From Grist:

> On Feb.17, in a 250-177 vote, the House of Representatives approved an amendment by Rep. John Carter (R-Texas) to deny any funds to EPA to "implement, administer or enforce" mercury and other toxic air pollution standards for all cement plants in the country.
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> The EPA standards that the House voted to block would reduce cement plants' mercury emissions nationwide by 16,600 pounds, a 92 percent reduction from projected 2013 emission levels. . .
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> Were these toxic pollution safeguards allowed to take effect, EPA projects that starting in 2013 and every year thereafter, the standards would avoid: up to 2,500 premature deaths; 1,500 heart attacks; 17,000 cases of aggravated asthma; 32,000 cases of upper and lower respiratory symptoms; and 130,000 days when people would have missed miss work.

At long last, have they no shame?

Apparently not.