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1 pollution:

2 "Results of the study demonstrate there were a few
3 periods when the concentrations of sulphur dioxide, a
4 particular matter in the ambient air, exceeded the
5 maximum acceptable levels established for the national
6 ambient quality objectives. It also stated the reduction
7 in air pollution from a thermal plant may be achievable
8 through better use of quality coals containing less ash
9 and lower sulphur impurities, and this is being
10 considered as a Provincial policy."

11 And, indeed, it was. I'm sure that anyone in Pictou
12 County will tell you that in 1997 [sic] the Regan
13 Government then had a major announcement in the paper
14 that they were going to open a major strip mine here in
15 the Foord seam in Pictou County for this very reason.
16 They were going to do drilling, additional drilling, in
17 Springhill and Thorburn and the Debert areas to identify
18 more low sulphur coal.

19 And the interesting thing about that was DEVCO
20 wasn't very concerned about this new competition. And
21 because there wasn't a wash plant available at the time,
22 that project didn't proceed.

23 In 1980, Department of Environment issued another
24 report. "Sulphur dioxide levels have increased over the
25 past year and readings above decibel range of the