

Atlantic Richfield Gets Partial Win in Superfund SCOTUS Case

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Environmental attorney **Michael Blumenthal** (Cleveland) was quoted in a Bloomberg Law article on the Supreme Court's April 20 opinion on a dispute between landowners and Atlantic Richfield Co. at a Montana Superfund site.

At issue in the case is an effort by Montana landowners who wanted Atlantic Richfield to pay for additional cleanup work in their backyards. The justices' 7-2 <u>opinion</u> says the landowners can't pursue those claims without the EPA's blessing.

"That's good because industry needs certainty in knowing that once they agree to a cleanup plan with U.S. EPA, that they're not going to be subject to attacks from adjoining landowners, or in this case, landowners living on the site," said Michael Blumenthal, an environmental attorney at McGlinchey Stafford PLLC in Cleveland.

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