

# Pollution is a chemical weapon

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The Bush administration, in catering to industries that put America's health and earth at risk, threatens to do more damage to our environmental protections than any other in U.S. history. Every egregious piece of destructive environmental legislation has been chronicled by the National Resource Defense Council and can be found online at NRDC.org. The NRDC is a highly effective environmental action organization that uses law and science to protect the planet's wildlife and wild places, and to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all living things.

At NRDC.org, scientists and environmental advocates continue to track what the Bush administration has done and is doing on environmental matters.

Environmental advocates and scientists worldwide encourage voters to investigate the damage the Bush administration has caused to our country and to the planet. Environmentalists are immensely pleased to have a candidate such as John Kerry on the Presidential ticket. Kerry has one of the greenest voting records in the United States Senate. In addition to his green record, he shares the ticket with North Carolina Senator John Edwards. Edwards brings a second green record to the ticket, and has introduced several pieces of pro-environmental legislation during his short term in office.

The Bush administration has consistently chosen not to protect the public health. Instead of promoting the use of clean vehicles, renewable energy sources, and energy efficiency, the Bush administration has developed pol-

icies that polluters applaud. The pesticide industry, the oil and gas industry, the coal industry, the electric utilities, and the nuclear industry have seen an outstanding return on their lobbying investment. Polluters support George W. Bush because they no longer have to clean up their collective toxic messes. Bush and polluters agree: The American taxpayers should shoulder the financial burden of cleaning up the toxic sites that poison them. The coal industry and the electric utilities are well financed and well connected to the Bush administration. During the 2000 elections, Enron was George W. Bush's largest campaign donor. Together, they are working to convince the American public that "Clean Coal" is an entity that actually exists. Their television campaign parallels the premise

behind the Bush pollution plan known as the "Clear Skies" Initiative. Environmental advocates have taken to calling the Bush plan "Clear Lies", and the Sierra Club has referred to the plan as the Bush "Smokescreen".

The Sierra Club has endorsed Senator John Kerry. They believe Kerry has stood up to polluters and has been a champion of protecting human health and the environment during his entire career in public office. As Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, Kerry chaired an Acid Rain Task Force and issued a "Call for Action" on the topic of air pollution. As a Senator he has championed the cause of conservation, been a leader in the fight against polluters and blocked the Bush Administration's efforts to reverse 30 years of environmental progress. From clean air

to clean water to toxics to public lands to energy, environmental advocates count on John Kerry to provide leadership, vision, and solutions so that all Americans can have a clean, safe, healthy environment.

The League of Conservation Voters has also thrown their support behind John Kerry. The LCV cites his outstanding 35-year environmental record, from helping to organize the first Earth Day in 1970, to earning the best environmental voting record (92 percent lifetime LCV score) of any nominee for president in modern history. As proof of his commitment to our environment, Kerry has received the endorsement of countless environmental advocacy organizations. Bush has received the endorsement of none.

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## Environmental Question of the Week

the **BUSH** record



Air, Energy & Global Warming    Wildlands & Wildlife    Water & Oceans



Toxic Chemicals & Health    Nuclear Weapons & Waste    Other Issues

Which Presidential Candidate received the endorsement of the Sierra Club?

•George W. Bush

•John Kerry

If you would like to win the \$10 Target gift card, drop a slip of paper with your answer into the drawstring bag hanging on the a4e bulletin board, 1st floor, in the Science and Math building, in the hall nearest the door to Ledford.

Stay tuned for the winners of last week's question!

## Have You Been Asked To Complete A Second Voter Registration Form?

A small number of those who registered to vote through the Meredith Votes campaign have received a letter from their Board of Elections asking them to complete a second "HAVA Compliant" form.

If you receive such a letter, complete the form and return it to your County Board of Elections as soon as possible. In Wake County if you return the form to the board of elections office by Wednesday, October 20, you can vote normally. If you return the form after Wednesday, you will have to vote provisionally, but your vote will still be counted. The deadline to avoid provisional voting may vary for those who registered to vote in other counties, but so far all the requests to complete a second form have come from Wake County.

Whatever the local deadlines, if you receive such a request, fill out the form and return it to your Board of Elections as quickly as possible. Try to fax it in if you can't deliver it in person. The fax number for the Wake County Board of Elections is 919-856-5864. Fax numbers for other counties can be found through the State Board of Elections website, [www.sboe.state.nc.us](http://www.sboe.state.nc.us), follow the links for "County Boards."

If you have any questions or need any help completing this process contact Clyde Frazier, X8540, Joyner 112, [frazierc@meredith.edu](mailto:frazierc@meredith.edu).