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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who would shut them down?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, EPA, the Environmental Protection Agency.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Has the EPA ever shut down a coal-burning operation? First of all, what entities burn coal to produce the product they are dispensing, and what is the product that these entities are producing?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Okay. Senator Chambers, to my knowledge it's our generators who are generating electricity, and of course, you have the Ash Grove Cement Plant, and I understand there are some ethanol plants that are going to use coal. There's probably some other minor uses of coal that I'm not bringing up today. But those would be the major ones.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: None of the power districts burn coal; is that true or false?

SENATOR SCHROCK: No, they do. OPPD has, I think, two facilities. NPPD has at least two, maybe three.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And maybe you mentioned them, but I wasn't sure I heard it. Do you think the EPA would shut down the OPPD operation or the NPPD operation?

SENATOR SCHROCK: No, but I know that they have put pollution equipment on their facilities in the past, to bring down emissions, and I assume they'll be doing that in the future.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if we did not enact this law and they were running the risk of exceeding the level of pollution they're allowed without penalty, they would find a way to comply with the law rather than be shut down, wouldn't they?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I think you could say that, Senator Chambers, but this does...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And remember, I'm discussing this, not advocating it.