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah, that's right. So -- right.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum. So, it's six or seven shots in a row
- 13 with a decent amplitude and then we'll take it.
- MR. NICHOLSON: But, again, that was 2005.
- MS. SENF: Yeah.
- 16 MR. NICHOLSON: Now they do use the --
- MS. SENF: Now we do.
- 18 MR. NICHOLSON: -- smaller pixels.
- MS. SENF: We're smarter today, yes.
- 20 MR. NICHOLSON: So, you just said you would tell the
- 21 analyst to put in 12½ percent bucket.
- MS. SENF: At that time.
- MR. NICHOLSON: At that time?
- MS. SENF: At that time, yeah. Not today; at that time
- 25 I would have told him that.

1 MR. PIERZINA: So, today one pixel max depth, that's

- 2 what's required?
- 3 MR. FOREMAN: Yeah. It's a big change.
- 4 MS. SENF: So, and we don't even ask the analyst to
- 5 think of it. So, it's just -- the software tells you it is 1 to 2
- 6 millimeter or 12.5 to 25 (indiscernible). So for the analyst it
- 7 is difficult to figure out what the mean -- what the maximum is.
- 8 So, he gets -- this way he has the mean max five. So, and when he
- 9 goes over it with the box like this, he always gets a mean max
- 10 five. It's difficult for him to identify the maximum of it. But
- 11 the software can do that for him, right? He doesn't need to
- 12 question the results from the software. Or he shouldn't downgrade
- 13 it because of his feeling. We don't (indiscernible). So, based
- 14 on his experience and conditions --
- 15 MR. PIERZINA: I understand, but I think this may -- I
- 16 guess, let's get through this last feature then I just would have
- 17 a question related to your perception of, you know -- so, as a --
- 18 MR. NICHOLSON: Let's go off the record until Ravi gets
- 19 settled here.
- 20 (Off the record.)
- 21 (On the record.)
- 22 MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. Let's go back on the record.
- MR. PIERZINA: As a vendor, with a client in a
- 24 relationship, there are significant impacts to undercalling or
- 25 overcalling features. And I'm sure a constant tug-of-war as to,

- 1 you know, send -- you know, calling something -- you know, over
- 2 calling features sends them into areas that they maybe didn't need
- 3 to go. Under calling features can lead to overlooking a critical
- 4 feature.
- 5 MS. SENF: Um-hum. Yep.
- 6 MR. PIERZINA: So --
- 7 MR. FOREMAN: There's no question, yet.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum. Um-hum.
- 9 MR. PIERZINA: Right. So, I quess the question I would
- 10 have for you is, as an analyst or as in your experience, you know,
- 11 over many years of analyzing CD results, have you seen periods
- 12 where analysts, you know, are maybe encouraged to, you know, push,
- 13 you know -- being pushed one way or the other to, you know, push a
- 14 -- you know, call feature less if it's borderline to call it one
- 15 way or the other, I guess, would be my question?
- 16 MS. SENF: Um-hum. Yes. So those really -- when we
- 17 started with analysis of CD data, so it was rather you don't look
- 18 at individual pixels, always look at the whole feature. And there
- 19 was -- I would also say there was kind of a tendency rather to
- 20 undercall features, not to consider every pixel. And today I
- 21 would say it's so, of course, we want to be right with our call.
- 22 But with our new sizing (indiscernible) for crack fields, that's
- 23 (indiscernible) tend to overcall features slightly. Yes.
- MR. PIERZINA: Have you seen a difference between, say,
- 25 crack-like features versus crack field features in the tendency to

- 1 undercall or overcall?
- 2 MS. SENF: We saw the tendency and we were told from
- 3 client that there's a tendency to undercall SCC. So, we didn't
- 4 get that feedback for crack-like indication. But the ratio
- 5 between verified crack fields and crack-like features is quite
- 6 big. So, most of the features which are verified by the client
- 7 are crack fields.
- 8 MR. PIERZINA: Okay.
- 9 MS. SENF: For the time period for undercalling I would
- 10 say is really before we invented the new sizing algorithm for
- 11 crack fields. So, prior to 2008 there was rather a tendency
- 12 undercalling crack field features. Not the others, but just crack
- 13 field features.
- MR. CHHATRE: This is Ravi, NTSB. As you're using the
- 15 (indiscernible) correctly, you said -- from what I understand
- 16 pretty much means (indiscernible). Is that --
- MS. SENF: Yeah. So, we started with a new algorithm in
- 18 2008. So, from 2008, yeah.
- MR. CHHATRE: 2008. So, nothing has been changed from
- 20 2008 to as we speak, correct?
- MR. FOREMAN: I'm sorry, you said nothing has been
- 22 changed?
- MR. CHHATRE: Yeah, you guys (indiscernible) I'm merely
- 24 asking what happen in 2005 and now. So, I guess my question for
- 25 clarification is now means everything after 2008 or now meaning --

1 MS. SENF: Slightly different. So, we invented the new

- 2 sizing algorithm for (indiscernible). So, we used it for every
- 3 tool inspection. If it was Enbridge or (indiscernible), whatever.
- 4 So, we used it for each inspection because it was a new tool and
- 5 this new sizing algorithm was used. For the traditional CD tool,
- 6 we did not use the new sizing algorithm for Enbridge.
- 7 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 8 MS. SENF: So, we told Enbridge that we have this new
- 9 sizing algorithm but they told us, well, when you change your
- 10 sizing algorithm now, we are not able anymore to compare the old
- 11 and the new result, so we won't have that for our traditional CD
- 12 data. So, and we -- meanwhile we use it after that failure on
- 13 Line 6B. Enbridge asked us last year -- was it last year or was
- 14 it -- end of 2010, beginning of 2011, they asked us all to use
- 15 that new sizing algorithm for Enbridge.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 17 MS. SENF: And to make it even more complicated, we have
- 18 another new tool. It's called the CD Plus. It's the same
- 19 (indiscernible) as we used for the CD tool, but the electronics is
- 20 new. And for this tool we always used the new sizing algorithm as
- 21 well, also for Enbridge. So, it's just the traditional tool for
- 22 Enbridge we used the old algorithm until we started with it last
- 23 year with the new algorithm, yeah.
- MR. CHHATRE: Thanks.
- MS. SENF: Okay.

- 1 MR. NICHOLSON: But they hadn't done any CD runs from
- 2 2005 --
- 3 MR. PIERZINA: Other lines.
- 4 MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, I got you. Other lines.
- 5 MS. SENF: Other lines.
- 6 (Simultaneous conversation.)
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: (indiscernible) on 6B there was --
- 8 MS. SENF: Yeah, just on Line 6B we did that -- the next
- 9 inspection 2010. Um-hum.
- Okay. So, we are finished with sensor 2-18, I guess. I
- 11 go 2-18.
- The next sensor is 2-19. I see a crack field indication
- 13 in the half skip. It starts at 11 -- oh, excuse me, that's
- 14 another trait.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah.
- 16 MR. PIERZINA: It starts at 38.5 feet from the upstream
- 17 girth weld. Length 7 inches. Mean max five 38 dB.
- MR. CHHATRE: How much?
- 19 MS. SENF: Mean max five 38 dB.
- MR. CHHATRE: 38, okay.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum. And orientation 84 -- 98.4 degrees.
- 22 MR. FOREMAN: Again, that's a very small pixel.
- MS. SENF: Yeah, it's a short -- yeah.
- The next sensor is 2-20. It's a long seam sensor and I
- 25 only see seam weld reflections, no defect indications.

- 1 MR. CHHATRE: One question. Your crack field
- 2 indication, is that one-half skip 38.5 feet, would you expect
- 3 always for this indication to have a counterclockwise sensor or
- 4 clockwise sensor max or it's not necessary, to classify that as a
- 5 defect?
- 6 MS. SENF: No, I don't really need to clarify in
- 7 counterclockwise. What I would like to have is that I would like
- 8 to have from clockwise, for instance, half skip and one-and-a-half
- 9 skip. This is what I would like to have.
- 10 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 11 MS. SENF: But I don't really expect it for crack
- 12 fields.
- 13 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MS. SENF: So crack fields are normally -- some of them
- 15 are also seen in the one-and-a-half skip, but most of them are
- 16 only seen in the half skip.
- MR. CHHATRE: So, I thought you need to see it on at
- 18 least on two sensor to meet your (indiscernible)?
- 19 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- MR. CHHATRE: I guess, no (indiscernible).
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 22 MR. CHHATRE: So you've got only seeing it on one
- 23 sensor, is it (indiscernible), right?
- MS. SENF: Yeah, that's right. Yeah.
- MR. CHHATRE: So, I guess, that's what I -- my question

- 1 is do we need to see it either on two different sensors, either
- 2 clockwise and (indiscernible) clockwise -- counterclockwise? Or
- 3 we need to see it on one-and-a-half end -- one-and-a-half skip?
- 4 MS. SENF: So, for a linear indication, notch-like or
- 5 crack-like, it is enough to see it from one side clockwise or
- 6 counterclockwise half skip and one-and-a-half skip.
- 7 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 8 MS. SENF: For a crack field, the crack field is always
- 9 wider, a wider feature. So, there might be two sensors which have
- 10 seen it in the half skip, and that's fine.
- MR. CHHATRE: You see --
- MS. SENF: Yeah, that's -- yeah.
- 13 MR. CHHATRE: You see somehow two of --
- 14 MS. SENF: Yeah, I still need some confirmation because
- 15 one sensor is not really enough for me to tell me what it is.
- MR. CHHATRE: And (indiscernible) you only have one.
- 17 You only have one half skip; you don't have one-and-a-half skip.
- 18 And you also have really small --
- 19 MS. SENF: Yeah, so and these are the crack field
- 20 indications. I only expect them really in the half skip.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MS. SENF: Yeah.
- MR. CHHATRE: Thanks.
- MS. SENF: You're welcome.
- Yeah, 2-20, we have done that. The next one is 221.

- 1 It's LW-C, only the long seam reflections visible, nothing else.
- 2 Sensor 2-22, there are -- oh, what is that? Okay, so
- 3 there are two very weak crack field indications. The first one
- 4 starts at 37 feet from the upstream girth weld. Length 6 inches.
- 5 Mean max five 29 dB. Orientation 93.5.
- 6 The second one starts at 37.7 feet. Four inches long.
- 7 Mean max five 28 dB. Orientation 93. -- what is -- 93.4 degrees.
- 8 External crack field --
- 9 MR. NICHOLSON: Now, can we go -- I'm sorry. Can we go
- 10 back? The dB was 28 or 38?
- 11 MS. SENF: For the -- 28.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Thank you.
- MR. CHHATRE: And this one, half skip?
- 14 MS. SENF: It's half skip, yes.
- 15 Next sensor is 2-23. Two crack field indications in the
- 16 half skip. The first one starts at 37, roughly -- yeah, 37 feet.
- 17 Six inches long. Mean max five 36 dB. Orientation 92 degrees.
- 18 And the second one starts at 37.7 feet. Seven inches
- 19 long. Mean max five 38 dB. Orientation 92 degree. And again,
- 20 38 dB is quite a short pixel.
- MR. CHHATRE: Question. In 2-22 and 2-23, do you
- 22 believe that is really separate cracks or they are the same seen
- 23 by two different sensors?
- 24 MS. SENF: So, it is one crack field, but it was
- 25 detected by several -- by two different sensors. So, the crack

- 1 field is wide and two different positions of the crack field were
- 2 detected by the sensors.
- 3 MR. CHHATRE: No, that's what I understand. We are
- 4 looking for (indiscernible) in that crack field, are these two
- 5 sensors seeing the same crack, the same flaw?
- 6 MS. SENF: No, not -- because both of them see it in the
- 7 half skip. So, you can only see it in the -- at the same position
- 8 when one sensor sees it in the half skip and the other one in one-
- 9 and-a-half skip. So, two neighboring sensors don't really see the
- 10 same defect at the same position.
- MR. CHHATRE: Because all these numbers are matching so
- 12 closely, thought maybe they are the same flaws in the crack field.
- 13 MS. SENF: Not the same flaws in the crack field. The
- 14 same crack field, yes, but different --
- MR. CHHATRE: But in a crack field you can have
- 16 different --
- 17 MS. SENF: -- different (indiscernible). Different
- 18 cracks, yes.
- 19 MR. CHHATRE: -- multiple cracks.
- MS. SENF: Yes. Um-hum.
- MR. CHHATRE: You know, you have one 37 degrees -- or 37
- 22 feet. Lengths are comparable. DB's are -- dB's are not
- 23 comparable, but --
- 24 MS. SENF: Yeah. So, it's the same crack field but
- 25 different, different cracks.

- 1 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MS. SENF: Yeah. Um-hum.
- 3 MR. CHHATRE: Fine. Thank you.
- 4 MS. SENF: Um-hum. So, the next one is 2-24. Crack
- 5 field external in the half skip. It starts at 36.9 feet from the
- 6 upstream girth weld. Six inches long. Mean max five 30 dB.
- 7 MR. CHHATRE: What is number?
- 8 MS. SENF: 30 dB. And orientation 90.4 degree.
- 9 Next one is sensor 2-25. Crack field in the half skip,
- 10 very weak. It starts at 37 feet from the upstream girth weld.
- 11 Three inches long. Mean max five 25 dB. Orientation 88.8 degree.
- Now, these were all the sensors for that feature. Now
- 13 I'm looking for the -- get closer here -- 30. Yeah, the longest
- 14 indication is an inch. And --
- 15 MR. NICHOLSON: Is less than an inch or -- I mean, how
- 16 does -- that's your threshold, right?
- MS. SENF: Yeah, it's -- yeah. I would rather --
- 18 (Simultaneous speech.)
- 19 MR. NICHOLSON: (indiscernible)
- 20 MS. SENF: It's less than an inch, and --
- 21 MR. NICHOLSON: Less than an inch?
- 22 MS. SENF: I believe so. Yeah, I'll take this one here.
- 23 Less than an inch and it's in sensor 16-30. And the orientation
- 24 is 105.1 degree.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. The deepest indication was on 38,

- 1 but those would not have met your threshold.
- 2 MS. SENF: Um-hum. Right.
- 3 MR. NICHOLSON: So, your deepest indication without --
- 4 deepest indication meeting threshold would have been what?
- 5 MS. SENF: 33 -- so, it is 36. 36 dB and this is in
- 6 sensor in 2-17.
- 7 MR. CHHATRE: I have 38 dB -- 38.5 dB in --
- 8 MS. SENF: Yeah, but that pixel was not long enough for
- 9 sizing.
- 10 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. And just -- I know you had to
- 12 assume this. I know you weren't there at the time. But in 2005,
- 13 the only rationale you can assign to the reason that there was a
- 14 crack-like call on these is just consistency. Because you didn't
- 15 see any toe cracks in this feature. You didn't call out any toe
- 16 cracks in the previous feature.
- 17 MS. SENF: Correct.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- MS. SENF: Yeah, so this is the only information I have.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Consistency?
- MS. SENF: Consistency, yeah.
- 22 MR. PIERZINA: This is Brian. And I think you discussed
- 23 a reluctance to change something once it's reported, but would you
- 24 expect the quality checker if they feel -- you know, when they're
- 25 checking these reportable indications, if they feel strongly that

- 1 this is a crack field and not a crack-like that they would
- 2 recommend reclassifying the feature?
- 3 MS. SENF: The quality checker for sure. Yeah, so if he
- 4 gets it on -- this data on the screen and he needs to look at it,
- 5 he needs to change the feature type (indiscernible), yes. It's a
- 6 must.
- 7 MR. FOREMAN: Geoff Foreman here. This particular -- I
- 8 don't believe this particular feature was reported. Anything less
- 9 than 12½ percent is not reportable to the contract, although we
- 10 give it at Enbridge anyway if we saw it. So, to the standard
- 11 report in these (indiscernible), it probably would be because it's
- 12 deeper than half a millimeter.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- MR. FOREMAN: So it would be included. But anything
- 15 less than half would be not be reported. So, we would get right
- 16 down on the left -- the last, especially the last one, when we get
- 17 right down on the minimum threshold, the minimum was reporting
- 18 threshold because it's supposed to be greater than 1 millimeter
- 19 and longer than 16 millimeters.
- MR. NICHOLSON: So, it's not reportable via the
- 21 contract?
- MR. FOREMAN: By the contract, yeah.
- MR. PIERZINA: But yet --
- MR. FOREMAN: But it was reported, right?
- MR. FOREMAN: It was reported.

1 MR. PIERZINA: But given that it was reported, would it

- 2 have been quality checked?
- 3 MR. FOREMAN: Yes.
- 4 MS. SENF: So, at that time, in 2005, we didn't -- so,
- 5 when there was a feature and it was classified as crack field less
- 6 than 12.5, it was reportable feature.
- 7 MR. FOREMAN: Was or was not?
- 8 MS. SENF: It was a reportable feature. Even if it was
- 9 below the spec, it was a reportable feature and it needed to be
- 10 checked by an analyst. Today, so we discriminate a little
- 11 between -- we have two different type of features below spec. So,
- 12 we have the features below 1 millimeter. So, below one millimeter
- 13 means it's somewhere between .5 and 1 millimeter. And we also
- 14 have the ones which are below 1 millimeter but they are also below
- 15 .5. And we rated them at below spec. These ones are non-
- 16 reportable.
- So, in this picture here it will be classified as quite
- 18 a few below 1. But then we will add a rating which means it's
- 19 below spec because it's really below .5 millimeter. And this will
- 20 be checked just frequently, so the spot checks we have.
- But also the ones which are above .5 millimeter or equal
- 22 to .5 millimeter, still will be checked for 100%.
- MR. PIERZINA: Okay. No, I'm just trying to get a
- 24 picture in my head. So, in this particular pipe joint we have six
- 25 features reported, all crack-like, but all which look more like

- 1 crack fields.
- 2 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 3 MR. PIERZINA: And so I'm trying to put myself in the
- 4 quality checker's position and I'm trying to understand why the
- 5 quality checker would not have questioned the classification to
- 6 change it to crack field?
- 7 MS. SENF: I need to go off the screen for a moment.
- 8 So, yesterday we talked about a check if we have -- where the
- 9 analyst needs to fill in these many features have been there prior
- 10 to my check and these many features have been there after my
- 11 check. You asked for that list, right?
- MR. NICHOLSON: I forget. Was that a -- that's a new
- 13 list or that's a 2005 --
- MS. SENF: That's a 2005. So, that's our --
- MR. NICHOLSON: -- checklist? Okay.
- MS. SENF: -- project list. So today we call it a QMS.
- 17 So, this is a mandatory document. It starts at data entry or data
- 18 processing to the final report. So, it is not anonymized [sic].
- 19 That's why I have (indiscernible) to remove two columns where the
- 20 names are in. But so -- see where it is.
- 21 MR. FOREMAN: Technical (indiscernible).
- MR. FOREMAN: Huh?
- MR. FOREMAN: Technical (indiscernible).
- 24 MS. SENF: Okay. So this the listing we used at that
- 25 time to make sure that all the features have been checked. So we

- 1 are in section 154. So, these two columns, inspected and
- 2 completed. That's misleading, but -- so when the analyst is going
- 3 through the data, he might not be sure about what some calls. So,
- 4 he can rate the feature as -- inspected it means someone has to
- 5 look at it again; I'm not sure about it. So it's not completed,
- 6 please look at it. And so there were six inspected features in it
- 7 and there were 2375 features in it which were completed. So the
- 8 analyst was sure about the classification. So -- and so there
- 9 were six crack fields before -- or after analysis there were six
- 10 crack fields. After quality check there was no crack field in any
- 11 more.
- 12 MR. PIERZINA: So, that means that six crack fields that
- 13 were initially called by an analyst were changed by the quality
- 14 checker as not crack field?
- 15 MS. SENF: Correct. Because when I --
- MR. PIERZINA: Do we know what they may have become?
- 17 MS. SENF: Yeah. So, the next one here is crack-like
- 18 features. We had several crack-like features in that section and
- 19 now we have six crack-like features after the quality check. So,
- 20 these numbers here -- so, there were six crack fields before.
- 21 They disappeared. But there were no crack-like indications at all
- 22 and now there are six crack-like indications. So, for me, it can
- 23 only mean this is our pipe joint where he changed everything from
- 24 crack field to crack-like.
- MR. PIERZINA: So, the Level 0 or Level 1 analyst called

- 1 them crack fields and the quality checker called it crack-likes?
- MS. SENF: Yes.
- 3 MR. PIERZINA: Okay. Well, that's --
- 4 MS. SENF: No, this is what I can read out of this
- 5 document here.
- 6 MR. PIERZINA: And, of course, we can only -- we don't
- 7 -- we're talking about area -- or section 154.
- 8 MS. SENF: Right.
- 9 MR. PIERZINA: So that's 1½ kilometers.
- 10 MS. SENF: Right.
- MR. PIERZINA: We've only looked at one pipe joint with
- 12 six crack-like --
- MR. CHHATRE: How many features?
- MS. SENF: So let's see what I can -- mean max five, I
- 15 can look at all the crack-like and crack-field indications I have.
- MR. PIERZINA: Well, you can get us to that pipe joint.
- MS. SENF: I can bring it to that pipe joint, yeah.
- 18 So --
- 19 MR. PIERZINA: That would be these.
- 20 MS. SENF: So, in total, 623 crack fields or crack-like
- 21 indications were analyzed in step 1. And when we go to the list,
- 22 in section -- I have to go through the --
- 23 MR. NICHOLSON: 2-173.
- 24 MR. CHHATRE: This is a real (indiscernible) document.
- 25 MS. SENF: It is. And so, we had a nice one in 2005 and

- 1 2006. In 2012 it's even better.
- 2 MR. CHHATRE: This is a (indiscernible) --
- 3 MS. SENF: All the things we learned go into that
- 4 document, right? All the checks we need to know, we need to do.
- 5 So, okay, we are here in 155. We have only six --
- 6 MR. NICHOLSON: 154?
- 7 MS. SENF: 154, excuse me. We have six crack-like
- 8 indications. And these six crack-like indications are all in the
- 9 same pipe joint. And all of these six crack-like indications are
- 10 in 2-17, instead of 20.
- MR. CHHATRE: And that pipe joint will be a rupture pipe
- 12 joint?
- MR. FOREMAN: This one?
- MS. SENF: Yes.
- MR. FOREMAN: A ruptured pipe?
- MS. SENF: Yes.
- 17 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- 18 MR. PIERZINA: But, okay, but do we know that these were
- 19 initially classified as crack field?
- 20 MS. SENF: I cannot tell that. But I can see that the
- 21 quality checker had at the end six crack-like indications and at
- 22 the beginning he had six crack fields.
- MR. PIERZINA: Oh.
- MS. SENF: So, this is --
- 25 MR. PIERZINA: Okay. That was my question.

- 1 MS. SENF: Yeah.
- 2 MR. PIERZINA: So --
- 3 MR. NICHOLSON: This has to be it, right?
- 4 MS. SENF: Yeah.
- 5 MR. PIERZINA: All right. This is just --
- 6 MR. NICHOLSON: They were in that same before.
- 7 MR. PIERZINA: Right. Because they're the only one --
- 8 right. So, this confirms that the six features on that pipe joint
- 9 were classified as crack fields by the Step 1 analyst.
- 10 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Level 0.
- MR. FOREMAN: The trainee.
- MS. SENF: The trainee, yeah. Trainee.
- MR. PIERZINA: And changed to crack-like by the flaw
- 15 detector.
- MS. SENF: Right.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Level 2, 10 (indiscernible)
- 18 MS. SENF: Level 2 (indiscernible).
- MR. NICHOLSON: Have we requested this document?
- 20 MR. CHHATRE: Not yet. I think it's on the
- 21 (indiscernible) I think this is very useful. We can -- to this
- 22 (indiscernible) level (indiscernible) we can kind of go back and
- 23 (indiscernible)
- MS. SENF: So, meanwhile we don't ask the analyst to do
- 25 that here for us, to tell us how many crack fields have been there

- 1 before you started with it and how many have been there after.
- 2 Because -- so we track a lot in our software meanwhile in our
- 3 database. It is quality check that -- and we didn't really use
- 4 these statistics, so it's just for these kind of events now that
- 5 we have to go back and look.
- 6 MR. CHHATRE: So, (indiscernible) section 154 there is
- 7 six crack fields that change to crack-like features.
- 8 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 9 MR. CHHATRE: And segment that rupture also had six
- 10 crack-like features that were changed to crack-like features.
- 11 MS. SENF: Yeah. Only had six crack-like indications
- 12 now. I have only six crack-like indications now, yeah.
- MR. CHHATRE: Okay.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Did we already talk about these other
- 15 columns out here?
- MR. CHHATRE: Not yet.
- MS. SENF: No, we did not. So you see the different
- 18 feature types we have. It's crack field, crack-like, notch-like.
- 19 At that time we had metal loss; inclusion-like, geometry,
- 20 installations, not decide-able (ph.). So, when we really cannot
- 21 tell what it is we use the feature type crack not decide-able and
- 22 we add a comment to it. So, we don't use it anymore for Enbridge.
- 23 We give always the most severe call on it. So, when we -- in the
- 24 past we would have said, okay, it's crack-like or it's a weld
- 25 indication. So, today we say it's a crack-like indication. So

- 1 Enbridge asked us to choose the most severe feature type for it.
- 2 So -- because they didn't like the not decide-able feature type.
- 3 So tell us -- give us the most severe one. So, it's a
- 4 conservative call.
- 5 MR. CHHATRE: All right. But it is -- but
- 6 (indiscernible) section?
- 7 MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 8 MR. CHHATRE: It's 1½ millimeters long and the total of
- 9 2375 features.
- 10 MS. SENF: Um-hum. Yes. And most of them are in the
- 11 last column here, irrelevant features. So, which are -- yeah, may
- 12 be the reflections off the long seam.
- Okay. Now, that means here he changed 18 features. He
- 14 made 18 changes on it. So, what did he change? He changed 6 here
- 15 and 6 here. That makes 12. Another one here, 13. Here one, 14.
- 16 And he also changed 4 here. Yeah. And so he checked all
- 17 inspected. He checked all the completed. He checked the relative
- 18 position, internal/external. He had doubled-checked it again.
- 19 And he also checked the radial position, you know, relative if the
- 20 long seam or base material and radial of internal or external.
- 21 Then he needs to check is there any installations, if they are
- 22 correspond to the pipe book. And he needs to do the spot checks
- 23 on the geometry and the relevant features at that time.
- MR. PIERZINA: So, the idea of changing the crack fields
- 25 to the crack-likes, the quality checker, in your mind would that

- 1 be an attempt to be conservative or an attempt -- you know, or
- 2 not?
- MS. SENF: So, it's rather consistency. This is what I
- 4 think.
- 5 MR. PIERZINA: Consistency?
- 6 MS. SENF: The consistency, yeah.
- 7 MR. PIERZINA: And you said that, but --
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- 9 MR. CHHATRE: Now, go back to Brian's earlier question,
- 10 the QC work is done before your draft report goes to the customer,
- 11 right?
- MS. SENF: Correct. Yeah. Um-hum, correct.
- MR. CHHATRE: That's what I thought. So --
- MS. SENF: It must.
- 15 MR. CHHATRE: -- making that change is not a problem?
- 16 MS. SENF: Not at all, no. This is the reason why we
- 17 have the quality check. You need to make sure that everything
- 18 what the analyst did is right, yes.
- 19 MR. CHHATRE: But once it goes to customer in draft
- 20 form, then really this is in your mind you won't change?
- MS. SENF: Yeah. So, minor change would not change, but
- 22 major things need to be changed for sure, yeah.
- MR. PIERZINA: And this is Brian again. So, the
- 24 question I would have is do the changes that are made by the
- 25 quality checker get fed back to the Step 1 analyst so they know

- 1 what changes were made to their initial --
- 2 MS. SENF: Changes only go back when they have made a
- 3 mistake, really. Then we give that back. So, in some cases they
- 4 will -- if it's really a minor thing, so the analyst call it a
- 5 notch-like and then the quality checker says, yes, but it's a weak
- 6 one, it's one below the reporting threshold. So, these kind of
- 7 minor things wouldn't go into it.
- 8 So, now also changing it from crack field to crack-like,
- 9 if it's only one pipe joint, I don't think it will go -- it would
- 10 go back. If he sees a trend that (indiscernible) that's wrong all
- 11 the time, he would send it back. But if it happens only once, we
- 12 wouldn't send it back. Because crack field and crack-like at that
- 13 time wasn't really a mistake. Today it is a mistake, but at that
- 14 time it was not a mistake.
- 15 MR. PIERZINA: Yeah, that would be my question then, is
- 16 it necessarily wrong what the Step 1 analyst did, and I think we
- 17 might all agree that it wasn't wrong and he was probably right.
- MS. SENF: Um-hum. Yeah.
- MR. NICHOLSON: And in the blind test, the Step 1
- 20 analyst was consistent in calling the crack (indiscernible), but
- 21 your Level 2 actually reversed his opinion this time, right?
- 22 MS. SENF: Yes, right. So, he was really sure or
- 23 confident with his classification of the crack field.
- 24 MR. CHHATRE: This is Ravi. I thought you said in the
- 25 blind test both of them referred that as crack field.

- 1 MS. SENF: Yes, right.
- 2 MR. PIERZINA: Crack field.
- 3 (Simultaneous speech.)
- 4 MS. SENF: And so there was no question about the
- 5 analyst. So, the analyst did it right all the time. The quality
- 6 checker did really have a confidence that this was a crack field,
- 7 yeah. Um-hum.
- 8 MR. NICHOLSON: Interesting. So, we can request this
- 9 with the names removed?
- MR. FOREMAN: Would that be a screen shot or is that
- 11 part of the software?
- MS. SENF: It's not part of the software. It's more --
- MR. NICHOLSON: It's just an Excel spreadsheet.
- 14 (Simultaneous speech.)
- MS. SENF: It's a separate --
- MR. FOREMAN: He just wanted the screen shot that you're
- 17 looking at now, basically.
- 18 MR. NICHOLSON: No, I'd rather have the sheet. Can you
- 19 just delete those two columns and -- can I have just what I see
- 20 here, whatever -- I didn't see what you took out, but --
- MS. SENF: Um-hum.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Can I just have this and the columns
- 23 that are sensitive you just delete?
- 24 MS. SENF: Yeah, I can do that, um-hum. So, this --
- MR. NICHOLSON: Because it's easier for us to take the

- 1 real data and put it in (indiscernible) --
- 2 MR. PIERZINA: Before we lose that, if you look at the
- 3 next section down, 155, we see 2-22 changes. So, let's see, what
- 4 are we seeing here? We're seeing the --
- 5 MR. CHHATRE: (indiscernible) changed.
- 6 MS. SENF: So, 12 of the crack-like -- 12 crack-like
- 7 features were at the end 4. Forty-four notches became 10 notches.
- 8 One inclusion-like became no inclusion-like. 102 geometries at
- 9 the end 49. So, it seems that the analyst was quite conservative
- 10 in his calls and lots of things had to be corrected by the quality
- 11 checker.
- MR. PIERZINA: So, now this will be a different analyst
- 13 and a different quality checker?
- MS. SENF: Most probably.
- 15 MR. PIERZINA: And this would be --
- MS. SENF: Most --
- 17 MR. NICHOLSON: She'd have to look at the columns she
- 18 took out.
- 19 MR. PIERZINA: Oh, yeah. (indiscernible) it would --
- 20 well, it would just be interesting to -- never mind.
- 21 MS. SENF: I can have a look at --
- 22 MR. NICHOLSON: Well, you know, that would be good to
- 23 know. Could we -- could you assign a code to the level -- you
- 24 know, the checkers and the analysts when we get the sheet?
- 25 Telling (indiscernible) --

- 1 MR. FOREMAN: I think we're getting -- I think we're
- 2 treading onto the privacy concerns even with a code assigned. I
- 3 mean, we can take a look at it, but --
- 4 MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- 5 MR. FOREMAN: Yeah, I was going to say, A, B, C.
- 6 MR. NICHOLSON: Well, I guess --
- 7 MR. FOREMAN: Right. That's what they're talking about
- 8 in terms of the code.
- 9 MR. FOREMAN: Yeah.
- 10 MR. CHHATRE: I guess what Matt is saying we don't need
- 11 to know the names. But if we can have --
- MR. FOREMAN: No, I understand that.
- MR. CHHATRE: -- A, B, C, D, E or whatever you want to
- 14 do.
- MR. FOREMAN: I understand that.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. I'll leave that to the attorneys.
- MR. FOREMAN: I mean, first of all, we'd have to check
- 18 with the German data privacy officer because he's essentially the
- 19 person that makes that call.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.
- MR. FOREMAN: He's more powerful than a speeding bullet.
- 22 MR. NICHOLSON: Let's just talk, I mean --
- MR. FOREMAN: He is the German data privacy officer, and
- 24 he is imbued with a certain -- considerable authority under German
- 25 law, trumps even the lawyers.

- 1 MR. CHHATRE: We'll respect you on that. He still has
- 2 to follow the law. I mean, it doesn't matter how powerful he is.
- 3 He can't make his own laws. So, whatever the laws of Germany
- 4 says, he has to follow.
- 5 MR. FOREMAN: Well, but -- we're on the record. I'll
- 6 explain it off the record.
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: All right. Okay. But you understand
- 8 the request?
- 9 MR. FOREMAN: We understand the request.
- 10 MR. NICHOLSON: You'll look into that?
- MR. FOREMAN: Right.
- MR. CHHATRE: So, I guess we have finished that segment
- 13 that is in rupture with all --
- MR. FOREMAN: Yeah, we've covered all features.
- MR. NICHOLSON: (indiscernible) I appreciate you taking
- 16 the time to do that.
- MR. FOREMAN: Can we try and wrap up in 15 minutes or so
- 18 because if you want to get the other person --
- 19 MR. CHHATRE: Yeah. Yeah.
- MR. NICHOLSON: All right.
- MR. CHHATRE: I think we should.
- 22 MR. NICHOLSON: Brian, do you have anything else for
- 23 Petra?
- MR. PIERZINA: I wouldn't mind if it's okay with
- 25 everyone else if Petra just sat in with us and we just brought in

- 1 the desk engineer, just in case we -- you know, not knowing --
- MR. FOREMAN: No, that's fine.
- 3 MR. NICHOLSON: Can we get an answer to the last
- 4 question now that the screens are off? Can you simply tell us if
- 5 155 was examined by --
- 6 MR. PIERZINA: Anybody that was the same as 154?
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: -- the same analyst? Or is that not --
- 8 see if you can give us a --
- 9 MS. SENF: No, it was examined by -- oh, also by a Level
- 10 2 analyst, but not by the same analyst. It was checked by the
- 11 same quality checker.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. So different Step 1 analyst --
- MS. SENF: Analyst --
- MR. NICHOLSON: -- same quality checker.
- 15 MS. SENF: -- and same quality checker, yes. And so
- 16 there is a good reason -- so, the analyst which did the analysis
- 17 on it, he was quite conservative. When I read his name, oh, yeah,
- 18 yeah, sure. He's not long with us, because he never changed his
- 19 behavior in conservative analysis. He never really was confident
- 20 enough to give a call that, okay, this feature is nothing. So, he
- 21 would always over -- not sure, not sure.
- 22 MR. PIERZINA: More comfortable letting somebody else
- 23 make that decision, huh?
- MS. SENF: Yes, right.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Did you say he's no longer --

- 1 MS. SENF: No, he's no longer with us.
- 2 MR. NICHOLSON: With you. Oh, okay.
- 3 MS. SENF: Yeah, so --
- 4 MR. NICHOLSON: So, too conservative is a bad thing in
- 5 the analyst world.
- 6 MS. SENF: Both of it.
- 7 MR. NICHOLSON: That sounds --
- 8 MS. SENF: Both of it.
- 9 MR. NICHOLSON: Both extremes? Okay.
- MS. SENF: Both extremes, yes. So, and that -- so, it's
- 11 -- an analyst analyzes between 600 and 800 features a day. So,
- 12 that means he has to make 600 to 800 decisions per day. And if
- 13 you're reluctant to do a decision --
- MR. PIERZINA: Well, you know it pretty fast, I quess,
- 15 huh?
- 16 MR. FOREMAN: He never progressed beyond (indiscernible)
- in any case it's because of natural progression on it.
- 18 MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah, right.
- MR. FOREMAN: So, should we go off the record?
- 20 MR. NICHOLSON: Let's go off the record.
- MR. CHHATRE: Yeah, off the record.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Let's see, are we finished now, quick?
- 23 Or no more questions? Ravi?
- MR. CHHATRE: No.
- MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. Brian?

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- 1 MR. PIERZINA: (indiscernible) 2 MR. FOREMAN: You can be checking your notes. Let's go 3 here. 4 MR. CHHATRE: You realize we are on the record, but --5 MR. NICHOLSON: No, we're not off the -- I wasn't off 6 the record yet. We will conclude --7 MR. CHHATRE: No, thank her for being so patient with 8 us. 9 MS. SENF: My pleasure. 10 MR. FOREMAN: I'm sorry, did you say your pleasure? 11 MS. SENF: Yeah, my pleasure. Yeah, I said that. 12 MR. FOREMAN: A pleasure to be done. 1.3 MS. SENF: It's like giving a training. So, I did that 14 in the past and I -- yeah. 15 MR. NICHOLSON: Excellent. Okay, at this point I think 16 we'll go off the record and conclude the interview with Petra.
- 17 Thank you so much.
- MS. SENF: You're welcome.
- 19 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)

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