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1 because people are going to relate to it anyway. It
2 wasn't a quick decision by politicians that they wanted a
3 coal mine in Pictou County, period, or will the record
4 show that it was years and years of an effort to take
5 care of a pollution problem and no one didn't seem to
6 have any objection to it.

7 And even in '86 when they signed the intent to buy
8 the coal, that coal was going to be purchased for Trenton
9 to take care of the pollution problem. There was an on-
10 going pollution problem.

11 I think it was an important and a reasonable role
12 for elected officials back in the Regan Government to do
13 that. And we came to power; we were still stuck with the
14 problem. We had people hammering us all the time, public
15 meetings about a very serious pollution problem. It
16 progressed all over those years. I don't think that all
17 of a sudden we said, "Well, we're just going to establish
18 a coal mine, be damned with everything else." It evolved
19 over all those years. The private sector came in and
20 identified the low-sulphur coal and said, "Yeah."

21 And as far as I know, every study that was looked at
22 it and there's volumes and volumes and volumes, I don't
23 recall any that I've heard of, and I certainly haven't
24 read them all. I really haven't read any, but they --
25 except little bits and pieces, and they said that this