



McCarthy's Background

Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency

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Deputy Secretary of Operations, Massachusetts Office of Commonwealth Development Undersecretary of Policy, Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA)

Assistant Secretary of Pollution Prevention, Environmental Business and Technology, EOEA Executive Director of the Administrative Council of the EOEA

Executive Secretary, Massachusetts Hazardous Waste Site Safety Council, EOEA

Chairwoman, Massachusetts Hazardous Waste Site Safety Council, EOEA

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Regina McCarthy,
Nominee to be
Administrator,
Environmental Protection Agency

Who is Regina McCarthy? Environmental Extremist

On March 4, 2013 President Obama announced that he would be nominating Regina McCarthy to be the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Even after her agency agreed to make improvements to the ENERGY STAR program, she mismanaged it allowing a broad range of products to receive the energy efficiency seal, not just the most efficient. Fn.1.

Her agency approved a dangerous air conditioning refrigerant because it is environmentally friendly. McCarthy claimed that "it is homegrown solutions like this [the refrigerant] that save lives and strengthen our economy." Several German car manufacturers refused to use it after tests conducted by Mercedes showed that it could catch fire and release deadly gas inside the passenger cabin. Furthermore, the new refrigerant is expensive for both consumers and car repair shops, and most of the refrigerant is expected to be made in China. Fn.2.

McCarthy denies that the Clean Air Act destroys net jobs. In fact, she believes that regulations create jobs. Fn.3.

At a Congressional hearing, she essentially admitted that EPA regulations have played a

"McCarthy has both a troubling record of mismanagement and a dangerous desire to tell other people how to live and run their businesses. Her nomination should be rejected."

*-Bill Wilson, President,
Americans for Limited Government*

role in killing coal-fired plants. At the same hearing, she was forced to admit that higher energy prices disproportionately affect the poor. Yet she continues to churn out regulations that hurt the coal industry and drive up energy prices. Fn.4.

Although McCarthy would

have us believe that she is an expert on climate science, she could not tell a Congressional panel how much of the atmosphere is composed of carbon dioxide. Fn.5.

In spite of a drought and rising feed costs for farmers, she defended the EPA's refusal to waive corn ethanol production requirements. Fn.6.

She has a habit of breaking her promises to

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What you really need to know about McCarthy

respond to Congressional inquiries and submitting her testimony late. Fn.7.

McCarthy claims natural gas regulations will save drilling companies money. Unsurprisingly, the industry disagrees. Fn.8.

On her watch, accidental drownings continued at Connecticut parks. Between 1999 and 2007, 21 people drowned. A local newspaper, after noting that Gina McCarthy was well aware of the lifeguard staffing problem at state parks, wrote, "The summer season is over at Squantz Pond [State Park], but the spotlight must remain on the Department of Environmental Protection's mismanagement of this park." Fn.9.

McCarthy continued to pursue the Newhall Remediation Project, the largest residential environmental remediation project in Connecticut history, even though there was no evidence that it was necessary. The project aimed to remove contaminants by removing and replacing the top four feet of soil in the Newhall community. This project dragged on for years, worried and inconvenienced residents unnecessarily, and wasted millions of taxpayer dollars. This boondoggle cost the Olin Corporation (the parent company of Winchester Repeating Arms) and Connecticut taxpayers \$80 million.

According to Meg Harvey, an epidemiologist with the Connecticut Department of Public Health, there was "no public health threat" from the contaminants. She went on to state that there were "no signs that children in neighborhood have blood lead now" after the contamination had been in place for decades. She continued on to say that "health survey results do not look unusual" and "published cancer rates for Hamden do not look unusual."

McCarthy also gave a no-bid contract for the remediation project to supporters of the governor. The Auditors of Public Accounts reviewed the management of the project, issued criticism of the DEP's handling of the project, and referred the matters to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office for review. The state auditors' report also noted that the DEP and LEA sent vague and even factually incorrect letters to residents that lived near the "contamination zone" that raised unnecessary fears. Even McCarthy acknowledged the mistakes. Fn.10.

Shortly before leaving Connecticut, she tried to get a bankrupt company held in contempt of court for not starting to clean up a site and paying some fines that it could not. The court refused. Fn.11.

While McCarthy served as Assistant Secretary of Pollution Prevention, Environmental Business and Technology in Massachusetts, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was notified that its vehicle emissions tests were seriously flawed. Cars that should have failed were being passed, and vice versa. Sierra Research, which was hired by Massachusetts to review the testing program, wrote that the false failures rate was "the highest by far ever seen by Sierra." The DEP first responded by having Sierra Research massage the numbers. Then the DEP checked the testing machines and found that about half were not functioning, but it continued to administer the faulty test. Fn.12.

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