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it to be found, without saying that the water poses any danger?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes. And this comes also from a federal mandate back down to our state. This is a way that we can address that I think will be easier for Nebraskans in that it will be controlled here in Nebraska by our Department of Health and Human Services rather than through the federal regulations. Well, it's still federal regulations, but...anyway, the enforcement comes here from Nebraska rather than the feds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And Senator Jensen, I don't want it to just be easier. I want to be sure that we're clear, or that I'm clear, I'll just speak for myself, on what this bill is doing. Probably everybody else understands, but I don't. Radon can be in the air as a gas, and you cannot detect it by sight, smell, or any of your senses. Is that true?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And radon can be deadly, the gas?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, radon can be...I guess it dissolves and can be in water too.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that true?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When we talk about the federal regulation, are there two tiers in terms of the amount of this contaminant that can be found in drinking water and the drinking water will be considered safe? Or is there just one standard?

SENATOR JENSEN: I think there's one standard.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The impression that I got from what I heard is that this allows a greater amount of that contaminant. Is