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**SCHAKOWSKY: BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S MISSTATEMENT OF THE DAY -
SCIENCE AND RESEARCH**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) issued today's "Bush Administration's Misstatement of the Day" on science and research.

During an interview on National Public Radio, which aired on February 20, 2004, Dr. John H. Marburger, President Bush's Science Adviser, said: "*I take the responsibility very seriously to see that the agencies do the science properly and have smoothly functioning advisory panels.*"

The New York Times, however, in an editorial today titled "Uses and Abuses of Science," stated that "*no administration in recent memory has so shamelessly distorted scientific findings for policy reasons or suppressed them when they conflict with political goals. On global warming alone, the administration belittled, misrepresented, altered or quashed multiple reports suggesting a clear link between greenhouse gas emissions and the burning of fossil fuels like coal and oil. A study detailing the impact of mercury emissions from power plants was sanitized to industry specifications. Another study suggesting that a Congressional clean-air bill would achieve greater pollution reductions than Mr. Bush's own plan, at approximately the same cost, was withheld.*"

The editorial pointed to a report by [the Union of Concerned Scientists](#) that details the Administration's policies and "*criticizes the administration for stacking advisory committees with industry representatives and disbanding panels that provided unwanted advice.*"