

Speaker John Boehner On Safety Regulations

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WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker John Boehner is suggesting that the Obama administration needs to do a better job of enforcing safety regulations designed to protect the public against disasters like the chemical spill into West Virginia's drinking water supply.

The Ohio Republican tells reporters there already are enough safety and health regulations on the books. He says the Obama administration should be doing more and that someone should be held accountable for the spill.

Congressional Republicans have sought to eliminate many federal regulations that the Ohio Republican says the GOP considers burdensome and cost jobs.

Last week's leak from a chemical storage facility into the Elk River tainted the water supply for 300,000 West Virginians. Government regulators considered it low risk and it got scant attention from them.

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