

This report examines how the Bush Administration responded to a landmark effort by the European Union to reduce the risks of chemical exposure. The report is based on documents obtained by the Environmental Health Fund, a small nonprofit environmental organization, and provided to the Special Investigations Division. These documents provide a case study in how a powerful special interest can influence the nation's foreign policy. **Documents and Links**

- [Background: Department of Commerce Chemical Policy Issue Paper](#)
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