

Lauren Pagel
Policy Director
Earthworks



Experience

Policy Director, Earthworks, Washington, DC (February 2006- Present)

This new position encompasses all of the responsibilities included in my previous two positions.

- Directs Earthworks legislative and regulatory initiatives on oil, gas and mining policy
- Advocates for oil, gas and mining policy reforms that protect communities and the environment
- Engages communities impacted by oil, gas and mining in key states in federal policy initiatives
- Leads Earthworks federal methane policy work to reduce air emissions from oil and gas facilities

Legislative Coordinator and Campaign Coordinator, Earthworks, Washington, DC (July 2004- February 2006)

Upon the departure of EARTHWORKS' previous Legislative Director, I took on the additional responsibility of coordinating the legislative program for the organization – along with all of the responsibilities included in my previous position.

- Lead legislative and regulatory efforts to promote more responsible mining
- Assisted in the creation of organizational policy on U.S. mining issues
- Developed and implemented legislative, regulatory and administrative strategies and tactics to implement organizational and campaign priorities
- Revised federal legislation to advance mining law reform and protection of special places
- Monitored and analyzed Congressional and Administrative policy related to mining
- Served as spokesperson to the media on policy issues
- Successfully defended against a provision in the 2005 budget reconciliation bill that would have reinstated the patenting (purchasing) of public lands and potentially allowed millions of acres of public lands to be purchase by mining companies and other corporations

U.S. Campaign Coordinator and Legislative Assistant, Earthworks/Mineral Policy Center, Washington, DC (August 2002 – June 2004)

- Lobbied congressional staff on mining issues
- Organized activists and mining groups around the Westerners for Responsible Mining (WRM) campaign
- Created fact sheets, action alerts, and campaign updates for Earthworks and the WRM campaign
- Created conservation community letters to Congressional offices
- Created testimony for EARTHWORKS to testify in front of Congressional committees

- Created press releases around U.S. mining issues
- Worked with reporters on mining-related news stories
- Created and edited web content for www.bettermines.org
- Interviewed, hired and managed program associates/interns

Outreach Organizer, Union of Concerned Scientists, Washington, DC (April 2002 – August 2002)

- Performed outreach duties for UCS’s antibiotic resistance campaign, including coordinating Congressional briefings, writing action alerts and conducting corporate campaign research
- Assisted in creating an online marketing campaign for the campaign

Legislative Fellow, Friends of the Earth, Washington, DC (June 2001-April 2002)

- Assisted in advancing FoE’s policy programs in Congress through lobbying, organizing and policy research on specific legislation such as the energy bill, appropriations bills, “fast track” trade negotiating authority and the farm bill
- Lobbied congressional staff and members of Congress on the phone, off the floor and in meetings
- Researched and prepared fact sheets, “Dear Colleagues” and organizational letters for Hill offices
- Assisted with district organizing by coordinating press conferences, days of action and preparing action alerts for grassroots use

Campaign Assistant, Mineral Policy Center, Washington, DC (April 2001-June 2001)

- Organized other environmental organizations to generate public comments in favor of keeping Clinton-era 3809 hardrock mining regulations
- Generated over 47,000 comments to the Bureau of Land Management through a postcarding drive, call-in day and email activist networking

Mid-Atlantic Field Organizer, U.S. PIRG, Washington, DC (September 2000- January 2001)

- Led national environmental and consumer advocacy campaigns in Virginia and Delaware.
- Performed coalition outreach, built activist networks, lobbied Congress and raised awareness of environmental and consumer issues by utilizing the media
- Performed direct citizen outreach and fundraising in the form of canvassing

Education

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, Bachelor of Arts, May 2000, Major: Political Science

Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, Study Abroad Program, Fall 1998

Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, Princeton, NJ, Diploma with Honors, 1996

New Jersey Governors School of Public Issues, Summer 1995

American University, Washington, DC, Environmental Policy Program, Summer 1994

Affiliations

Board member, Western Leaders Network