

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. WELLS

1 jurisdiction and the Department of Labour would take care
2 of that. I'm just wondering if you could flesh that out
3 a bit, whether there was really any real consideration
4 given, in studying the project, to the health and safety
5 or whether that was just kind of a passing thought that
6 came to you since?

7 A. Well, Mr. Wells, my recall of my testimony and my
8 position is that the issue of technical feasibility and
9 health and safety are inseparable, that you couldn't have
10 engineering or geological assessments that indicated that
11 the mine was doable without that completely encompassing
12 health and safety issues. In fact, much of the
13 description in the engineering studies, from my recall,
14 pointed to the extensive care that needed to be taken
15 with respect to dealing with certain of the issues of
16 roof stability and the like.

17 Q. How much of that would be directed at the need to
18 ensure the mine was financially viable for a period of
19 time and how much was directed at the need to ensure the
20 health and safety of the worker?

21 A. Well, I think those two issues are, again, not ones
22 you can separate. And I guess I could add to what I said
23 before, feasibility studies are not mining plans and that
24 whatever needed to be done to refine the issue of
25 engineering and of -- and the related health and safety