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<br>&nbsp;&nbsp; environmental regulation. The latest example is the proposal to cut <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; back significantly air pollution control requirements for older power <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; plants and factories. Once again, the president and his top policy-makers kowtow to the <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; utility industry. Easing restrictions o n the junk that coal- and oil-fired power <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; plants and factories can belch into the atmosphere will lead to dirty <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; air and more misery for all who share the planet. Sen. James Jeffords, a Vermont Independent who heads the Senate's <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; environment committee, called the announcement "the biggest rollback <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; of the Clean Air Act in history." Dirtier air means more people will suffer from lung problems and <br> asthma attacks. Environmentalists predict as many as 9,000 deaths <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; could result from dirtier air. Last month, the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; agencies offered brief hope that this administration finally was <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; getting it right on the issue of global warming. The agencies \_ warned <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; of severe consequences from global warming. Their report admitted <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; that it was a real threa t caused largely by human actions. The <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; admission was a first for this administration. But after the report caught national attention, the president <br>&nbsp; &nbsp; dismissed its findings by saying it was "put out by bureaucrat" s." <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; Later, Bush stirred people up after saying he had read the report <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; when he really hadn't. EPA chief Christie Whitman further downplayed <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; the report by saying she hadn't reviewed it until she read about it <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; in a newspaper. With the EPA's latest on polluting power plants, it is quite <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; clear that there is little hope for this administration on key <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; environmental issues - even when the backtracking affects the air <br>%nbsp;&nbsp; everyone breathes. The new regulations should be blocked. They will have to go <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; through a rule-making process that could take two years or longer. <br>%nbsp;&nbs

p; The process should include public comment. The administration ought <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; to get an earful on this latest attempt to please the polluters. If <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; Bush persists with this idea after hearing what undoubtedly will be <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; public outcry against it, Congress should defeat it. <br>%nbsp; p; ; &nbsp ; nbsp; &nb bsp; sp; \*\*\*\*\* <br>%nbsp; Kansas City Star June 16, 2002, Sunday &nb p; Copyright 2002 The Kansas City Star Co. <br>&nbsp;&n sp; &nb p; All Rights Reserved <nbsp;&nb p; & nbsp; & bsp; Kansas City Star &nb p; ; June 16, 2002, Sunday METROPOLITAN EDITION SECTION: SUNDAY BUSINESS; Pg. G9 ;WEB REVIEW LENGTH: 431 words HEADLINE: Web review; <br>%nbsp;&nbsp; This week 's topic: Pesticides in food %nbsp; BODY: <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; MoneyWise ratings 5 stars Put this site at the top of your bookmarks. 4 stars Well worth the bandwidth. 3 stars Useful, but not fun. (Or fun, but not'useful.) 2 stars More fun than watching your screen saver. 1 star Skip it. Organize your CDs. <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; 5 stars <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; www.epa.gov/pesticides/food This is the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Pesticide <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; Program site.You will find many good links that should answer your <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; guestions about pesticides. Among other important topics, links focus on how the government <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; regulates pesticides; the types of pesticides on food;

what the <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; pesticide residue limits are on food; why children might be <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; especially sensitive to pesticides; and what organically grown means. <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; 4 stars <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; www.ams.usda.gov/nop This is the Agriculture Department's National Organic Program <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; site.You can find out which farm associations, producers and related <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; operations are certified for organic production under the link <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; "Accredited Entities to Certify Organic Producers." The "Consumer <br>&nbsp; &nbsp; Information" link under the Information and Resources heading is a <br>%nbsp;& nbsp; good one to check for information about what is considered organic <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; food and the pesticides and substances that are prohibited in organic <br>%nbsp;&nbsp; food. <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; 4 stars <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; www.infoplease.com/spot/pesticide1.html This is an online site of Learningnetwork.com, an online consumer <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; network of learning and information resources that includes the <br>%nbsp;&nbsp; resource infoplease.com. There is good, helpful information on pesticides found in foods <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; your family probably eats every day. The site provides some powerful <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; statistics on foods that contained pesticide residue even after <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; washing - apples, peaches and strawberries, for example. If you are thinking about going organic, this site lists the 10 <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; most important foods to buy. <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; 4 stars <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; www.ewg.org/pub/home/reports/baby\_food/bab y\_home html <nbsp;&nbsp; This is an online site of Environmental Working Group,</p> а <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; nonprofit environmental research organization in Washington, D.C. This site primarily focuses on pesticides in baby food. There is <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; worthwhile reading for parents concerned about how pesticides can <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; influence their child's development. Featured is a solid, <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; four-chapter study on the infant risks from pesticides; sampling plan <br>&n bsp; and testing methods used on baby foods; pesticides found in baby <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; food; and conclusions and recommendations.

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 Detectable pesticides were found in baby food through the <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; sampling and testing methods. To reach Victoria Sizemore Long, call (816) 234-4374 or send <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; e-mail to vlong@kcstar.com. <br>%nbsp; &nb p; &n bsp; &nbs sp; p; ; & nbsp; & sp; \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* <br>%nbsp; Los Angeles Times June 16, 2002 Sunday &n bsp; sp; Copyright 2002 / Los Angeles Times <br>&nbsp;&n sp; p; ; Los Angeles Times p; &nbs ; June 16, 2002 Sunday Home Edition SECTION: Part A Main News; Part 1; Page 1; Metro Desk LENGTH: 3105 words HEADLINE: Paper Trail Points to Roots of Energy Crisis BYLINE: PETER H. KING, NANCY VOGEL and NANCY RIVERA BROOKS, TIMES STAFF WRITERS BODY: <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; One fall day in 20 00, in the midst of the California energy crisis, S. David Freeman found himself debating by <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; telephone with Enron's Kenneth Lay, chief executive of the then highflying Texas energy firm. Freeman, head of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power at the time, had joined other California <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; officials in pushing the federal government for price controls as a means to rein in a runaway wholesale <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; market. Government inter vention, Lay warned Freeman by telephone, would not work. Extended price caps would keep <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; the market from correcting itself, and frighten away future investment in power plants. Lay, as Freeman recalls <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; it, ended the conversation with this parting shot: "Well, Dave, in the final analysis, it doesn't matter what you crazy people in California do, because I got smart <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; guys out there who can always figure out how to make money." Looking ba ck on it now, amid revelations <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; about "Death Star" and "Get Shorty" and other colorfully named tactics concocted by Enron traders, Freeman <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; figures he should have paid more attention: "What he was telling me, in a sophisticated way, was that they

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<br>&nbsp;&nbsp; were going to game the system." Over the last few weeks, internal memos, notes and other energy industry materials have kept popping into <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; public view, suggesting in sometimes vivid detail just how the "smart guys," as Lay called them, worked to <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; manipulate the California energy market in 2000 and 2001. The paper flow, which began in early May with the release of a set of so-called "smoking gun" memos from <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; Enron, has prompted regulators, politicians and other industry figures to begin reexamining the root causes of <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; the crisis and even to consider anew that most fundamental of questions: Was there, in fact, a shortage at <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; all? Federal regulators, who long maintained that the mess was one of the state's own making--and who, in turn, <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; were maligned by California leaders as cops asleep on the beat--seem to have executed an about-face. Patrick H. Wood III, the former Texas regulator who late last year was appointed chairman of the Federal <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; Energy Regulatory Commission by President Bush, said that initially he considered the Ca lifornia debacle the <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; result of a flawed deregulation plan. Now he's not so sure. "I didn't walk in here thinking we needed to do a names, numbers, times and dates and 'Who's your alibi?' <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; investigation of the California market, and now I do," Wood said in an interview. "That kind of analysis is <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; something that we really do need to do ... to get the definitive understanding of what happened in the <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; California market." While Wood and others say the evidence on manipulation is not yet conclusive, California officials who <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; contended all along that the crisis was artificial are no longer being dismissed as conspiracy theorists. There is <br>&nbsp; &nbsp; more at work now than sorting out the spin and revising history. Although the crisis faded away a year ago, the Enron memos and subsequent disclosures have given a push to <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; state efforts to retrieve some of the fortune spent to keep the lights on. \* Seeking to Revise Long-Term Contracts California officials have demanded nearly \$9 billion in refunds from power companies on the grounds that <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; wholesale electricity rates violated a federal requirement of "just and reasonable" prices. They have also <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; sought a restructuring of long-term contracts negotiated with generators--often at steep prices--to keep <br>%nbsp;&nbsp; el ectricity flowing. At a minimum, the disclosures have poked a hole or two in the vapor of mythology that enveloped the crisis <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; almost from the start. Bottlenecks on the north-south transmission lines, air quality rules, drought in the <br>&nbsp;&nbsp; Pacific Northwest, overworked plants, the demands of the