



FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST (ATTORNEY) WASHINGTON, DC

West Harlem Environmental Action a/k/a/ WE ACT for Environmental Justice (WE ACT) is a non-profit community-based advocacy organization in Harlem with a federal policy office in Washington DC, that works to engage residents of color and low wealth in environmental decision making that builds healthy, safe communities. WE ACT is locally and nationally known for its work on children's environmental health, government accountability, and climate, energy, and environmental justice.

We seek a motivated, intellectually curious, and justice-oriented candidate for a Regulatory Affairs role in our Federal Policy Office. The Regulatory Affairs Specialist will pursue the use of administrative, legislative and regulatory actions to address the environmental and socio-economic burdens of pollution and to create safe and healthy living conditions in frontline communities.

Key Responsibilities

- Report to the Senior Director of Strategy and Federal Policy and have a strong interest in and experience analyzing federal environmental and energy policies. Candidates should also have an interest in state and federal civil rights, environmental health, and transportation policies and practices.
- Provide analysis of legal cases and trends, as well as proposed federal laws and regulations that may perpetuate inequitable public health and economic burdens in communities disproportionately impacted by pollution.
- Advance environmental justice interests in litigation, regulatory proceedings, and other advocacy venues.
- Partner with members of the Federal Policy Office and WE ACT policy team to create public comments, white papers, policy designs, technical reports, and analytical tools that can be used in legal campaigns.
- Share legal insight on state and federal regulatory issues with members of the Environmental Justice Leadership Forum, an alliance of 54 environmental justice groups representing 22 states that is convened by WE ACT.

Qualifications

- Law school graduate admitted, or willing to apply for admission, to the District of Columbia Bar.
- 2-4 years of legal experience that includes environmental, climate, energy, or civil rights work; demonstrated familiarity with administrative, constitutional and regulatory processes; and public interest commitment.



- Ability to work independently and with colleagues, environmental justice partners, and national coalitions.
- Excellent research, writing, analytical and oral advocacy skills.

Salary Range: \$80,000 - \$90,000 – Salary Commensurate with experience - plus benefits; medical, dental and vision, voluntary benefits. And pre-tax transit program available. 401k/403b available to participate.

How to Apply:

Please email as a PDF to our **Director of Administration and Human Resources, Evelyn Joseph, at evelyn@weact.org**

- Your resume and cover letter that addresses why you want to work at WE ACT for Environmental Justice, and/or what life experiences draw you to WE ACT's mission, and the skills you would bring to the position.
- Writing sample, preferably a legal brief or memorandum that primarily reflects your work.
- List of three professional references
- Legal transcript

WE ACT is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages applications from people of color, women, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ communities