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in his power to undermine forty  
years of bipartisan work to improve  
the environment and make lives  
better for everyone."*

John Seager, president  
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#### January 2001

Bush resurrects the Global Gag Rule, ending U.S. aid to international family planning programs whose services included — but did not use U.S. funds for — informing women of legal abortion options, providing safe and legal abortion services, or lobbying for abortion law reform.

#### March 2001

The EPA withdraws an arsenic rule that would reduce the amount of arsenic allowed in drinking water from 50 parts per billion to 10 parts per billion. Seven months later the agency reinstates the rule after the House and Senate adopt measures setting the arsenic limit at 10ppb and a National Academy of Sciences report shows that a tougher standard of 3 ppb is required to reach the EPA's acceptable rate of death.<sup>2</sup>

#### February 2002

Bush announces his "Clear Skies" initiative to relax air quality rules established by the Clean Air Act in 1970. The Bush plan nearly doubles the allowed limit of nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, and mercury in the air, and fails to address carbon dioxide emissions, the main cause of global warming.<sup>3</sup>

#### February 2002

Bush backs a plan to store 57 years worth of high-level nuclear waste in Yucca Mountain, 100 miles outside of Las Vegas.

2001

#### January 2001

Dick Cheney assembles a secret task force made up of energy executives, including Enron's Ken Lay, to write the administration's energy policy. The policy favors the oil, coal, and gas industries.<sup>1</sup>

#### March 2001

Bush announces that the United States will pull out from the Kyoto global warming treaty that requires nations to curb emissions of greenhouse gases.

#### April 2001

Bush proposes a budget that will cut funding for the EPA while setting aside \$5 million for oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve.

2002

#### February 2002

In his proposed budget for 2003, Bush states that he will not seek reauthorization of corporate taxes to fund the Superfund waste cleanup program, transferring the majority of the costs of the dwindling program from industry to taxpayers. The administration also designates fewer toxic sites for cleanup.<sup>4</sup>