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1 participants who are also endeavouring to ensure that
2 their mandates are not subject to question. This
3 project, as you well know, has been going for almost two
4 years and then, all of a sudden, Environment Canada who
5 has been continuously in the on-going briefings, their
6 representatives were continuously in those meetings,
7 surface us an issue about doing environmental assessments
8 in August of 1989, although two years after some of those
9 assessments had been completed.

10 There were, in fact, a series of provincial hearings
11 that were carried out by the Nova Scotia Department of
12 the Environment, and there was also work done by Acres
13 Limited on an environmental impact assessment. There
14 were numbers of remediation recommendations made in those
15 hearings and in those reports. They were accepted by the
16 company at the time. And all of a sudden the Environment
17 Department wants to come along and do this whole thing
18 over again. As we know, those hearing processes and
19 reporting processes are very time consuming.

20 But I was more frustrated by the fact that they were
21 appearing to renege on an earlier set of positions they
22 had taken that they would accept the findings of the
23 Provincial Environments Department's hearing processes
24 and their permitting under those processes, as well as
25 the evidence of the work done by Acres.