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Subject: Re: Mine Safety and Bush

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The MSHA after the 1977 legislation cut mine deaths by more than half. The Bush administration appointee's cut 10% from the agencies budget; 9% of the mine safety inspectors from 1180 to 1043; disregarded the fines levied against private non-union mine owners and lowered the fine's on average more than 250%; from an average of 1500\$ for an infraction to less than 150\$ then never even collected the fines; backlogged over two years. They rescinded the two exit regulation and refused to implement the GPS system and the oxygen station safety system. The mine owners responsible for this Sago incident gave the Bush campaign well over a million dollars in donations.

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