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"THE SUMMITVILLE SLUR" AD BACKUP

The League of Conservation Voters
Ken Salazar for Senate
"The Summitville Slur"
TV: 30

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<p>The Summitville Slur. That's what the Rocky Mountain News called this attack ad. An ad so false they called it "utterly without merit"</p>	<p><i>Rocky Mountain News: Summitville Attack on Salazar "Utterly Without Merit"</i> In an August 26, 2004 editorial the Rocky Mountain News criticized Americans for Job Security attack on Ken Salazar The paper wrote, "The problem is the group has chosen instead to press a charge that is utterly without merit, in an ad that should be withdrawn". [<i>Rocky Mountain News</i>, 8/25/04]</p> <p><i>Rocky Mountain News Referred To Attack Ad On Salazar As "The Summitville Slur"</i> In an August 26, 2004 editorial the Rocky Mountain News called the Americans for Job Security attack ad on Ken Salazar "The Summitville Slur" [<i>Rocky Mountain News</i>, 8/25/04]</p>
<p>Ken Salazar had nothing to do with the Summitville mine. In fact, he recovered millions for the state to help clean it up.</p>	<p><i>Rocky Mountain News: Salazar Had Nothing To Do With The Summitville Mine Disaster.</i> In two separate editorials appearing in 1998 and 2004 the <i>Rocky Mountain News</i> wrote that Ken Salazar had nothing to do with the Summitville Mine Disaster. On August 25, 2004 the paper wrote, Salazar was no more responsible for the Summitville disaster</p>

	<p>than he was for the oil spill by the Exxon Valdez. " [<i>Rocky Mountain News</i>, 10/29/98; 8/25/04]</p> <p>Salazar Recovered Millions To Cleanup Polluted Mine Site. As Attorney General, Ken Salazar reached a settlement with Robert Friedland, the founder of the mining company to cleanup the site worth \$28 million. [<i>Rocky Mountain News</i>, 8/25/04]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rocky Mountain News Praised The Settlement. In 2001, the <i>Rocky Mountain News</i> praised the settlement that Ken Salazar reached with Robert Friedland the founder of the company that built the mine. The paper wrote, "Five years of bitter legal battles over the ecological disaster at the Summitville mine have almost obscured the fact that the goal is not to win the lawsuit. It's to clean up the mess. So the settlement announced last week is reason for satisfaction...The payment will more than cover Colorado's share of cleanup costs over the next decade, said Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar, money that otherwise would have been paid ultimately by taxpayers. It's hard to argue with a result like that." [<i>Rocky Mountain News</i>, 1/2/01]
<p>As Attorney General, Salazar created the first environmental crimes unit, fined polluters, and put them in jail... The League of Conservation Voters is responsible for the content of this advertising...on the environment we've done the homework... and that's why we're setting the record straight.</p>	<p>Salazar Created First Environmental Crimes Unit. While Attorney General, Ken Salazar was responsible for creating Colorado's first environmental crimes Unit to strengthen and enforce environmental laws [<i>Denver Post</i>, 3/16/04]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Salazar Called on Federal Agencies to Comply With Environmental Standards. Together with other attorneys general from across the country, Ken Salazar called upon Congress to pass laws to ensure that Federal agencies, the worst polluters in the United States, comply with state and federal environmental laws to the same extent as private parties. [Office of the Colorado Attorney General, Press Release 3/30/99] ➤ NAAG Adopted Salazar Sponsored Resolution To Strengthen Clean Air, Clean Water & CERCLA Acts. The National Association of Attorneys General unanimously adopted Attorney General Salazar's-sponsored resolution that calls for strengthened sovereign immunity waivers in the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), which is also known as the Superfund cleanup law. [Office of the Colorado Attorney General, Press Release 3/30/99] <p>Salazar Fined, Jailed Environmental Polluters. While Attorney General, Ken Salazar was responsible for fining and jailing environmental polluters.</p>

- **Salazar Fined And Jailed Polluter Guilty Of Illegal Toxic Waste Storage And Disposal.** In 1999, Ken Salazar successfully prosecuted Thoro Products and its President for unlawful storage and disposal of hazardous waste. Thoro Products was fined \$950,000 and given 10 years' probation for its actions and the President was given 14-year prison sentence. The verdict and sentence stemmed from repeated instances of Thoro Products knowingly dumping chlorinated solvents into the water table on an ongoing basis between 1964 and September, 1997, resulting in a one-half mile wide by one and one-half mile long toxic plume [Office of the Colorado Attorney General, Press Release 5/27/99]
- **Salazar Fined, Sent A Polluter Guilty Of Illegal Hazardous Waste Dumping to Jail.** In 2001, Salazar successfully prosecuted a case against Bruce Spence, owner of Cooling Systems International for illegal hazardous waste dumping. Spence, was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay \$100,000 in fines and \$125,000 in restitution fines. [Office of the Colorado Attorney General, Press Release 11/19/01]
- **Salazar Forced Shell Oil to Pay for Colorado Cleanup.** In 2001, Salazar negotiated a cleanup settlement with Shell Oil for \$551,112.77 in hazardous waste cleanup costs at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. The Rocky Mountain Arsenal Superfund site was used for almost 40 years by the U.S. Army for chemical weapons production and by Shell for the manufacture of pesticides. [Office of the Colorado Attorney General, Press Release, 8/30/01]
- **Salazar Prosecuted The First Environmental Pollution Racketeering Case.** In 2001, Salazar obtained indictments from the statewide grand jury against two brothers from California, two corporations operated by them, and four additional defendant employees and agents of theirs in connection with a dry cleaning hazardous waste collection business operating out of Denver and Lakewood offices involving long term and systematic evasion of state hazardous waste laws. This case was the first environmental pollution case in Colorado alleging a criminal enterprise (racketeering). [Office of the Colorado Attorney General, Press Release 3/7/01]