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23 Reported by: Lisa A. Wheeler, RPR, CRR

1	A. Pesticide programs dialogue committee.	10:52:05
2	Q. And that's a committee in which you	10:52:08
3	were part of?	10:52:09
4	A. I participated in that, yes.	10:52:10
5	Q. -- and the Toxicology Forum to push the	10:52:12
6	scientifically-based better regulation that	10:52:14
7	improves the regulatory status of Syngenta	10:52:18
8	products.	10:52:21
9	And one of those products you	10:52:23
10	specifically listed having the regulatory status	10:52:25
11	improved was paraquat, right?	10:52:27
12	A. Yes.	10:52:29
13	Q. And, indeed, you used your position on	10:52:36
14	these committees and organizations to improve the	10:52:41
15	regulatory status of paraquat and other products	10:52:44
16	within Syngenta?	10:52:48
17	A. Let me point out that it is	10:52:49
18	scientifically based better regulations.	10:52:51
19	Q. And that's what you wrote in this,	10:53:02
20	scientifically based, right?	10:53:03
21	A. That is correct.	10:53:05
22	Q. You also wrote that you saw the	10:53:05
23	weakening of regulations as a proclamation of	10:53:10
24	your effectiveness.	10:53:13
25	That's what you also wrote in 2010,	10:53:14

1 right?

10:53:16

2 A. The intent of that particular statement
3 in there is that I differed significantly with
4 Jennifer Sass in her mischaracterization of
5 everything from RISK21 to efforts that we were
6 doing otherwise and -- and drawing her fire was
7 certainly kind of a badge of honor.

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8 Q. Your -- you say, I take this as a
9 proclamation of effectiveness. Right above
10 that's the weakening of regulations, correct?

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11 A. And those are her terms -- her term,
12 weakening.

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13 Q. Now, Jennifer Sass, she wasn't the only
14 one who was making complaints that RISK21 was
15 weakening regulations, right?

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16 A. I don't recall.

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17 Q. We'll hand you what we'll mark as
18 Exhibit 8 and 9.

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19 MR. DICKENS: That's 8, yeah. Oh, no,
20 I didn't mean to...

10:54:02

21 (PASTOOR EXHIBIT 8, E-mail String,
22 4/13/2011, Subject: HESI, ECETOC etc and
23 conflict of interest, Bates SYNG-PQT-ATR-06840477
24 - 478, was marked for identification.)

25 MR. DICKENS: And 9.

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1	MR. HONG: Object to form.	17:47:18
2	A. -- is these are two different sets of	17:47:18
3	documents that you've given me.	17:47:21
4	Q. Okay. And, once again, it would not be	17:47:23
5	typical for Syngenta to submit all of their	17:47:28
6	supporting correspondence including internal	17:47:31
7	e-mails back and forth when submitting to the	17:47:34
8	EPA?	17:47:36
9	MR. HONG: Object to form.	17:47:37
10	A. That is correct.	17:47:37
11	Q. Okay. I'll hand you Exhibit 42.	17:47:53
12	(PASTOOR EXHIBIT 42, E-mail String,	17:48:07
13	January 21 - 24, 2013, Subject: Doug Wolf, Bates	17:48:07
14	SYNG-PQ-29322253, was marked for identification.)	17:48:55
15	MR. HONG: David, you got much more?	17:48:55
16	MR. DICKENS: This should hopefully be	17:48:58
17	the last one.	17:49:00
18	MR. HONG: Excellent.	17:49:01
19	A. Okay.	17:49:01
20	Q. Okay, Doctor. We discussed this a	17:49:01
21	little bit beforehand. You certainly knew Doug	17:49:04
22	Wolf, correct, prior --	17:49:06
23	A. Yes.	17:49:07
24	Q. And based on your role with HESI,	17:49:07
25	correct?	17:49:10

1	A. Well, yeah, that and interactions with	17:49:10
2	EPA.	17:49:12
3	Q. And at the very bottom of the page is	17:49:14
4	an e-mail from Doug Wolf to you January 21st,	17:49:19
5	2013, right?	17:49:23
6	A. Correct.	17:49:24
7	Q. And that e-mail from Doug Wolf to you	17:49:26
8	starts, Thanks so much for taking the time to	17:49:30
9	talk with me. I appreciate your friendship and	17:49:33
10	support.	17:49:36
11	You considered Doug Wolf a friend as of	17:49:38
12	January 2013, correct?	17:49:40
13	A. Friend and a colleague, yes.	17:49:42
14	Q. And then he attaches a brief résumé and	17:49:45
15	abbreviated CV and a full CV, right?	17:49:48
16	A. Correct.	17:49:50
17	Q. And this was part of your conversations	17:49:51
18	with Doug Wolf about coming over to Syngenta	17:49:56
19	while he was working at the EPA?	17:49:59
20	A. Correct.	17:50:00
21	Q. What do you recall about those	17:50:01
22	conversations?	17:50:02
23	A. Only that he had expressed an interest	17:50:02
24	in moving on from EPA and I said that he would be	17:50:06
25	a good fit with Syngenta.	17:50:09

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1	Q. Okay. And Doug Wolf did, in fact, come	17:50:11
2	to Syngenta at your urging, right?	17:50:14
3	A. No.	17:50:16
4	Q. You did recommend -- or you did forward	17:50:17
5	his CV, first of all, to others within Syngenta	17:50:21
6	for consideration?	17:50:23
7	A. Right. But it was not at my urging.	17:50:27
8	It was about his willingness and interest in	17:50:29
9	making a career change.	17:50:31
10	Q. Okay.	17:50:34
11	A. And so I forwarded his CV and	17:50:35
12	information on and said to him as well as the	17:50:37
13	people in Syngenta that he's a good fit.	17:50:39
14	Q. So you recommended him --	17:50:41
15	A. Yeah.	17:50:42
16	Q. -- for Syngenta?	17:50:43
17	A. That's fair, uh-huh.	17:50:44
18	Q. And you recommended that Syngenta	17:50:45
19	employ him in order to work on various projects	17:50:47
20	that Syngenta was involved with, correct?	17:50:51
21	A. Well, more to the point, he would be	17:50:54
22	employed as a toxicologist/pathologist at	17:50:57
23	Syngenta.	17:51:02
24	Q. And a toxicologist/pathologist working	17:51:02
25	on paraquat?	17:51:06