

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 Q. I noticed in the middle of the second paragraph, the
2 sentence says, "Apparently if a direct link is made
3 between Westray and the construction of a new thermal
4 generating station, these guidelines may be invoked."
5 Would they be referring there to Trenton No. 6 or any
6 other new thermal generating station?

7 A. I honestly can only assume, and this is just
8 hypothesis on my part, that what he meant was everybody
9 knew that Westray was producing very attractively low
10 sulphur-content coal. So if used in Trenton 6, it would
11 beat, by a huge margin, the average system-wide
12 standards. So as a way of increasing the pressure to
13 continue to bring the SO₂ emissions down, if you had
14 standards for that plant that were not system-wide but
15 were specific to that plant, then it might cause
16 Environment Canada to move to a plant-by-plant policy.
17 That's --

18 Q. I follow you. I take it, or perhaps you can tell
19 me, this is again another problem that's being brought to
20 you by your local office or your local director. I got
21 the impression, perhaps false, that the local office of
22 your department was also very strongly opposed to this
23 project. Was that true?

24 A. I think you'd have to ask them. Listen, most of the
25 people in my Department were opposed to this project.