

Sununu's criticism of EPA partisan

JOHN SUNUNU [asserted in his August 17 column on the Environmental Protection Agency's accident at the Gold King mine](#): “In Colorado, the EPA literally went looking for work.” Sununu implies the EPA wasn't addressing a problem, although the mine was leaking toxic water. The agency had an accident while trying to find the leak's source. Sununu denies it was an accident—just government incompetence and arrogance.

Sununu seems unwilling to acknowledge that people, doing valuable work to serve their country, might accidentally err. Sununu's characterization of Obama's EPA is partisan Republican Party nonsense. Would Sununu cast a similar judgment on going to war to find weapons of mass destruction? Was that a mistake, or was the George W. Bush administration incompetent? The Supreme Court said Bush's EPA erred by ignoring carbon emissions. Did the administration “err,” or did campaign contributions and lobbying from the fossil fuel industry make them turn a blind eye?

Sununu's attacks are all part of the attempt by Republicans to avoid climate legislation and carbon fees that could cut emissions better than regulations.

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