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1 basic requirements of the Environmental Assessment and
2 Review Act. So if you don't see a lot of activity in the
3 files with respect to the Federal Government, it's
4 because it would lie somewhere in the Provincial
5 Department of the Environment.

6 I have one further thing to add and that is, if you
7 inspected the final contracts between the Federal
8 Government and Curragh, you would find that there's a
9 page and a half of requirements on specific environment
10 issues that had to be complied with and were committed
11 contractually.

12 Q. The issue that we've seen about the C.N.R. spur line
13 and whether it might have to be closed, to what extent
14 was that a real issue on its own merits, or was that
15 merely an ancillary arrow in the quiver of DEVCO?

16 A. I wouldn't even put it in the quiver of DEVCO. It
17 was in a quiver of its own with Canadian National, in my
18 opinion. They probably were looking for reasons to
19 either close it or turn it into a short-line operation.
20 And in those days, getting approval to do that through
21 the National Transportation Agency was very difficult.
22 So I think, my own judgment was, that it was a convenient
23 stocking horse to see if they couldn't in fact progress
24 that other agenda of closing the line.

25 Q. By using this as their cover?