EXHIBIT 6

M & S Texaco (2619 S. East Avenue)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK -000-

In re: Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether ("MTBE") Products Liability Litigation

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City of Fresno v. Chevron U.S.A. Inc., et al., Case No. 04 Civ. 4973

DEPOSITION OF JATINDER PAUL DHILLON

August 11, 2011 at 9:00 (9:05) a.m.

Before: ERIC L. JOHNSON RPR, CSR #9771

Taken at:

Fresno, California

25 about any bills of lading? Were there any such records

Page 14 Page 16 1 A. Yes. that you had put into storage or placed somewhere for 2 Q. If there's something, again, you just don't safekeeping after you stopped being affiliated with that 3 remember, just please let us know instead of guessing. 3 station? 4 Have you consumed any medication, including 4 A. We don't have any documents that long, no. We prescription drugs or alcohol, that might affect your 5 destroy them after five years. 6 ability to recollect events and give testimony here 6 Q. So they are -- they are not in any kind of a, 7 today? 7 you know, storage warehouse or anything like that to the 8 A. No, I don't think so. No. 8 present time, to your understanding? 9 Q. You are not -- you are not having any problems 9 A. I don't know. 10 or issues with memory today or anything like that? 10 Q. You are not aware of any documents, then, that 11 11 were kept to the present day? 12 Q. And we will be able to take breaks at any time 12 A. Present date, I don't remember. No. 13 you need to, or anyone else does, or if we have to 13 Q. Did you bring any documents with you today change the video every once in a while we will be happy 14 beside your copy of the subpoena? to take a break. So just let us know if you'd like a 15 15 A. No. 16 break. 16 Q. Have you had a chance to look through all of 17 Do you have any questions about the deposition 17 the different categories there? It goes on for, let's 18 process? see, item Numbers 1 through 35 over the next few pages. 19 A. No. 19 Yes, I have gone through, yes. 20 MR. EICKMEYER: Now, I am going to hand you 20 Q. You went through there and you didn't find you what I have marked as Exhibit 1. had any records still? 21 22 (Deposition Exhibit 1 marked 22 Not any record right now. 23 for identification) 23 Q. Okay. You can set that aside, then. Thank 24 MR. EICKMEYER: This is a deposition notice and 24 you. 25 subpoena. It looks like you may have brought a copy 25 Now, is it correct, just to make sure we have Page 15 Page 17 1 with you as well. the -- the address right, the street is called East 2 Q. Now, the first page notice of the deposition Avenue; is that right? 3 you may not have seen, but if you turn forward one page A. Yes. 3 4 you see there is a subpoena to testify there. 4 Q. Do you recall when you first became affiliated 5 Do you recall having received the subpoena? 5 with the station at 2619 South East Avenue? 6 6 A. Repeat the question. 7 7 Q. And that's the reason that you are here to Q. Well, maybe I can ask it better. Do you recall 8 testify today? 8 when you first started working there or had any 9 A. Yes. 9 ownership or interest in it? 10 Q. I would ask you to turn forward in the packet 10 A. I don't know exactly, but I think '95, '96. 11 stapled together about three more pages, there is a list 11 Q. Did you franchise it or purchase it, or what 12 starting with the word "Attachment." 12 was your relationship initially? 13 Do you see that list? 13 A. We purchased the business. 14 A. Yes. 14 Q. When you say "we purchased the business," who 15 Q. Did you have a chance to look at the attachment 15 was that that purchased the business? 16 to see if you had any of the documents requested there? A. I purchased the business. A. I don't have any documents right now for these 17 Q. Did you have any partners, for example? 17 18 things. No. 18 A. No. 19 Q. Let me ask you, we will go through kind of a 19 Q. Were you doing business under your own name or 20 did you have any kind of a company set up? time-line, but for the station address I mentioned, the 20 2619 South East Avenue, are you still affiliated with 21 21 A. M&S Texaco. 22 that station today? 22 Q. The letters M&S? 23 A. No. 23 A. S. Texaco. 24 Q. Do you recall, for example, question one asking 24 Q. Was it called M&S before you took over the

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- spill. Were you given instructions on what to do for a 2 large spill?
- 3 A. The large spill, we have to call the fire 4 department and we also, they called some company who cleaned those kind of mess.
 - Q. Did they explain to you in your training where was the difference between a small spill and a large
- 9 A. Yes. Tells you in the training package, yes.
 - Q. And what was that difference?
 - I don't remember.

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- 12 Q. Do you recall if it was a spill of a certain 13 number of gallons or how that was decided?
- 14 A. Yeah, the gallons, more than a gallon, that's a 15
- 16 Q. So if it was a large spill, you indicated you 17 were to call the fire department and then some other 18 service?
- 19 A. Some other service to clean it, yes.
- 20 Q. At the -- again, the station at 2619 South East Avenue, do you recall whose responsibility it would have 21 22 been to use the cat litter-type product if there was a 23 small spill?
- 24 MR. YBARRA: Objection; calls for a legal 25 conclusion.

recall what the approximate size of the discoloration on the ground was?

A. The gas mostly evaporates, we put the litter there and we sweep it up. And there's not much change in the color, no.

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- Q. Do you recall seeing any discoloration on the ground when an overfill would occur?
 - A. Not really. No.
- Q. Do you recall if there were times when a customer would take the nozzle out of their car and there would be any drips of gasoline from the nozzle to the ground?
 - A. It happened sometimes.
- 14 Q. Do you recall how often on average that would 15 occur?
 - A. I can't answer that.
- 17 Q. Do you recall when that occurred how large any 18 discoloration on the ground was?
 - A. Because most of it is concrete. And there's no decoloration, just the spot. You can see the spot there, then you clean it and after time we always wash the islands, and it dissipates.
- 23 Q. Do you recall how large the spots were that would be on the ground? Can you tell me in inches or what size it would have been?

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THE WITNESS: The manager or -- or cashier. whoever is working there.

MR. EICKMEYER: Q. At the 2619 South East Avenue station, were you considered the manager there? A. Yes.

- Q. Did you have any other people over the years you operated that who were your managers?
- A. We have lot of help, like cashiers and one assistant manager, yes.
- 10 Q. Do you recall the names of any of the managers 11 at that station?
 - A. I don't remember.

days in a row, so --

Q. There may be some names we have seen on 14 documents if it helps refresh your recollection.

At the 2619 South East Avenue station, do you recall if there would be occasions where a customer had the nozzle in their car and overfilled their car so that any gas spilled or leaked on the ground?

- A. That's the only way it spills there, yeah.
- Q. About how often would that happen at 2619 South 20
- 22 A. Very hard to answer. Sometime maybe that 23 happen for six months, one time it happen every day, two 23
- 25 Q. When that type of overfill would happen, do you

1 A. Maybe six, seven-inch round circle. You can 2 see like that.

- Q. Now, you mentioned washing the area down. Was that hosed down, or how would that occur?
- A. We -- we don't wash them particular like that way because we use cat litter to clean it. And we do like once a week or something like that in the nighttime to clean all the island, parking lot and everything.
- Q. So in the schedule you mentioned on once a week, where would the water go that was used to clean off the concrete? Was that running to a drain or the street, or where would that water go?
- A. Water goes in the -- in the gutter that time,
- Q. Now, do you recall if there were ever any occasions where someone left the nozzle in their car and started to drive away?
 - A. It happens. Yes.
- Q. On average, how often would that happen at 2619 South East Avenue?
- A. Three, four time a year.
- Q. On those occasions where you had -- was that sometimes called a drive off?
- 24 A. Drive off we call them. Yes.
 - Q. When there was a drive off, were there times

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Q. Can you describe for us what happened in that

A. What exactly do you mean about that?

Page 34 Page 36 when any gasoline would come out of the rubber hose 1 1 Q. Well, what happened that caused you to have to onto the ground? call the fire department? 3 A. No, not really, no. 3 A. I think some -- some truck was filling a gas 4 Q. When you say "not really, do you remember, was and he spill it. And the puddle was big so we have to 5 there --5 call them. 6 A. No. 6 Q. When you say it was big, do you recall how many 7 Q. -- a small amount or --7 feet or --8 A. Maybe one drop or something like that. Drop 8 A. Half a gallon -- maximum is not even a gallon. 9 maybe. Half-inch drop. 9 Less than a gallon. 10 Q. Would there be any gas in the hose that would 10 Q. Was that the Fresno Fire Department that come out to the ground if they were driving off? 11 11 responded? 12 A. I think so, yes. 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. Do you recall any occasions where anyone, car 13 Q. I am not sure if I asked you this, but I think 14 or vehicle, ran into one of the gas pumps or gas 14 you indicated, is it correct you are not still currently 15 dispensers? 15 operating the station at East Avenue? 16 A. It happened one time, yes. 16 A. I am not right now. I am not operating that 17 Q. At the East Avenue station? 17 one, no. 18 A. That's what we are talking about, that same 18 Q. What year did you stop operating the East 19 station, yes. 19 Avenue station? 20 Q. Yeah, yeah, right, unless we say another 20 A. January 2009. 21 address. Yes. 21 Q. So the incident involving the fire department, 22 A. Yes. 22 would you say that was in the earlier or the mid or the 23 Q. Can you tell us what happened in that incident? 23 later 2000s? 24 A. I think somebody backed up into the dispenser. 24 A. I don't remember in particular. I don't 25 Q. Do you recall -- sorry. Were you done? 25 remember. Page 35 Page 37 1 A. And damaged the pump, yes. 1 Q. Do you recall if there were any occasions where 2 Q. Do you recall if there was any release of a gas nozzle would malfunction and not shut off 3 gasoline during that incident? 3 properly, and continue dripping gasoline? 4 A. None. 4 A. I am not sure. 5 Q. Do you recall approximately what year that 5 Q. Who is responsible for maintenance of the gas 6 occurred where someone backed into a dispenser? 6 nozzles or dispensers at East Avenue? 7 A. I am not sure, but approximately 2001, or 7 8 something like that. 8 Q. Was that true during the entire time you 9 Q. When someone backed into the dispenser, was the 9 operated that station? 10 fire department called at that time? 10 A. Yes. 11 A. No. 11 Q. Now, you mentioned when you purchased the 12 Q. Now, you mentioned you had instructions, I 12 business it was initially M&S Texaco; is that right? 13 think what you described as a large spill, you would 13 A. That was my company when I buy it. call the fire department and another cleanup service. 14 Q. Is that what -- what you referred to the 15 Were there any times that you had to call the fire 15 station as or was it called -- the station called department to respond to the East Avenue station? 16 16 something else? 17 A. Yes. 17 A. Before I buy it? 18 Q. When did that occur, if you recall 18 Q. No, when you bought it. Sorry, when you first 19 approximately the date? 19 bought it. 20 A. One time. No, I don't remember the date. No. 20 A. When I bought it I gave my company name to Q. Do you recall if that was in the '90s or 2000s? 21 21 that. Before that it was a different name. 22 A. 2000s. 22 Q. Okay. Well, that's right. That's what I

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wanted to ask you about. But is it correct, then,

when -- when you bought it initially it was M&S Texaco?

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A. Yes.

Page 42 Page 44 1 Q. Do you recall about how often there would be Q. When you first took over the business, did you deliveries from Bakersfield terminal compared to Fresno? 2 2 have an understanding as to who owned the underground 3 A. I don't remember. 3 storage tanks? 4 Q. Was that a relatively small number that came 4 A. The landlord. The landlord who owns the 5 from Bakersfield? 5 property. A. I don't remember. 6 6 Q. When you first took over the business, do you 7 Q. Now, beside the terminal, did you ever hear 7 know who that landlord was? 8 what refinery had originated the gas being delivered? 8 A. Mr. Pickett (sic). 9 A. I don't know. 9 Q. Did you ever purchase the land at the station? Q. When you first took over the business, how was 10 10 A. No. 11 it that you would order gasoline, through a phone call 11 Q. Were you aware if the landowner ever changed 12 or what kind of system? 12 from Mr. Prickett to someone else? 13 A. Phone call. 13 A. He had a trust. Everything goes through the 14 Q. And when you started operating the business, 14 trust. 15 who was it you would call for gasoline? 15 Q. Beside Mr. Prickett and then his trust, do you 16 A. Texaco company, then the Shell, then they sold 16 recall if there were any other landowners and property 17 to the jobber. 17 owners at the station? 18 Q. When you say they sold it to a jobber, do you 18 19 recall who that was, the jobber? 19 Q. So is it your understanding at the time you 20 They call R.M. Parks. stopped operating the station it was owned by 20 21 Q. Sorry --Mr. Prickett or his trust? 22 A. Jobber name is R.M. Parks. 22 A. Yes. 23 O. Oh, R.M. Parks? 23 O. Now, I understand, and we will see some 24 A. Mm-hmm. documents, there was -- do you recall a change or 25 Q. Do you recall what year that was transferred replacement in the underground storage tanks at some Page 43 Page 45 from Shell to the jobber? 1 point? 2 I don't know exactly. It is in 2000s. 2 3 Q. And that change occurred during the years the 3 Q. After those tanks were changed, did you have an 4 station was branded Shell? 4 understanding as to who owned the tanks? 5 A. Yes. 5 6 Q. When R.M. Parks was delivering gasoline, was it 6 Q. Was it your understanding the landlord 7 your understanding that was still Shell branded 7 continued to own the tanks during the entire time you 8 gasoline? 8 operated the station? 9 A. Yes. 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. Do you remember the names of any of the 10 Q. Now, do you recall if there was a piping that 11 delivery truck drivers who delivered gas to the station? 11 would have connected the underground storage tanks to 12 A. I think they use a private carriers, so I don't 12 the dispensers? 13 know. 13 A. There is piping connecting those, yes. 14 Q. I mean, just from talking to them, do you 14 Q. All right. I assumed there was, I just wanted 15 remember the names of any drivers? 15 to make sure. I am not trying to put words in your 16 A. No. 16 mouth. 17 Q. Now, we will take a look at some documents here 17 Do you recall when you first took over the 18 in a moment, but is it correct at the station that there 18 station who owned that piping? were underground storage tanks to hold the gasoline 19 19 A. Landlord. 20 before it was sold to the customers? 20 Q. And is it correct that piping would have been A. Repeat the question, please. 21 21 replaced when the underground tanks were replaced? 22 Q. Well, I am just trying to ask, is it -- is it 22 A. Yes. 23 correct that you had underground storage tanks that held 23 Q. So after the newer piping went in, who did you 24 the gas before it was dispensed to the customers? consider to own the piping? 24 25 A. Yes. 25 A. Landlord.

19 been talking about at the top listed as M&S Texaco

24 page, Attention: Paul Dhillon. Do you see that?

21 that we have been discussing?

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No. 105, and that would be the station on East Avenue

Q. It has got your name about the middle of the

Page 46 Page 48 1 Q. Now, is it correct when you started operating 1 Q. Now, what I want to ask you about is toward the 2 the station you had some -- as we have talked about, you 2 bottom of this page under the second dark line, it has 3 had some gas dispensers there, right? 3 got checked "business name change." Do you see that? 4 A. Yes, there are dispensers there, yes. 4 A. On the bottom? 5 Q. When you first took over the business, who was 5 Q. Yeah. Underneath the second dark line 6 considered to own the gas dispensers? 6 there's -- there's something that's kind of scratched 7 A. I think me. 7 out, and then next to it has checked "business name Q. And is it correct those dispensers were changed 8 8 change"? 9 out with the underground storage tanks? 9 A. Yes. 10 A. Yes. 10 Q. And then two lines below that is written in on 11 Q. So after that change was made, who was 11 the comments line, looks like it says, "Lease change but 12 considered to own the dispensers? no change on tank ownership." 13 A. Landlord paid for that. Do you see that? 13 14 Q. The landlord paid for the new dispensers? A. Lease change -- yes. 14 15 A. Yes. 15 Q. Below that it says Business name Jensen 99 16 Q. And so after that change who was considered to 16 Texaco. Do you see that? 17 own them? 17 A. Yes. 18 A. I think landlord. 18 Q. Is it your understanding that before you THE WITNESS: Can we take a break for two 19 19 operated the business, was that the name of it was 20 minutes? Jensen 99 Texaco? If you know. 20 21 MR. EICKMEYER: Sure. We can go off the 21 A. I'm not sure, no. 22 22 To the right of that business name, owner, 23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: One moment, please. The 23 looks like it has Glen and Shirley -time is 9:46 a.m. and we are going off the record. 24 24 A. Prickett. 25 (Break taken at 9:46 a.m.) 25 Q. -- Prickett written in? Page 47 Page 49 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 9:49 a.m. and we 1 1 A. Yes. 2 are back on the record. Q. Does that refresh your recollection as to who 3 MR. EICKMEYER: Mr. Dhillon, I'm handing you 3 Mr. Prickett was? 4 what I have marked as Exhibit 2. 4 A. Yes. 5 (Deposition Exhibit 2 marked 5 Q. So the date that's on here, there's two dates 6 for identification) at the bottom right, looks like January 24th, 1995 and 7 MR. EICKMEYER: When we start with a document, 7 January 26th, 1995. Do you recall if that would have 8 I will take just a moment and identify it for the 8 been the approximate time that the business was changed 9 record. If you ever need time to read the document or 9 to your operation? 10 look at it more, we will be happy to do that. I will 10 A. Yes. 11 usually ask you some particular questions about the 11 Q. I am wondering, it has the word lease mentioned 12 document, but if you ever want time to look at something 12 that I read. Did you have a lease for the station or 13 we will be happy to do that, if you just let us know. 13 for the property, to your recollection? 14 Exhibit 2 is titled Fresno County Health 14 A. Yes. 15 Services Agency Environmental Health Application. There 15 Q. So did you have an agreement with Mr. Prickett is a date down at the bottom right, lower date is 16 16 as well as with Texaco, or who were you dealing with? 17 1/26/95. Bates is FCDEH-FRESNO-050253. 17 MR. YBARRA: Objection; misstates the 18 Q. Mr. Dhillon, do you see the station we have testimony. 18

> MR. EICKMEYER: Q. You can answer after the objection is done. I am just -- I am trying to figure out, did you have a lease with the property owner as well as an agreement with Texaco, or who was it that you were dealing with?

24 A. The property was leased with the property 25 owner, that's Glen Prickett. And Texaco was our

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Page 50 Page 52 1 supplier, so we had a contract for the supplies. selling you Shell branded gas, or did you have an 2 Q. So you had your own lease with the Pricketts. understanding? 3 the property owners? 3 A. That's what contract says, yes. 4 A. Yes. 4 Q. So is it correct, maybe if I can summarize it 5 Q. Was that an arrangement that you were this way, is it your understanding, then, you were continuing to lease the property during the entire time 6 6 always buying company branded gas either from Texaco or 7 you operated that station? 7 then Shell? 8 A. Yes. 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. Did you consider yourself to have a franchise 9 (Deposition Exhibit 3 marked 10 agreement with Texaco? 10 for identification) 11 MR. YBARRA: Objection; misstates the 11 MR. EICKMEYER: Let me show you what I am 12 testimony, calls for speculation. 12 marking as Exhibit 3. Exhibit 2, you can just put 13 THE WITNESS: Because "franchise" word is -- it aside in the pile if you'd like. Exhibit 3 is the 13 14 is not very -- I can understand it is not a franchise. 14 letterhead of Fresno County Health Services Agency, From my understanding franchise is differently. But we 15 date November 13, 1995, addressed to Mr. Dhillon. buy the gas from them, that was my supplier, Texaco was 16 Bates is FCDEH-FRESNO-050249 through 050252. 17 my supplier. 17 Q. Mr. Dhillon, do you recall having received this 18 MR. EICKMEYER: Q. Would it be more accurate 18 letter? 19 to say you had a supply agreement with Texaco? 19 A. My signature. Yes. 20 A. Yes. 20 Q. And I was going to get to that, on the third 21 Q. And then later that was an agreement with page of the packet, Bates ending in 251. Do you 22 Shell? When it changed --22 recognize your signature where it says "Received By"? 23 A. They were my suppliers. 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. Right. So I am just saying when it changed 24 Q. And at the bottom of the last page in the 25 from Texaco to Shell, then you had a supply agreement packet Bates ending in 252, would that be your signature 25 Page 51 Page 53 with Shell. at the bottom left? 2 A. Yes. 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. So during the years it was branded Texaco, you 3 Q. Now, on the -- going back to the front of the 4 didn't obtain gas from any other source than Texaco? 4 packet, the Bates ending in 249, under your name I see 5 there's an address on Huntington Boulevard. Was that 6 Q. During the years it was branded Shell, is it your home address, or what was that? 6 7 correct you didn't obtain gas from any other source than 7 That's the landlord's address. 8 Shell? 8 Q. Oh, the Pricketts' address? 9 A. No. 9 A. Pricketts' address. Q. I am sorry, I kind of asked that as a negative. 10 10 Q. I want to ask you about some of the numbered 11 So that is correct, then, what I said? Let me try 11 items on the first page. It says No. 1, Annual tank 12 again. test -- sorry. "Annual tank tightness tests have not 13 Is it correct that during the years it was been performed. Tests must be performed annually," end 13 branded Shell you didn't obtain gas from any other 14 14 auote. 15 source than Shell? 15 Do you recall being told this by the county A. I would say yes, because I bought it from the 16 16 inspector, that there needed to be annual tank tightness jobber after that. The jobber is a different source 17 17 18 than Texaco. It is a different -- he was selling me 18 A. Yeah, that's what the letter says. Yes. Texaco brand, but it is a different person, so I don't 19 19 Q. Do you recall if you took any action in 20 know where he's getting gas from. 20 response to this letter? 21 Q. Oh, I am sorry if I -- I may have -- maybe I 21 22 didn't understand earlier. Was the jobber during the 22 Q. Whose responsibility was it during this 1995 23 Texaco years or the Shell years? 23 time frame to conduct tank tightness tests? 24 A. Shell years. 24 A. Mine. I was responsible.

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Q. Did that responsibility ever change during the

Q. Okay. Was it your understanding the jobber was 25

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A. Mm-hmm.

Says starting with "inventory." You see that line?

Q. I will read that into the record. It says,

Page 54 Page 56 years you operated that station? "Inventory reconciliation or tank gauging annual summary 2 A. No. reports are not being submitted. Annual summary reports 3 Q. For item No. 2, it says, "Line leak detectors 3 must be submitted to this office," end quote. 4 have not been installed. Detectors must be installed, 4 Do you recall if you took any response to that maintained, and tested annually," end quote. 5 item? 6 Do you recall taking any action in response to 6 A. We gave them the copies. We never knew that we 7 that? 7 were supposed to, but at that time the law changed, we 8 A. Yes. 8 give them all the copies, yes. 9 Q. What did you do? 9 Q. Now, when it mentions inventory reconciliation 10 A. To get the things done what they want us to do. 10 or tank gauging, was there something being done at this 11 Q. Do you recall if you hired a company or service time frame, 1995, to check the amount of gas in the 12 to --12 underground storage tanks? 13 A. Yes. 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. -- install any detectors? 14 Q. We have heard from other witnesses about taking 15 A. Yes. 15 a stick measurement. Were you doing that kind of 16 Q. Do you recall if you had any conversations with 16 process? 17 Kerry Oil, Mr. Kerry or the company, as to why there had 17 A. That time it was stick, yes. 18 not been any line leak detectors installed before? Q. Did that later change from stick measurement to 19 A. I think they were not required before that. 19 something else? 20 Q. No. 3 says, "A hazardous materials business 20 A. Something else, yes. 21 plan has not been updated. A current business plan must 21 Q. Do you recall, did that change when the tanks 22 be submitted to this office," end quote. 22 were replaced or when did that change? 23 Do you recall if you took any response in 23 A. When the tanks were replaced. 24 regard to that? 24 Q. What kind of system was used after the tanks 25 A. Yes. were replaced? I am just asking generally, was it an Page 55 Page 57 1 Q. What did you do? 1 electronic system? 2 A. We submitted it. 2 A. Electronic system. 3 Q. No. 4 says, "Annual tightness tests have not 3 Q. During the time the stick measurements were 4 been performed on pressurized product lines," end quote. 4 being taken, how often were those taken? Do you recall if you took any response to that? 5 5 A. Every morning. 6 A. Yes. 6 Q. Who is responsible for the stick measurements? 7 O. What was that? 7 A. The employee who opens the store. 8 A. If I remember right, this was delayed because 8 Q. Was there some kind of reconciliation done to 9 we were in process to -- landlord was in process to try and determine if what was measured with the stick change the new tanks and the new pipes and everything. matched what was expected to be in the tank? 10 11 That's the reason they are in the permit -- time of 11 A. Yes. 12 getting permits and everything. That's why it was not 12 Q. Can you describe that process? done timely after that because we were putting in new 13 A. Our bookkeeping system was like that to --14 tanks and new pipes, and all kind of this. 14 because they know how much gas we sold and how much gas 15 Q. Do you recall if anyone from the county ever 15 we missing from the tank, should match. 16 indicated that Kerry Oil, the previous owners, had not 16 Q. Was there a particular amount of gallons of 17 been submitting the information requested here? 17 discrepancy that would cause reason for investigation if 18 A. No. what was measured in the tank didn't match what you 18 19 Q. Let me ask you, on the very back page of the 19 expected to be there? A. If it is difference between more than 20, 30 20 packet, there's a couple of checked lines. And I think 20 21 there's one that wasn't mentioned in the cover letter. 21 gallons, we do check it around there. It is the third X down, about the middle of the page. 22 Q. Do you recall how many times there was a

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difference of more than 20 or 30 gallons found at the

A. Never. I don't remember that happening.

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Page 70 Page 72 1 the items? 1 Mr. Dhillon, looking at the first page at the 2 A. I don't remember. 2 very bottom under tank owner's name, there is a 3 (Deposition Exhibit 6 marked 3 signature and the name next to it Phillip, 4 for identification) P-h-i-l-l-i-p, looks like Mendrin, M-e-n --MR. EICKMEYER: I will show you what I have 5 5 A. Mendrin. 6 marked as Exhibit 6. This is a letter with no 6 Q. Yeah, M-e-n-d-r-i-n, I think. Do you recall 7 letterhead on it addressed to Mr. Dhillon. The bottom 7 who that person is? left says "Signed original sent 3/25/97." Bates is 8 A. Contractor. He was the contractor. FCDEH-FRESNO-050245. 9 9 O. Who is it that hired Mr. Mendrin? Q. Mr. Dhillon, do you recall ever receiving this 10 10 A. I think we recommended and the landlord hired 11 letter, which I believe indicated was sent by the 11 him. I hired him, actually, for the landlord. 12 county? O. And what was Mr. Mendrin's task at the station? 12 13 A. I don't remember that. No. 13 What was he hired to do, in other words? Q. Now, it mentions starting in the first sentence 14 14 A. Replace the tank, replace the piping, put the 15 about a deadline December 22nd, 1998. Does that have to 15 new -- the -- whatever the law required at that time to do with what you were talking about as reasons that the 16 bring it update. 17 tanks were being replaced? 17 Q. And this would have been in reference to what 18 A. Yes. we saw in the -- I think the previous exhibit about the 19 Q. Do you remember when you first became aware of 19 change in the requirements that was occurring? 20 that 1998 change in the requirements? 20 A. Yes. 21 A. I don't remember. 21 Q. Now, I want to ask on the first page before you 22 Q. You mentioned as far as obtaining funds to help 22 flip over, at the very top it has No. 7 marked right 23 with the tank replacement, did you get any funds from under the state seal. It says "permanently closed 24 the company to help out with tank replacement? 24 site," but it wasn't your intention to permanently close 25 A. I don't remember. No. the station at that point, was it? Page 71 Page 73 1 Q. Do you recall if the landlord, Mr. Prickett or 1 A. Which one is that? On the top? 2 his trust contributed any funds toward tank replacement? 2 Q. Right -- right under the California seal. You 3 A. Yes, they did. They did it. 3 see it's checked "permanently closed site"? 4 Q. Did you put in any money yourself toward tank 4 A. No, no, no, that shouldn't be checked. 5 replacement? 5 Q. Were you simply removing and replacing the 6 A. No. The fund money goes to the -- we gave it 6 tanks? 7 to the landlord and they did it. 7 Replacing the tanks, yes. 8 Q. So to your understanding, then, it was either 8 Q. If we could turn to the second page, then, 9 the landlord's funds or money from the -- I believe the behind the first one, there's a couple of Form Bs I want RUST fund that paid for the tank replacement? 10 to ask you about. I think that each one refers to a 11 A. Yes. 11 different tank, apparently. So this is at the bottom 12 (Deposition Exhibit 7 marked right, make sure we are on the same page, the number 13 for identification) 13 ends in 234. 14 MR. EICKMEYER: Let me show you Exhibit 7. A. Mm-hmm. 14 15 This is a State of California Underground Storage Tank 15 Q. Do you find that? 16 Permit Application Form A, Bates FCDEH-FRESNO-050233 16 A. Mm-hmm. 17 through 050239. 17 Q. So this indicates at the top, starting at the 18 Q. And if you need a moment to look at it, we will 18 top under "tank description," a capacity of 10,000 be happy to do that. I am going to ask some specific 19 19 gallons and below that is checked regular unleaded. 20 questions on the different pages. 20 Do you see that? 21 A. Okay. 21 A. Mm-hmm. 22 Q. For the record, I mentioned Form A is the first 22 Q. I am sorry. Is that yes? 23 page, and then that is followed by, I think, five pages 23 A. Yes. 24 that are Form B, and then a Uniform Hazardous Waste 24 Q. So for this first tank, is it your 25 Manifest at the end of the packet. understanding that there was a 10,000-gallon regular

Deposition of Jatinder Paul Dhillon / August 11, 2011 Page 98 Page 100 1 A. I don't remember. 1 A. Yes. 2 Q. Do you recall if you received everything that 2 Q. And the table does go on a bit to the top of you asked for or if they denied any of the requests? 3 the next page, I think some of the explanations or 4 A. Because they asked how we are doing -- was footnotes are there. I want to ask you, do you recall doing everything. So I don't know -- I can't answer 5 under the Table 1, the next to the rightmost column has 6 exactly. I think we got what we bill for, yes. 6 MTBE. Do you see that? 7 Q. Do you recall if there was ever any time the 7 A. Mm-hmm. Yes. state said that you had received the maximum amount 8 8 Q. And there's some letters and numbers listed allowed, that you couldn't receive any more money? 9 9 below that. 10 A. I don't remember. 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. So that was handled by ASR, then, dealing with 11 Q. Do you recall ever discussing the results of 12 the State Fund? any MTBE sampling from the station site with anyone? 13 A. Yes. 13 14 MR. EICKMEYER: I will show you Exhibit 13. 14 Q. Do you recall Mr. Saboor or anyone expressing 15 (Deposition Exhibit 13 marked 15 any concern about the levels of MTBE found at the 16 for identification) 16 station site?

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MR. EICKMEYER: This is a thicker one. Again, 18 I am going to ask you some specific questions. If you need any time to review it, we will be happy to let you do that.

20 21 Exhibit 13 has the logo or letterhead of ASR 22 Engineering, Hydrocarbon Impacted Soil Assessment 23 Report, M&S Texaco, 2619 South East Avenue, prepared for Mr. Paul Dhillon, date toward the bottom center.

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1 Q. Mr. Dhillon, do you recall receiving this 2 report? 3

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Q. Now, I want to ask you on -- if you can turn 4 5 forward, page No. 3 at the bottom center -- page No. 3 6 at the bottom center, Bates ending in 107. 7

Did you find that page?

A. Yes.

Q. The part that is indented in about the middle 10 it says, "The property is owned by Glen and Shirley 11 Prickett." 12

Did that match your understanding as to who owned the property at the time?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And below that, "The service station is 16 operated by Paul Dhillon." And that would be you?

A. Yes.

Q. And it is correct that you were the operator of 19 the station during this time period?

A. Yes.

21 Q. Now, if you could turn forward, just turn that 22 page one to your left. There is a table starting out on the page that will be to your right. Table 1, it is

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24 titled, Bates ending in 109. 25

Did you find that table?

found at the station site with anyone from the company

Q. Do you recall specifically discussing MTBE

A. Yes. He told me all the concerns, what the

city wanted to do. That's all we discussed with him. I

Q. Besides -- you mentioned contamination in

general. Do you recall discussing specifically MTBE

18 contaminations are, what the county wanted to do, what

never go into technical details, how much it is.

A. I don't remember.

A. I don't remember.

Q. Do you recall ever hearing anyone disagree with or dispute the results of the analysis shown in Table 1?

A. No, nobody -- nobody had any objection on these, no.

7 Q. Let me ask you to go forward two more pages, if 8 you could turn. There's a Table 2. It will start about 9 halfway down the page. That looks like it on your right 10 side. You see Table 2 there, Bates ending in 113, and 11 it goes on to the next page, Bates ending in 114.

12 Do you recall discussing these results in 13 Table 2 with anyone?

14 A. Like I talked to -- told you before, I do not 15 go into details of any kind of table, any kind of readings. I don't know. I just -- so I just depending 17 100 percent on Saboor handling everything with the

18 county.

19 Q. Do you recall hearing anyone disagree with or 20 dispute the results from Table 2?

21 A. No, there was no dispute about any kind of 22

23 Q. During the entire time you were getting reports 24 on the station?

25 A. Yes, never been disputes.

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Page 142 Page 144 1 MR. EICKMEYER: You will be happy to hear, I station at 2619 East Avenue, correct? 2 think I am down to my last document. Let me show you 2 A. Yes. 3 Exhibit 29. This is the letterhead of California 3 Q. And your company was called M&S Texaco? 4 Regional Water Quality Control Board, date 15 February 4 A. Yes. 5 2011, addressed to Mr. Paul Dhillon with the station 5 O. Was that a corporation? address. Bates is FCDEH-FRESNO-052099. 6 A. No. 7 Q. Mr. Dhillon, do you recall if you ever received 7 Q. Was it a -- some other form of business 8 this letter? 8 organization? 9 A. No. 9 A. Individual. 10 Q. No, you don't think that you did? 10 Q. It was a New York --11 A. I didn't receive this letter. 11 A. Individual. 12 Q. Did you ever contact the water board after you 12 Q. Oh, individual. Okay. Do you know if it was 13 stopped operating the station to ask them to change the 13 like a partnership or an LLC? 14 name on their records to someone else? 14 A. No. 15 A. No. 15 Q. Okay. Were you the sole owner of M&S Texaco? 16 Q. After you stopped operating the station, did 16 A. Yes. you continue to receive any correspondence or reports 17 Q. And you mentioned that you had a supply regarding any environmental cleanup or remediation at agreement with Texaco and then later Shell with respect 18 19 the station? 19 to the station. Right? 20 A. No. Saboor change everything for me. 20 A. Yes. 21 MR. EICKMEYER: Okay. We can go off the 21 Q. Was that the only business relationship that 22 record. 22 you had with Texaco/Shell with respect to this station? 23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: One moment, please. The 23 MR. EICKMEYER: Vague and ambiguous. time is 11:55 p.m. (sic), and we are going off the 24 24 THE WITNESS: Can you -- like only for that 25 record. 25 station or some other station? Page 143 Page 145 1 MR. EICKMEYER: A.M. 1 MR. YBARRA: Q. Only for that station. 2 (Discussion held off the record) 2 A. Yes. 3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 11:59 a.m., and 3 Q. The supply -- the -- Texaco/Shell was the 4 we are back on the record. 4 supplier of gasoline, right? 5 MR. EICKMEYER: All right. Mr. Dhillon, I have 5 A. That's right. 6 no further questions for you at this point. So as we 6 Q. You didn't have any other business relationship 7 mentioned, the other attorneys will have the chance to 7 with those companies with respect to that station? 8 ask you a few questions now. Thank you. 8 A. No. 9 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 9 MR. EICKMEYER: Vague and ambiguous. 10 EXAMINATION BY MR. YBARRA 10 MR. YBARRA: Q. Shell or Texaco never owned 11 MR. YBARRA: Q. Good morning, Mr. Dhillon. 11 the station, to your knowledge, right? 12 A. Good morning. 12 A. Yes, they don't own -- they never owned the 13 Q. My name is Joseph Ybarra and I represent the 13 property, no. 14 Shell defendants. 14 Q. Okay. I think it's just a little ambiguous in 15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: One moment, please. His 15 the answer. To your knowledge, did Texaco ever own the 16 face is turned. 16 17 MR. YBARRA: All right. 17 A. When you say "own," means like they own the THE VIDEOGRAPHER: One moment, please. The 18 18 business and property, right? 19 time is 11:59 a.m., and we are going off the record. 19 Q. Yes. 20 (Discussion held off the record) 20 A. Never did, never own that. 21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 12 p.m., and we 21 Q. Okay. To your knowledge, did Shell ever own 22 are back on the record. 22 the station? 23 MR. YBARRA: Q. Good morning, Mr. Dhillon. 23 A. I don't know. 24 A. Good morning. 24 Q. Okay. To your knowledge, did Shell or Texaco 25 Q. You mentioned that your company operated the 25 ever own the USTs at the station?

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Page 146 Page 148 1 A. I have no idea. before they used to use it in gasoline. 2 Q. Okay. To your knowledge, did Texaco or Shell 2 MR. YBARRA: Q. But would gas -- in your mind. 3 ever operate the station? 3 was gasoline dangerous if it reached the environment 4 A. I don't think so, no. whether or not it contained MTBE? 5 Q. Okay. Any of the money that you earned from 5 A. Yes. 6 operating the station, did you share any of that money 6 Q. Okay. And you understood that it was important 7 with Texaco or Shell? 7 to prevent leaks of gasoline into the environment --8 A. No. 8 A. Yes --9 Q. Did Shell or Texaco have any involvement in 9 Q. -- regardless -- excuse me. Just let me 10 your decisions on whom to hire or fire at the station? 10 finish. 11 A. No. 11 And you understood it was important to prevent 12 Q. You understood as the operator of the station 12 leaks of gasoline into the environment regardless of that you were responsible for complying with the laws whether or not the gasoline contained MTBE, right? 13 14 related to equipment like USTs, right? 14 A. Yes. 15 A. Yes. 15 MR. EICKMEYER: Vague and ambiguous. 16 MR. EICKMEYER: Vague and ambiguous. 16 MR. YBARRA: Thank you, sir. I have no further 17 MR. YBARRA: Q. And you understood that you 17 questions. 18 were responsible for complying with all laws related to 18 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 19 the operation of the gas station. Right? 19 MR. EICKMEYER: On the phone? 20 A. Yes. 20 MS. LUGO: This is Freeda Lugo, Nella Oil 21 MR. EICKMEYER: Vague and ambiguous. 21 Company. I don't have any questions. Thank you. 22 MR. YBARRA: Q. And as the operator, you 22 MS. OSEROFF: ...from Kern Oil, and we have no certainly didn't want gasoline leaking out of any of 23 questions. 24 your dispensers, right? 24 MR. DICHELLO: This is John DiChello. No 25 A. No, we don't want it. 25 questions. Page 147 Page 149 1 Q. Okay. Did you instruct your employees that 1 MR. EICKMEYER: I have got a few follow up. I they should avoid or try to avoid spilling gasoline into 2 2 think I can ask from here, if everybody can hear me. 3 the environment? 3 EXAMINATION BY MR. EICKMEYER 4 A. Yes, we always train them. MR. EICKMEYER: Q. Let me just ask, sir, I'm 4 5 Q. And did you instruct your employees that if 5 not sure if we clarified. We talked before about, I 6 there was a spill or a leak of gasoline that it should 6 think you called them area reps that would come by on 7 be cleaned up quickly? 7 occasion? 8 A. Yes. 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. All right. In fact, that was your purpose in 9 Q. During the years it was a Texaco branded 10 hiring the consultant, ASR, right? 10 station, were those area reps coming out from the Texaco 11 A. Yes. 11 company? 12 Q. All right. Who paid for the consultant, ASR? 12 A. Yes. 13 A. At that time, like if there is a -- state pays 13 Q. During the years it was a Shell branded 14 that. If there's any extra bill, I pay that. 14 station, were those area reps from the Shell Company? 15 Q. Okay. So it was the state, to the extent the 15 A. Yes. state paid; if there was something additional that you 16 16 MR. EICKMEYER: Okay. Nothing further. Thank 17 paid? 17 you. 18 A. Yes. 18 MR. YBARRA: Nothing on mine. 19 Q. Did you understand that gasoline could be 19 MR. EICKMEYER: Anybody else on the phone? 20 dangerous if it was leaked into the environment? 20 Hearing nothing, I guess we can conclude. 21 A. Definitely. 21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: One moment, please. This 22 Q. Okay. Did it depend in your mind whether or 22 concludes today's proceedings in the deposition of Paul 23 not that gasoline contained MTBE? 23 Dhillon. The number of videotapes used is a total of

three. We are now going off the record, and the time is

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MR. EICKMEYER: Object as vague and ambiguous.

THE WITNESS: Yeah, I think there was MTBE

Shell Defendants' Responses to City of Fresno's First Set of Interrogatories to Defendants Exhibit B

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