



BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN
NUCLEAR DANGERS & A SAFE,
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

HANDS-ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

Make a Concrete Impact on Critical Environmental Policy Issues and Gain a Breadth of Valuable Skills:

- ❖ Conduct Environmental Policy Research that is Reported on By Major News Media
 - ❖ Fight for Environmental Justice (EJ) Communities
 - ❖ Assist with Environmental Legislation and Litigation

Committee to Bridge the Gap has been fighting—and winning—environmental battles that have local, national and international impact for nearly half a century. Bridge the Gap was instrumental in, among other accomplishments:

- ❖ Banning internationally the dumping of radioactive waste in the ocean
- ❖ Shutting down the dangerous Hanford N-reactor and thereby ending U.S. production of plutonium for nuclear weapons
- ❖ Closure of the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant in Southern California and the phase-out of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant and its replacement with renewables, which will make California nuclear free
- ❖ Disclosure of a long-secret nuclear meltdown at the Department of Energy's Santa Susana Field Laboratory near Los Angeles and the nuclear site's subsequent shutdown
- ❖ Stopping plans to bury radioactive waste in unlined trenches on lands sacred to three Native American tribes near the Colorado River, which could have contaminated the main water source for much of the Southwest for thousands of generations
- ❖ Prohibiting the use of weapons-grade uranium at reactors where it could be stolen and made into nuclear bombs

The interns will help with current projects such as:

- ❖ Work against the current plan to bury high level radioactive waste from the former San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant on the beach while also working to prevent its shipment to EJ communities, and ultimately to push for the establishment of a science-based national nuclear waste repository
- ❖ Continuing our work towards achieving a full cleanup of the radioactive and chemical contamination at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in San Francisco, particularly by calling to attention its status as an environmental justice community and the failures of the party responsible for the contamination (the US Navy), its contractor Tetra Tech, and the oversight agencies (US Environmental Protection Agency, CA Department of Toxic Substance Control, CA Dept. of Public Health).
- ❖ Continuing our work towards achieving a full cleanup by the polluters of the former nuclear meltdown site Santa Susana Field Laboratory, which currently sits in the center of a childhood cancer cluster
- ❖ Research into and preparation of a report about the state toxics agency's use of a grossly non-protective cleanup standard for lead contamination in an EJ community in LA affected by pollution from Exide Inc. lead recycler, placing children at risk

- ❖ A “Silicon Valley Conscience Project” that attempts to raise issues about how Silicon Valley technology contributed to the current situation in Washington that is reversing climate change policy and how Silicon Valley can instead be a strong force to fix the mess it helped facilitate

Former policy research has resulted in significant coverage by major news media outlets, testimony before governmental bodies, and direct help for impacted communities.

At the core of what we seek to disrupt is the unholy alliance between large, powerful polluting interests and “captured” regulatory agencies (captured by the industries they are supposed to regulate), which threatens both public safety and the constitutional rights at the heart of a democratic system.

Supervisors:

Daniel Hirsch, President

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Hours worked weekly per intern: 6 hours for 2 units or 15 hours for 5 unit credit. Interns will work in the beautiful redwoods of Ben Lomond, carpooling encouraged. Transportation arrangements can be made with staff if needed. Interns needed for fall, winter, spring, and/or summer quarters.

For further information, see most recent CBG annual newsletter: [2019](#), previous years available on our website

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