

ERIC SCHAEFFER

EMPLOYMENT

March 2002 - Present

Executive Director

Environmental Integrity Project

- Founder and Executive Director of EIP, a nonprofit public interest group dedicated to improving enforcement of environmental laws.
- EIP combines advocacy and original research to help focus public attention on chronic violations by power plants, refineries, factory farms, and other large sources of pollution; also helps communities review permits and file enforcement actions when necessary.

April 1997 – February 2002

Director

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Civil Enforcement

- Responsible for securing compliance with the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and federal right-to-know and hazardous waste laws.
- Targeted “grandfathered” power plants and refineries for cleanup through industry-wide enforcement initiatives that led to reduction of more than one million tons of sulfur dioxide. Received Presidential Rank Award from the USEPA, and John Marshall Award from the U.S. Department of Justice for leading enforcement initiative resulting in major Clean Air Act settlements with large refineries.

November 1995 – April 1997

Director of Office of Planning and Policy Analysis

USEPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

- Developed successful policy to encourage voluntary disclosure and correction of violations.

June 1994 – November 1995

Deputy Director of Office of Compliance

USEPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

- Developed initiatives to encourage voluntary compliance, including online “compliance assistance centers” for targeted industries.
- Represented EPA on White House regulatory reinvention team.
- Appointed to Senior Executive Service in March of 2005.

November 1991 – June 1994

Director of Pollution Prevention Staff

USEPA Office of the Administrator

- Responsible for developing policies to encourage reduction of pollution at the source.
- Developed recommendations that guided reorganization of USEPA enforcement program in 1994.

April 1990 - November 1991

Special Assistant for Pollution Prevention in Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, USEPA; Office of EPA Administrator

- Developed successful voluntary program for reducing emissions of hazardous air pollutants.

October 1987 – April 1990

Associate Attorney

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius

- Clients included pollution control industry and hazardous waste cleanup contractors.

January 1987 – October 1987

Director

Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition

- As a bipartisan regional group of Members of the House of Representatives the Coalition sought to promote progressive economic and environmental policies.
- Restored organization's financial viability by expanding membership base and improving services.

September 1983 – December 1986

Senior Policy Analyst

Northeast-Midwest Institute

- Advocated reform of formulas for distributing federal wastewater treatment grants.
- Helped develop and promote federal Great Lakes Protection Act adopted by Congress.

March 1981 – August 1983

Legislative Director

U.S. Representative Claudine Schneider (R-RI)

- Organized successful legislative 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 amendments to support funding for USEPA Great Lakes programs.

August 1976 – July 1978

Technical Assistant, Applied Management Sciences; Assistant to Librarian, Agency for International Development 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