JOBS VERSUS THE ENVIRONMENT. THAT'S THE DEBATE RAGING IN FRANKLIN COUNTY.

YESTERDAY MORE THAN 200 RESIDENTS ATTENDED A PUBLIC HEARING...THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF MEETINGS ABOUT WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE MORE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT OF DYNAMITE MINING.

SUPPORTERS OF THIS PRACTICE OF USING EXPOSIVES TO REMOVE COAL FROM MOUNTAINTOPS SAY IT Creates MORE FLAT LAND FOR FARMS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT THAT CAN HELP THE ECONOMY.

BUT OPPONENTS SAYS THE EXPLOSIONS CAUSE DEBRIS
MINING MEETING VO/SOT (P. 2)

THAT FLOODS NEARBY STREAMS.

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SOTS (4) TOTAL: :30
IN: I’M NOT AGAINST…
OUT: OUR PLANET

IN: THESE JOBS HAVE NOT..
OUT: MOUNTAINTOP MINING

IN: IT’S TIME TO START…
OUT: THE ENVIRONMENT

IN: MOUNTAINTOP JOBS….  
OUT: PROVIDES JOBS

THE ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY WILL HAVE
THE FINAL SAY ON WHETHER
THERE WILL BE GREATER
REGULATION OF THIS TYPE OF
SURFACE MINING. THE E-P-A’S
DECISION IS EXPECTED NEXT
MONTH.

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EXPLOSION FLOODS

NEARBY STREAMS