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Contrary to your assertion "Regulatory Czar Brings 'Rigor To Process' " (Nation/World, Aug. 31), the only kind of "rigor" John Graham, regulatory administrator for the Office of Management and Budget, has brought to the process is rigor mortis. He has rejected, delayed and/or weakened most pro-environment rules that have crossed his desk. But anti-environment rules - such as the mountaintop mining rule you mention in your article - fly past him without any of the "rigorous" analysis he otherwise requires.

In his research cited by you, Graham often took hypothetical rules and estimated their costs, then in subsequent references pointed to those costs as if they were real, not hypothetical. This is not rigorous; it is dishonest.

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