

# The Inefficacy of the EPA



# **All useful EPA Legislation was created in its first ten years 1971-1980**

- WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (later renamed as the Clean Water)
- SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT, RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVER ACT, SURFACE MINING AND RECLAMATION ACT (which covers deep mining too)
- CLEAN AIR ACT, FEDERAL INSECTICIDE FUNGICIDE AND RODENTICIDE ACT (FIFRA)
- COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY ACT (SUPERFUND)

# There are 14 separate offices within EPA

- With their own Staff and budgets
  - Only 4 deal with the environment

## **These two belong in the Bureau of Indian Affairs:**

- Office of American Indian Environmental Affairs
- Office of International and Tribal Affairs



# There are 7 entirely non scientific offices



- Office of Policy
- Office of General Council
- Office of Chief Financial Officer
- Office of Environmental Information
- Office of Administration and Resource Management
- Office of the Enforcement and Compliance Management
- Office of the Administrator

# Only five offices deal with the environment

- Office of Water
- Office of Air and Radiation
- Office of Chemical Safety and Emergency Response
- Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
- Office of Research and Development



- There are 15,000 employees spread between Washington DC and 10 regional offices and a few research centers
- The total budget in \$8.2 billion
- They produce no actual environmental protection, that is all done by the 50 State Agencies





USEPA has engaged in only one actual field project in recent years which was a waste spill near the Animus River in Colorado. They botched it and polluted the Animus River for over a month, but said they were **SORRY**.

# The First Year

- Move these offices to the Bureau of Indian Affairs:
  - Office of American Indian Environmental Affairs
  - Office of International and Tribal Affairs
- Give entire staff a years notice of a plan to turn over all responsibility to a Committee of The Whole of the 50 state Environmental Protection Agencies



# Committee of the Whole

- Committee of the Whole will be located somewhere  
In the Midwest
- With a staff of 300
  - 6 from each state
- During the first five years they would analyze; accept or rescind every registration EPA put in place without Congressional Approval by a two thirds vote of the 50 states

