

1 with a \$96 billion budget in 2004  
2 still, it did --- and is still not  
3 doing the right thing. And the DRBC  
4 with 30 million in the bag won't spend  
5 a dollar protecting the drinking water  
6 of the millions downstream. How many  
7 people south of Berryville have  
8 suffered health effects from exposure  
9 to the Superfund leachate over the  
10 past 14 years?

11 HEARING OFFICER:

12 Thank you, sir.

13 Is this Martin  
14 Springhetti?

15 MR. SPRINGHETTI:

16 Springhetti (corrects  
17 pronunciation.)

18 HEARING OFFICER:

19 Spring? Okay.

20 Thank you. Let's see,  
21 on deck would be Mary Evans and  
22 Richard Hawran. Mr. Springhetti, if  
23 you would, please?

24 MR. SPRINGHETTI:

25 Okay.

1 My name is Martin  
2 Springhetti. I live in Wayne County,  
3 Pennsylvania. And I'm very concerned  
4 about unintended consequences. And 75  
5 years ago the United States was  
6 developing a nuclear weapon and they  
7 did a lot of the work at Washington.

That is only --- it was about a mile or two from the Columbia River. And there was a lot of toxic waste and some of it was put and buried in containers, some of it was just buried in open pits, some of it was stored in more safe place. But now, due to hydrology and ground migration, 75 years later some of that very toxic radioactive water is now leeching into the Columbia River.

19 And that is causing a  
20 lot of worry and concern about health  
21 benefits to all the people who live on  
22 the Columbia River.

Now, at the time, 75 years ago, there was a ---scientists looked at the risks and they said,

1       okay, it's worth it because, you know,  
2       we might be saving the world.

12 Now, in that situation,  
13 we had the U.S. government that is  
14 going to pay for the cleanup versus  
15 you and me. But what I'm concerned  
16 about here, is that the landowners up  
17 here have no concern there, but there  
18 could be some unintended consequences  
19 and I would ask you not to let any  
20 toxic liquids be stored indefinitely  
21 in the future and the river basin.  
22 Thank you.

23 | HEARING OFFICER:

24 Thank you, sir.

25 We are about 10 minutes