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1 adverse environmental effects for environmental
2 issues within the department's mandate.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON GRIFFITHS: I thank
5 you for your presentation Mr. Corkum.

6 --- QUESTIONS BY THE PANEL:

7 CHAIRPERSON GRIFFITHS: I will ask
8 for -- I would just ask one quick question.

9 Is it a question or is it a
10 comment to which I'm sure you'd like to respond.

11 I will just say that -- oh, no, it
12 is a question.

13 Would this be fairly standard
14 practice when Environment Canada is engaged in a
15 large environmental assessment process such as this
16 one that you would, at the beginning, you know --
17 well, in the middle of the process, that you would
18 reach a conclusion about the merits of the project
19 or the acceptability of the project from
20 Environment Canada's perspective which you appear
21 to have done on that last slide? Is it a ---

22 MR. CORKUM: I would like to
23 address that.

24 We certainly haven't reached
25 conclusions about whether or not this project

1 should proceed. There are many other factors that
2 must be considered.

3 We have simply looked at the
4 issues that fall within our departmental mandate
5 and are simply answering the question of whether we
6 are satisfied that there was sufficient analysis
7 and information presented to indicate to us, for
8 those areas that we're responsible for, that have -
9 - have there been significant adverse effects
10 indicated that cannot be mitigated.

11 So, as far as the merits of the
12 project, other factors that must be considered,
13 other impacts that definitely must be addressed,
14 we're not commenting on those.

15 Those are outside of our area of
16 expertise and mandate and really must be left to
17 those that have the appropriate expertise to
18 address.

19 We did at the beginning of the
20 talk cover those things that were within
21 Environment Canada's mandate, and I can elaborate
22 on that if you wish.

23 CHAIRPERSON GRIFFITHS: No, I
24 think that's fine. I think that's clear. It's
25 just that -- so you are -- I realize that you