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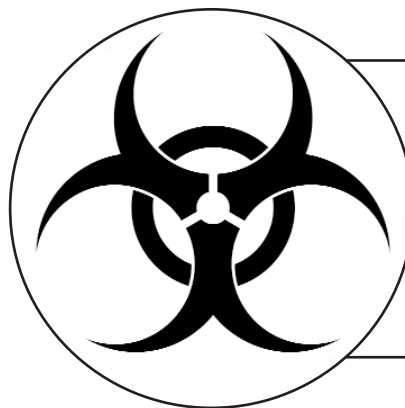
A new study from the nonpartisan Environmental Integrity Project reports that the EPA has filed 75 percent fewer civil lawsuits against polluters during the first three years of Bush's presidency than it did during Clinton's last three years in office.

"I think what we've seen consistently from President Bush is the prioritizing of industry," says Christiensen. "And that's been a systematic effort. The Bush administration has put so many industrial lobbyists in government agencies, and they are there to undermine every environmental protection that they've had to fight as lobbyists."

enforcement against polluters and shifted the tab for cleanup from industry to taxpayers. The result: people are now breathing smog-gier air, drinking dirtier water and living in more toxic environments than they did four years ago. According to the Center for Disease Control, 100 million Americans now live with some form of chronic disease, and the numbers are rising.

"Bush has taken us back to the old days when it was 'environment versus economy' instead of linking environmental concerns with public health," says Christiensen.

Kerry's perspective on the environment is quite different. Since entering the Senate



According to a 2004 EPA Inspector General report, one in four Americans now lives within four miles of a toxic waste site.

Industrial leaders often protest environmental regulations on the grounds that the science backing them is faulty or inconclusive. "Every time industry cries wolf," says Christiensen, "we see this administration taking industrial claims on face value and implementing them rather than listening to the analyses and the science from the EPA."

That means that polluters, and the Bush administration, will get away with poisoning countless Americans — unless Bush is defeated on Nov. 2.

in 1985, Kerry's votes have consistently supported environmentally responsible legislation and opposed harmful laws. During his career as a Massachusetts senator, Kerry has repeatedly introduced legislation to promote cleaner air, water and soil. He advocates for the public's right to know about the presence of persistent toxic chemicals in their communities, and he fought to re-instate Superfund's "polluter pays" principle. He supports government subsidies to develop renewable energy resources, and he pushes for the U.S. to engage with the international community to combat global warming.

## FRESH AIR

When it comes to the stewardship of America's natural resources and their impacts on human wellness, John Kerry and Bush are as different as a river and a cesspool.

From Bush's first day in office, he has worked to make life easier for some of the filthiest industries in the nation. His administration eased emission regulations, slackened

"John Kerry has a 20-year record in the Senate of standing up for clean air and clean water," says Christiensen. "What I see in John Kerry is a man who has backbone and is willing to stand up even to members of his own party when he feels it's right. He lets his faith guide his treatment of our environment as a moral value." **EW**

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