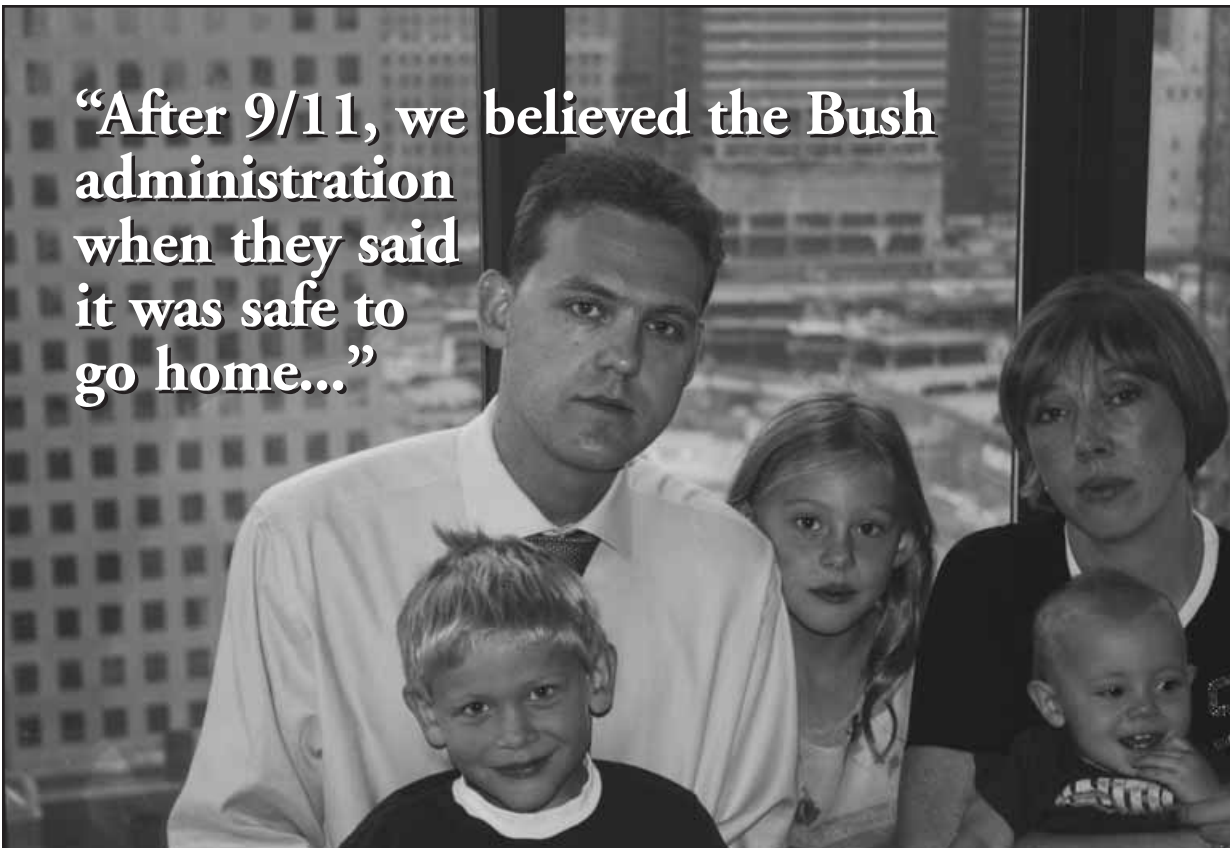


“After 9/11, we believed the Bush administration when they said it was safe to go home...”



“Now we know better.”

Craig Hall was already outside running to his daughter's school, PS 89, when the second plane hit the World Trade Center. It would be six long hours before his family was reunited. But their ordeal was not over.

“The government told residents it was safe to return. But we found our apartment covered in a half an inch of dust, laden with what we later found out to be asbestos.” Craig Hall and his family suffered short-term effects from Ground Zero pollution — nose bleeds, burning eyes and throats. Now they worry about the possible long-term health effects of their exposure to asbestos, mercury, lead and other dioxins.

Hall, who heads the World Trade Center Residents Coalition, believes the Bush administration helped convince residents to return home so Wall Street workers would be persuaded it was safe to return to the job. “Residents became guinea pigs exposed to the toxic cocktail of pollution generated by the World Trade Tower collapse.”

As the Sierra Club has documented in a just-released report, **POLLUTION AND DECEPTION AT GROUND ZERO**, the White House deliberately kept its own experts from warning Americans about the danger of the poisons that polluted the area. Today — three years later, the Bush administration is still not being honest about the health problems caused by Ground Zero pollution. And they never did do a proper clean-up of the contamination.

That's why the Sierra Club is hosting daily vigils this week for the Ground Zero community. To demand the Bush administration:

- ▲ Finish the job. Do a full and proper clean-up of the World Trade Center Dust.
- ▲ Provide long-term medical monitoring and treatment for people who are suffering or at risk of illness from exposure to World Trade Center pollution.
- ▲ Retract the false assurances about the safety of the Ground Zero pollution, and abandon plans to turn the mistakes made at Ground Zero into standard operating procedure in future national emergencies.

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