

# TOXIC PARTNERS

**DIRECTOR**

Neal Livingston

**DURATION**

40:42

**YEAR**

1999

**ORIGINAL LANGUAGE**

English

**CATEGORY**

Documentary

**DESCRIPTION**

A documentary about two communities with toxic waste sites and the human suffering within them : the cities of Sydney, Cape Breton, which has Canada's largest toxic waste site, and Fort Valley, Georgia, a black community in southern Georgia in the United States. The film is a strong and moving portrait which enables local citizen activists from both communities to exchange ideas. It is a powerful document on how their respective governments care little for the health and well being of their citizens. The viewer is given a close-up view of the horrible problems of these toxic waste sites, a shocking portrait of people living next to them and of the difficulties in cleaning them up. The main thrust of the film is to document how little is being done to move people away from living beside these environmentally dangerous areas. Narrated by David Suzuki.

**SOUND**

Stereo

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Commentary by Claire Valade, Film critic from Quebec

In these uncertain times, when the environment is indisputably the key present and future issue, this is an essential film for anyone who wants to understand the harsh reality of life in the Maritimes and the ecological struggle being played out there right now. Important not only for Maritimers, but for Canada and the whole world. Best seen with the same director's *The Battle at our Shores*.

**KEYWORDS**

Pollution, Waste, Poisoning, Disease, Future

**THEMES**

Socio-politics

Environment

Health

Family

Science

History