



October 2005. For more than three decades, Texaco (now Chevron) deliberately dumped billions of gallons of toxic wastewater into the rivers and streams, spilled millions of gallons of crude oil, burned more than 235 billion cubic feet of natural gas into the atmosphere, and abandoned hazardous waste into hundreds of unlined toxic waste pits throughout Ecuador's Amazonian region. This resulted in widespread devastation of the rainforest ecosystem and of local indigenous communities. (AP photo)

This system and those who rule over it are not capable of carrying out economic development to meet the needs of the people now, while balancing that with the needs of future generations and requirements of safeguarding the environment. They care nothing for the rich diversity of the earth and its species, for the treasures this contains, except when and where they can turn this into profit for themselves....These people are not fit to be the caretakers of the earth.

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