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SUMMARY #5

Rio Tinto Alcan Environmental Appeal Board (EAB) Hearings

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Days six and seven (May 11 and 12) of the Rio Tinto Alcan Environmental Appeal Board Hearings resumed in Victoria this week. Economist and cost-benefit analyst Dr. Brian Scarfe from the University of Victoria concluded his testimony and cross-examination today.

Dr. Scarfe's cost-benefit analysis considered the physical and mental health impacts and environmental consequences of increasing pollution in this confined airshed. According to his analysis, the health costs of the project would be externalized to local residents and would outweigh the costs of installing scrubbers. His testimony and economic case for installing scrubbers, presented yesterday and today, concluded that if the province had analyzed the complete picture of cost-benefits from RTA's Modernization Project, decision-makers would not have approved the permit to increase SO2 emissions without scrubbers.

May 11 – 12 Witnesses:

- Dr. Brian Scarfe, Economist, University of Victoria
- Frazer McKenzie, Senior Environmental Protection Officer, Ministry of Environment

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