

BUSKIRK, JR.:

Good evening. My name is William Buskirk, Jr. I've been a lifetime resident of Northampton County and the Lehigh Valley. My concerns are a number of things, both based on history and the experience of dealing with corporations.

There's always the issue of unintended consequences, unanticipated consequences, and who is going to be in the neighborhood?

I have come to be opposed to fracking. I oppose people coming into the neighborhood with waste that wasn't produced in the neighborhood. I think this year since it is, I believe, the 50th anniversary of Mr. Rogers, it's time to think about the neighborhood again. I believe that no water should be taken from the Delaware River basin to use for fracking, and that the storage of fracking waste should occur in the Delaware River basin.

I point to two instances that I'm aware of. That is the pollution of the

Chesapeake Bay as a result of pollution in the Susquehanna River basin, and --- obviously, unintended consequences. The cleanup is still going on. And it appears that the present EPA is attempting to sabotage the waters of the United States by somehow diluting what's been put forth as a way to solve the pollution in the Susquehanna River basin.

And then, of course, people in this area are well familiar with the zinc industry in Palmerton, and what impact that had on the Palmerton area.

You have defoliation that occurred and even today, although the zinc industry ended decades ago, the impact is still obvious in the Palmerton area and the Little Gap area. Finally, my mother's property is being impacted by the PennEast Pipeline and our dealings and --- in Congress with PennEast have been less than satisfactory.

They're going to be subject to eminent domain proceedings apparently, although the information we're getting about

what's going on in that regard seems to be not coming to the landowners.

We understand that a suit was filed, but the landowner, in our case at least, has never been notified of what's going on and --- what's happening there. Thank you for your time.