

CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

Job Opportunity: Advocacy Coordinator

Job Type: Organizing and Advocacy

Location: The position is based in Philadelphia or Scranton, but the Council is also open to other locations in Eastern Pennsylvania within the Delaware River Watershed.

Schedule: Full-time

Application deadline: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Ideal start date is mid-December 2017.

Clean Air Council strongly encourages people of color, women, LGBTQ individuals, and those with disabilities to apply.

About Clean Air Council

The Council is a member-supported environmental organization serving the Mid-Atlantic Region for 50 years. The Council is dedicated to protecting and defending everyone's right to breathe clean air and uses public education, community action, government oversight, and enforcement of environmental laws to advocate for a clean and healthy environment.

The Council's team of policy analysts, planners, environmental health educators, attorneys, engineers, and community organizers work to advocate for a cleaner environment, healthier lives for communities facing pollution, and the ability of local residents to have meaningful input on the decisions that impact their health, environment, and quality of life.

Position Description

The Council seeks to hire an Advocacy Coordinator to implement Clean Air Council's outreach, organizing, policy analysis, and education work on proposed natural gas and gas-related pipeline projects in Pennsylvania. The organizer will work to build the capacity of the public to meaningfully participate in the regulatory process around proposed projects and build the capacity of local leaders to organize their own campaigns. The organizer will translate complex information in a way that is useful to the public to use in advocacy on the issue. The organizer's work will complement the legal and regulatory oversight of the Council's legal team.

Responsibilities:

- Relationship-building with community leaders through one-on-one meetings and attendance of local meetings.

- Educate the public, including residents, local officials and local groups, about the negative environmental (air quality and watershed) impacts of proposed shale gas infrastructure.
- Create online and on-the-ground opportunities for public participation or action to influence decisions about shale gas infrastructure projects.
- Provide training sessions to get residents the information and tools and skills they need to fully participate in the decisions impacting their communities.
- Coordinate volunteer efforts to communicate with affected landowners through phone calls, mailings, or canvassing.
- Work with relevant organizations and community groups to develop and implement a cohesive long-term strategy for addressing the negative impacts of proposed natural gas infrastructure expansion in the watershed.
- Research best practices and policies for watershed protection from pipelines and other fossil fuel infrastructure in other locations and assess feasibility of application to the Delaware River Watershed.
- Track the progress of proposed pipeline projects.

Qualifications

- At least one year of experience with community outreach, organizing, or educational work.
- Experience giving public presentations.
- Excellent research, written and oral communications skills.
- The ability to quickly learn new issues well enough to teach others.
- Policy analysis experience a plus.
- Background with air and water quality issues a plus
- Previous experience working on or leading issue campaigns a plus.
- Traditional media and social media skills a plus.

Other Considerations

- Some local and regional travel will be required. Must have a valid driver's license.
- Must attend occasional evening and weekend events or meetings as part of the work week.

Compensation: Pay is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Annual reviews include consideration of a raise.

How to Apply: Qualified applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Matt Walker, Advocacy Director, at mwalker@cleanair.org. Please cc John Lee (jlee@cleanair.org) and use the subject "CAC Pipeline Organizer Application_[LAST NAME]."

