Following the Libby Case Exercise:

The criminal trial Grace v. U.S. Government, concerning was chronicled by a University of Montana group, a joint Law School – Journalism School exercise. We will use this to become familiar with some of the basics of legal cases and especially how scientific evidence (both geological and edical) is presented and evaluated. The web site is at <http://www.umt.edu/gracecase/about-2-2/index.html>, there is a lot there, the following is a guide of pages and topical ideas for you to focus on though I encourage you to look into it in more depth to gain insight on how an environmental legal case works.

There is a listing of reports on how the trial proceeded day by day – feel free to look into all of it, but focus on the following days and especially focus on trial treatment of scientific evidence and expert witnesses. Bear in mind these are blog postings by a team of students – some days have reports on the same thing by different people.

At the end of every week’s blogging, a weekly review (e.g. Week 3: Four Witnesses finish testifying) is included – this is a good way to see an overview of progress – these can be found in March 5, 12, 20, 29, April 10, 18, May 1

Additionally, parts of specific days have more details on some of the scientific evidence, review:

March 16, 2009 – air sampling cross and winchite vs. tremolite

April 15 – toxicity studies, primarily epidemiological

April 20 – dose responses and Dr. Lemen’s battle with the lawyers

May 6 – closing arguments