

## 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

Interns will help with current projects, which include:

- 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 pushing for the establishment of a science-based national nuclear waste repository
- Continuing our work towards achieving the 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 Substances Control, CA Department of Public Health)
- Continuing our work towards achieving a full cleanup by the polluters of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory, which currently sits in the center of a childhood cancer cluster

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 Haakon Williams, Deputy Director Audrey Ford, Research Associate

Hours worked weekly per intern: 6 hours for 2 units or 15 hours for 5 units. Interns will work remotely. Interns needed for fall, winter, spring, and/or summer quarters – extended commitment encouraged.



A CBG remote team meeting last year

For further information, see our recent 50th anniversary newsletter (previous years' newsletters available on our website)

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