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by Michael in New York on [9/16/2005 12:05:00 AM](#)

Rolling Stone shines a light on [Bush's attacks on the environment](#).

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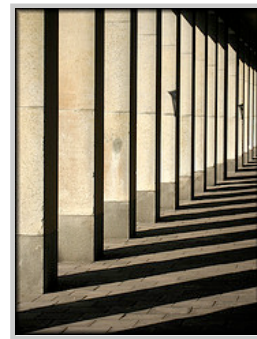
It allowed the import of methyl bromide, a cancer-causing pesticide that was due to be banned this year under an international accord signed by Ronald Reagan, and it scrapped plans to regulate lead paint in home-renovation projects, placing millions of children at risk for brain damage.

And on August 8th, taking advantage of solid Republican majorities in both houses of Congress, Bush signed into law his long-stalled energy bill, a grab bag of industry favors that provides \$10 billion in oil, gas and coal subsidies while exempting Halliburton and other polluters from environmental laws.

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