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<p>Is George Bush listening to us?</p> <p>Since taking office...</p> <p>He's let oil and energy companies call the shots...</p>	<p><i>Boston Globe</i>: "Energy Bill Is Considered By Consumer And Environmental Groups To Be One Of The Most Extreme Examples Of Excessive Corporate Giveaways." On October 4, 2004 the Boston Globe wrote in an article about the energy bill, "And while other bills have included their share of earmarked projects or handouts to various industries or interest groups, the energy bill is considered by consumer and environmental groups to be one of the most extreme examples of excessive corporate giveaways." [<i>Boston Globe</i>, 10/4/04]</p>
<p>Special exemptions from the Clean Water and Clean Air Acts.</p>	<p>The Bush "Clear Skies" Initiative Would Allow Polluting Facilities To Increase Their Emissions. The February 2002 "Clear Skies" initiative, failed to address emissions of carbon dioxide, the primary cause of global warming and also allowed individual facilities actually to boost their polluting emissions. Environmentalists maintain that the plan would raise sulfur emissions targets by up to 50 percent and delay by up to 10 years major cuts in sulfur emissions required by the Clean Air Act. It would allow millions of more tons of smog-forming nitrogen oxides and three times more mercury emissions than current law [NRDC, 6/15/03; Baltimore Sun, 9/7/01]</p> <p>Bush Administration Weakened New Source Review. In November 2002, the Bush administration finalized rules to weaken new source review, a Clean Air Act provision that requires older plants to upgrade their pollution controls if they make significant renovations or expansions that would increase emissions of harmful pollutants [Los Angeles Times, 7/27/01; New York Times, 11/23/02]</p> <p>Bush Proposed Weakening Mercury Regulations In Clean Air Act. A proposed rule change by the Bush EPA would remove mercury emissions from Clean Air Act regulations that limit the most toxic air pollutants and shift the poison to a weaker category, despite the FDA and EPA's own recent recommendation that pregnant women and young children eat less tuna and other seafood to avoid excessive mercury consumption. Approximately 630,000 babies are born in the United States every year to mothers who have been exposed to unsafe mercury levels. [<i>New York Times</i>, 12/3/03, 2/10/04; <i>Washington Post</i>, 12/3/03; <i>Pioneer Press</i>, 10/6/03; <i>Houston Chronicle</i>, 12/5/03; <i>Associated Press</i>, 12/15/03]</p>

Bush Supports Energy Subsidies That Benefit Industry. The Bush Administration supports the House energy bill, which includes energy industry tax breaks and subsidies costing \$23 billion over the next 10 years. [*Washington Post*, 11/24/03]

- **Energy Bill Included Exemptions For Oil & Gas Companies From Penalties For Cleaning Up Contaminated Public Waterways.** On October 4, 2004 the Boston Globe wrote in an article about the energy bill, Language was also inserted in the bill that exempts the oil and gas exploration industry from sections of the Clean Water Act; under the bill, such companies would not be penalized for contaminating public waterways. The provision would give oil and gas construction companies a "free pass" to avoid clean water laws, making them the only construction companies not subject to such regulations, said Representative Bob Filner, a California Democrat. [*Boston Globe*, 10/4/04]
- **Oil And Gas Industry Will Benefit From Changes To Safe Water Drinking Act.** Included in the Energy Bill is a provision (Title III Sec. 327 p. 54-55.) that would allow drilling companies like Halliburton to get an exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act for a mining technique known as hydraulic fracturing. During this process diesel fuel is injected into underground sources of drinking water without federal oversight. Halliburton is the former employer of Vice President Dick Cheney. Cheney receives \$180,000 per year from the company. [*Center for Public Integrity Report*, 12/15/03]

Bush Proposed Limiting The Clean Water Act. In early 2003, the Bush administration proposed sweeping changes to the Clean Water Act that not only would exempt 45 percent of rivers, lakes and streams that remain polluted, but also would put more than 30 years of clean water progress at risk. In January 2003, administration officials began requiring Corps of Engineers and EPA regulators to seek permission from Washington, D.C. before they enforced clean water rules for "isolated" waters, including wetlands and seasonal streams. [*Los Angeles Times*, 1/10/03]

- **The Energy Bill Supported By The Bush Administration Created \$29 Billion Liability Waiver For Producers Of MTBE.** The Energy Policy Act establishes a "safe harbor" for MTBE producers by nullifying all lawsuits by cities, states and other entities seeking compensation for groundwater contamination filed after September 5, 2003. The liability waiver included in the Energy Policy Act of 2003 is estimated to protect MTBE producers from an estimated \$29 billion in clean up costs. [HR 6 Title XV Sec. 1502 p. 21.]

<p>Halliburton collecting billions in no-bid contracts.</p>	<p>Halliburton No bid contract worth \$7 billion. According to the <i>Associated Press</i>, "...Government work [was] granted without competition to a Halliburton Co. (HAL) subsidiary to fight oil well fires in Iraq could be worth as much as \$ 7 billion over two years, but just a fraction of that has been spent... The deal also allows Halliburton subsidiary KBR, an engineering and construction company, to earn another 7% in profit. But as of last week, only \$ 50.3 million had been spent. The \$7 billion value was based on a worst-case scenario that hasn't occurred." [<i>Associated Press</i>, 4/11/03]</p>
<p>Here in Wisconsin, 52,500 manufacturing jobs lost.</p>	<p>Wisconsin Has Lost 52,500 Manufacturing Jobs Since Bush Took Office. Since Bush took office, Wisconsin has lost 52,500 factory jobs. [<i>Baltimore Sun</i>, 10/5/04; <i>AP</i> 9/22/04]</p>
<p>America is going in the wrong direction...And George Bush just listens to the special interests.</p> <p>The League of Conservation Voters Is responsible for the content of this advertising.</p>	