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## Position - **Environmental Researcher** Public Citizen's Texas Office

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF POSITION:** The Environmental Researcher will work with the Texas office staff to research issues related to energy and the environment and provide support for events and other organizing efforts on various campaigns. This is a temporary part-time position.

### **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Research issues related to climate change, air pollution, water pollution, energy and transportation, as assigned. This may require some phone calls to get information, as well as internet research.
2. Create summary documents to brief Texas office staff on various issues, as assigned.
3. Assist in creating fliers, factsheets and reports.
4. Write blog posts on topics relevant to our work.
5. Assist in maintaining our social media accounts.
6. Make calls and write emails to partner organizations, potential partner organizations and individuals to assist with organizing activities for various campaigns related to climate change, air pollution, water pollution, energy and transportation.
7. Assist with events, when possible. Events are often in the evenings or on weekends.
8. Update contact lists with new information from events and petition drives.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

**Education:** Some college education required, undergraduate or graduate degrees are preferred

**Knowledge:** Knowledge about and interest in climate change, renewable energy, air pollution, water pollution, and public health desired.

**Work Experience:** Previous nonprofit or environmental experience beneficial, but not required.

**Skills:** Excellent written and oral communication skills. Social media skills, particularly Facebook and Twitter beneficial. Graphics and video skills beneficial, but not required.

**Capabilities:** Self-motivated, works well independently and as part of a team, adapts to changing situations on a daily basis; desire to learn about and advance environmental causes.

### **SALARY:**

Competitive salary commensurate with experience.

### **TO APPLY:**

Send a letter of interest, resume, writing sample and statement of financial need to [kwhite@citizen.org](mailto:kwhite@citizen.org).

Public Citizen is an equal opportunity employer. People of color, women, LGBT candidates are encouraged to apply.

### **About Public Citizen:**

Public Citizen is a national, nonprofit advocacy organization founded in 1971 to represent the public interest in Congress, the executive branch and the courts. We fight for openness and democratic accountability in government; for social and economic justice in globalization and trade policies; for clean, safe and sustainable energy; for strong health, safety and environmental protections; for safe, effective and affordable medicines



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and health care and for the right of consumers to seek redress in the courts. We have six divisions based in our Washington, D.C. offices and an office in Texas.

The mission of Public Citizen's Texas office is to empower citizens to be effective advocates for the environment and against corporate and governmental irresponsibility. Since 1984, the Texas state office has worked to combat global climate change, promote the use of clean renewable energy, reduce the use of coal, and get environmental policies enforced to reduce air and water pollution. We work with numerous partner groups, including other national nonprofits and local organizations. Public Citizen has achieved important victories in Texas on energy efficiency, renewable energy and air quality issues over the past 31 years. Among recent victories, we were involved in legislation that led to Texas' wind boom; we helped draft energy efficiency legislation that led to Texas being the first in the nation to have an efficiency portfolio standard; we helped pass Texas building energy codes in 2001 and we have developed programs to reduce toxic and diesel emissions. Our local campaigns have also resulted in significant large scale and distributed solar development and investments in energy efficiency.