



## **Position Announcement**

### **Health Policy Director**

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The Michigan Environmental Council (MEC) seeks a full-time Health Policy Director to lead our organization's efforts to achieve public policy changes that improve the health of Michigan residents by reducing environmental impacts. This position will be based in MEC's Lansing, Michigan headquarters, and will regularly work with MEC's Detroit office.

#### **Responsibilities**

- Collaborate with MEC staff, board members, and member groups to develop strategies and implement action plans to achieve our environmental health priorities (see below).
- Partner with MEC allies to lead, expand and diversify existing environmental health coalitions and build new alliances around emerging issues as appropriate.
- Educate legislators, agency officials, health professionals, business leaders, and other Michigan decision makers on key environmental health policy issues facing Michigan.
- Respond to media inquiries on environmental health issues.
- Assist in preparing proposals to charitable foundations that support environmental health work and reports on work completed under existing grants.
- Work with colleagues responsible for other MEC environmental programs to identify and capitalize on cross-program opportunities, especially with MEC's Detroit office.
- Provide content for MEC's quarterly newsletter, website and other publications.
- Attend state, regional and national environmental health conferences.
- Fulfill office responsibilities shared by our 13-person staff.
- Frequent local travel (including potentially one-day a week in MEC's Detroit office) and occasional long-distance travel is required.

#### **Current MEC Health Policy Priorities**

- Reducing environmental contributors to asthma
- Addressing environmental links to obesity, including impacts of our built environment and land use decisions
- Preventing lead poisoning
- Reforming state and federal chemical policy
- Reducing pesticide use and exposures
- Advancing general environmental health and safety

### Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree required; Masters degree in field related to environmental health preferred.
- Public policy development, advocacy and/or implementation strongly preferred.
- Direct experience in the health care sector a plus (e.g. nursing, public health, etc.).
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Experience and aptitude working in diverse coalitions, alliances or other groups.
- Knowledge of the science and latest discoveries in the environmental health field, particularly as related to priorities listed above.
- Political experience a significant plus.
- Commitment to protection of the environment and public health a must.

### Compensation

- Salary commensurate with experience.
- Benefits include health and dental insurance, 403b retirement plan, and paid vacation.

### Application Procedure

To apply, please send resume, cover letter, three references and a writing sample to:

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Applications may be e-mailed to Judy Bearup at [jobs@environmentalcouncil.org](mailto:jobs@environmentalcouncil.org). If you have questions, please use the e-mail above or call Judy Bearup at 517-487-9539.

*The Michigan Environmental Council – a 501(c)(3) charitable organization – is a coalition of about 70 organizations, created in 1980 to lead Michigan's environmental movement in achieving positive change through the political process. MEC combines deep environmental policy expertise with close connections to key state and federal decision makers, decades of experience getting things done in the political process, and an ability to rally broad and powerful alliances in support of reforms. With our member groups and partners in the public health and faith-based communities, MEC promotes public policies to ensure that Michigan families will enjoy clear waters, clean beaches, beautiful landscapes and healthy communities for years to come.*

**MEC is an equal opportunity employer  
Women and people of color are encouraged to apply**