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Bush Energy Dept Stonewalling Congress

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Here's yet another example via the NYT of Bush's dangerous propensity for perverting science for political purposes -- in this case via plans for a nuclear waste facility that could have disastrous implications for millions of Americans.

Naturally, a House subcommittee investigating these lies had to file a subpoena to get the Energy Dept. to play ball. Lie and if you're caught in the lie -- stonewall. The whopper at the heart of this: the Energy Dept just wants to protect whistleblowers. Yeah, cause Bush loves whistleblowers.

In a dispute that has lasted more than three months, the Energy Department has resisted, and department officials have complained about the committee's earlier release of e-mail messages detailing the falsifications.

In those e-mail messages government workers talked about manipulating their work to meet quality-assurance standards....

The heart of the issue is government calculations about how fast radioactive material would dissolve into rainwater, percolate through the rock and then travel outside the boundaries of the repository, which is about 100 miles from Las Vegas.

Wow, that's just the sort of study I'd feel comfortable with Bush's people fudging the data on, wouldn't you? Maybe what happens in Vegas will stay in Vegas because *it's too sick to leave*.





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