

ERIC SCHAEFFER

EMPLOYMENT

March 2002 – June 2024

Executive Director, Environmental Integrity Project (EIP)

- Founder and former Executive Director of EIP, a public interest group dedicated to improving enforcement of environmental laws. Managed staff of 36 attorneys, engineers, data analysts and other staff, raised more than \$65 million through grants, donations and fee recovery.
- Combined public advocacy, research, and legal action to secure new federal standards to requiring coal-fired power plants to clean up leaking coal ash ponds and eliminate toxic wastewater discharges; large slaughterhouses to curb the discharge of algae-forming power plants; and refineries to meet new fence-line standards that protect downwind communities from exposure to benzene and other carcinogens.
- Helped low-income communities review and challenge permits or bring enforcement actions that have resulted in stronger pollution controls for local petrochemical facilities, wood pellet manufacturers, power plants, coal ash ponds, municipal wastewater treatment plants and incinerators. Established technical assistance center to identify and fund scientists and other experts who help communities review the environmental impact of proposed new industrial projects.
- Developed online databases Oil&Gas Watch to track emissions of greenhouse gases and other pollutants from petrochemical plants, and AshTracker to monitor contamination of groundwater from leaking coal ash dumps.

April 1997 – February 2002

Director, Office of Civil Enforcement

USEPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

- Responsible for securing compliance with the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and federal right-to-know and hazardous waste laws. Managed 150 employees at EPA headquarters, established enforcement priorities for EPA HQ and regional staff.
- Developed enforcement strategies that ultimately secured settlements with all US refineries, eliminating annual emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and hazardous air pollutants by more than one million tons per year.
- Negotiated company-wide consent decrees with corporate defendants.
- Received Presidential Rank Award from the USEPA, and John Marshall Award from the U.S. Department of Justice for refinery enforcement initiative.

November 1995 to April 1997

***Director of Office of Planning and Policy Analysis
USEPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance***

Managed staff of 20 employees responsible for developing innovative enforcement policies.

- Developed successful incentive program (still in effect) to encourage voluntary audits by regulated industries followed by prompt disclosure and correction of violations

June 1994 – November 1997

Deputy Director, Office of Compliance

USEPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

- Developed initiatives to encourage voluntary compliance, including online “compliance assistance centers” for targeted industries.
- Served as EPA representative on White House regulatory reinvention team.
- Appointed to Senior Executive Service in March of 1995.

November 1991 – June 1994

Director, Pollution Prevention Staff, USEPA Office of the Administrator

- Managed six-person staff responsible for developing policies to promote pollution prevention. Developed proposals adopted in reorganization of EPA enforcement program.

April 1990 - November 1991

Special Assistant, USEPA Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation

- Developed successful voluntary program for reducing emissions of hazardous air pollutants. Developed Agency-wide pollution prevention policy, and innovative voluntary program that secured significant reduction in toxic chemical pollution.

October 1987 – April 1990

Associate Attorney, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius

- Represented pollution control companies and hazardous waste cleanup contractors.

January 1987 – October 1987

Director, Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition

- Staff Director for bipartisan regional group of Members of the House of Representatives collaborating to promote progressive economic and environmental policies.
- Restored organization’s financial viability by expanding membership and improving services.
- Developed successful proposal leading to Congressional approval of Pollution Prevention Act.

1983 – December 1986

Senior Policy Analyst, Northeast-Midwest Institute

- Advocated reform of formulas for distributing federal wastewater treatment grants, developed proposals to tax hazardous waste disposal.
- Developed federal Great Lakes Protection Act and helped secure bipartisan support for enactment.

March 1981 – August 1983

Legislative Director, U.S. Representative Claudine Schneider (R-RI)

- Managed six-person legislative staff.
- Organized successful bipartisan effort to eliminate funding for Clinch River Breeder Reactor, a nuclear project fueled by plutonium.

July 1978 – December 1980

Legislative Assistant, U.S. Representative Jim Blanchard (D-MI)

- Responsible for energy and environmental issues and developed successful amendments to support funding for USEPA Great Lakes programs.

August 1976 to July of 1978

- Technical Assistant, Applied Management Sciences, Library Clerk, US AID Reference Center.

EDUCATION

May 1976

B.A., Vanderbilt University, History and Political Science Major

May 1987

J.D., cum laude, Georgetown University School of Law

REFERENCES

Available upon request.