

In *Donovan v. Dewey*,<sup>88</sup> however, *Barlow's* was substantially limited and a new standard emerged permitting extensive governmental inspection of commercial property,<sup>89</sup> absent warrants. Under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act, governing underground and surface mines (including stone quarries), federal officers are directed to inspect underground mines at least four times a year and surface mines at least twice a year, pursuant to extensive regulations as to standards of safety. The statute specifically provides for absence of advanced notice and requires the Secretary of Labor to institute court actions for injunctive and other relief in cases in which inspectors are denied admission. Sustaining the statute, the Court proclaimed that government had a "greater latitude" to conduct warrantless inspections of commercial property than of homes, because of "the fact that the expectation of privacy that the owner of commercial property enjoys in such property differs significantly from the sanctity accorded an individual's home, and that this privacy interest may, in certain circumstances, be adequately protected by regulatory schemes authorizing warrantless inspections."<sup>90</sup>

*Dewey* was distinguished from *Barlow's* in several ways. First, *Dewey* involved a single industry, unlike the broad coverage in *Barlow's*. Second, the OSHA statute gave minimal direction to inspectors as to time, scope, and frequency of inspections, while FMSHA specified a regular number of inspections pursuant to standards. Third, deference was due Congress's determination that unannounced inspections were necessary if the safety laws were to be effectively enforced. Fourth, FMSHA provided businesses the opportunity to contest the search by resisting in the civil proceeding the

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U.S. at 321, 323. The dissenters objected that the warrant clause was being constitutionally diluted. *Id.* at 325. Administrative warrants were approved also in *Camara v. Municipal Court*, 387 U.S. 523, 538 (1967). Previously, one of the reasons given for finding administrative and noncriminal inspections not covered by the Fourth Amendment was the fact that the warrant clause would be as rigorously applied to them as to criminal searches and seizures. *Frank v. Maryland*, 359 U.S. 360, 373 (1959). *See also Almeida-Sanchez v. United States*, 413 U.S. 266, 275 (1973) (Justice Powell concurring) (suggesting a similar administrative warrant procedure empowering police and immigration officers to conduct roving searches of automobiles in areas near the Nation's borders); *id.* at 270 n.3 (indicating that majority Justices were divided on the validity of such area search warrants); *id.* at 288 (dissenting Justice White indicating approval); *United States v. Martinez-Fuerte*, 428 U.S. 543, 547 n.2, 562 n.15 (1976).

<sup>88</sup> 452 U.S. 594 (1981).

<sup>89</sup> There is no suggestion that warrantless inspections of homes is broadened. 452 U.S. at 598, or that warrantless entry under exigent circumstances is curtailed. *See, e.g., Michigan v. Tyler*, 436 U.S. 499 (1978) (no warrant required for entry by firefighters to fight fire; once there, firefighters may remain for reasonable time to investigate the cause of the fire).

<sup>90</sup> *Donovan v. Dewey*, 452 U.S. 594, 598–99 (1981).