

MR. CAMERON - OPENING ADDRESS

1 Who was it that changed that meter? Was it the
2 inspector? Was it the regulators? Was it Don Jones or
3 Pat Phelan? Was it the politicians?

4 Who was pressing the reset button so the machine
5 wouldn't shut down this safety device? Was it the
6 inspectors? Was it Don Jones? Was it Pat Phelan? Was
7 it politicians?

8 Who was shutting off the dust collectors, which was
9 a safety device on the machine? And we had testimony of
10 that too.

11 My concern is that we dealt with those things, but
12 they're simply lost in this other story that we want to
13 create about this whole project. I mean, if we truly
14 want to find why that mine blew up, I think this is
15 pretty important evidence. It's vitally important
16 evidence.

17 The fact that they would shut the vent tubes off
18 with black plastic in an area they didn't think they --
19 that it was necessary, wouldn't that allow methane to
20 accumulate? The fact that Mr. Dooley testified that the
21 last shift before the explosion that he was in the mine,
22 that he found an opening in the barrier, six to eight
23 inches long and one to two inches wide, wouldn't it --
24 wouldn't you or I go and get a piece of plywood and cover
25 that up, knowing that the methane was coming out at over