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Date: Interview recorded in 2006 about events surrounding the Eastern Corporation's Mill in Brewer Maine before it closed in 2004.

Description: Interview with Phyllis Beaulieu about her thoughts on the closure of the mill.

Interview with Phyllis Beaulieu about the closure of the Eastern Corporation's Mill in Brewer, 2004.

**Pauleena MacDougall:** How do you feel about the mill being closed?

**Phyllis Beaulieu:** I feel terrible. I just think it's a terrible thing that they did because I heard and I know that they had over 500 orders for that mill when they closed it. I heard that and I think it's a terrible, terrible thing what they did; what they did to the people. The mill was a good place for these people to make a living and it's just plain greed, I say that Torres did to close this mill and I've said it right along and I said it before he, before I ever got through. I said he'll close this mill, you wait and see and every time I'd talk to somebody that was working there, they'd say the same thing. They'd say he's terrible. He's terrible to work for, to the workers, the working people and a lot in the office too. A lot of people you know suffered under his regime. I'm glad I got out when I did, awful, awful glad. I've been, some people told me they were glad they did close, that they got out and they bettered themselves. One fellow he worked in the coater, in the lab coater, of course I used to be up in the lab a lot doing the work up there and he is an anesthesiologist now. I don't know if it's, he works in the operating room with the doctors passing out instruments. He's not an anesthesiologist but he's a, and he likes it and I know another fellow, he's gone to, the paper mills have hired him and

he's going around to different paper mills and he says he loves it, selling chemicals and things like that. We used to have a lot of salesmen coming in and they'd come up in the lab and work and try them out; met a lot of people that way, a lot of these salesmen that were selling their chemicals. Yes, it's a shame. I feel terrible. Every time I drive by that mill, I feel terrible. I think it's an awful, awful thing they did, no need of it. There was no need of it.