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SUDBURY SOIL STUDY

CLAUDE GAGNON : Some questions about procedures and mandate, were the issues discussed at the meeting last night of the Sudbury Soil Study. Because of transparency, the technical committee and the citizens' committee, are wondering about the unveiling of results and the way the information is given to the public. Also, the participation of the two mining companies, INCO and Falconbridge is contested by the unions in the area, one of them being the Steelworkers. Rachel Desaulnier reports.

RACHEL DESAULNIER : A long time union member, Omer Seguin, did this comparison, yesterday, in regards to the presence of the two mining companies on the committee for Soil Studies, by saying it was like confiding the guard of a blood bank to Dracula.

OMER SEGUIN (UNION MEMBER); INCO and Falconbridge must be removed from the technical decision making committee of the Sudbury Soil Study.

DESAULNIER: Seguin says INCO and Falconbridge should not be allowed to be part of the technical committee. Omer Seguin sent a letter to Premier Ernie Eves, asking him to intervene in this matter. The document signed by local representatives of the unions in the area, was given yesterday to the citizens' committee. Also, the lawyer who represents a group of residents in Port Colborne, to fight INCO in regards to soil contamination, even offered his services. To sum all of this up, there was not much discussion about environment, yesterday, at Sudbury Soil Study meeting, but instead it was much political issues. As for the President of the Citizens' Committee, Yvan Filion, he was not able to say what impact the letter sent to the Premier, could have in this debate.

YVAN FILION; I don't think we can act as members of the citizens' committee, because it goes beyond our mandate.

DESAULNIER: Mr. Filion adds the transparency is a priority at all levels, for the Sudbury Soil Study committee. Rachel Desaulnier, Radio Canada, Sudbury.

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