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1 year to operate that scrubbing plant.

2 So no one at this time anywhere would be considering  
3 building a new plant, like Trenton 6, without taking some  
4 precautions, without taking -- installing scrubbers or  
5 without burning low sulphur coal.

6 The planning going in New Brunswick at that time  
7 clearly showed this; they were going to install  
8 scrubbers, and clearly, our own planning to build Point  
9 Aconi. The Point Aconi was built, again, to take care of  
10 the sulphur emissions that everyone knew was a problem.  
11 So no one would build a new power plant at that time  
12 without doing something to reduce sulphur emissions.

13 But for some strange reason, some people felt that  
14 in Pictou County, where we had a documented pollution  
15 problem, we could build Trenton 6 and burn high sulphur  
16 coal without any problem at all.

17 Now between 1980 and 1985-'86, Suncor spent six to  
18 seven million dollars identifying this low sulphur coal.  
19 And in 1986, I believe, Suncor received a letter of  
20 intent from the Nova Scotia Power Corporation to purchase  
21 coal from this proposed mine. In 1986.

22 I might add, there was no opposition from DEVCO  
23 about that or any other Nova Scotia politician.

24 Because of crude oil prices, and Suncor was in the  
25 heavy oil sands project, they decided to look for a