

1 first disrespectful thing we've heard.  
2 Everybody else has been very  
3 respectful, so please let's not revert  
4 to that. Okay.

5 This is Mr. Millen.

6 MR. MILLEN:

7 My name is Frank Millen,  
8 I grew up here and my family has been  
9 here for generations now. I have  
10 dairy farms just south of here and  
11 we've been doing that since 1947.

12 I have a degree from  
13 Penn State. I also have a degree from  
14 the University of Scranton. I was a  
15 teacher for 38 years, a farmer all my  
16 life. And I've watched --- since  
17 we've been here I've seen a lot of  
18 things happen.

19 For example, the Tocks  
20 Island dam, for those of you that are  
21 my age or a little older, is something  
22 that came about and came in and took  
23 areas along the Delaware River and  
24 came in by eminent domain and removed  
25 these family farms, just took them.

1                   I didn't have any choice  
2     in that. And this is what this DRBC  
3     right now is currently trying to do  
4     with us. We've sat on these amendment  
5     rights for years, and years, and  
6     years. We also have other deposits on  
7     our farm, for example. We have  
8     uranium, traces of copper. Are we  
9     going to be blocked from doing that  
10    sometime in the future, too?

11                  And who's going to pay  
12    us for this? As far as the safety of  
13    this, there's an EPA study which is  
14    online that says --- it doesn't say  
15    that you shouldn't drill. It says  
16    that there are precautions that you  
17    have to take. And many times those  
18    precautions are superseded by  
19    companies that try to cut corners.

20                  And that's where a fine  
21    should be in play to stop it. We have  
22    a power plant that's going in about  
23    ten miles from our farm, and a  
24    pipeline that's going to have to come  
25    from way up north to supply gas. They

1       could come ten miles across through  
2       game lands that we don't see and cut  
3       down our transportation cost which  
4       would then cut down the cost of  
5       generated electricity.

6                       As for being a farmer,  
7       and as some of the other ones here  
8       have said, we are the true stewards of  
9       the land. And if you prevent us from  
10      using this natural resource that we  
11      have and you continue to move in here  
12      with your developments and so on and  
13      keep cranking our taxes up, you're  
14      going to drive us out.

15                     When you drive us out,  
16      that's when your water should --- that  
17      is where the clean water comes from.  
18      Not from you running around hollering  
19      about how you're going to save the  
20      river. We actually do it every day.

21                     I had the opportunity a  
22      couple years ago to participate in a  
23      study called Hertz Scope and they're  
24      monitoring earthquake activities and  
25      so on ---.