



# Environmental Protection Network

## EPN Accomplishments 2017–2019

EPN was launched in January 2017 to harness the expertise of former EPA career staff and political appointees from multiple administrations to provide an informed and rigorous defense against efforts to undermine the protection of public health and the environment. Almost 500 EPA alumni, a uniquely qualified group of scientists, attorneys, engineers, economists, and others volunteer their time to analyze and explain the consequences of proposed EPA budget cuts, regulatory rollbacks, policies, and legislative actions.

**40+ Comments  
Submitted and  
Testified on 20+  
Occasions**

EPN has submitted over 40 substantive and detailed comments and delivered over 20 comments at EPA public meetings in response to administration proposals to roll back environmental health protections. In 2019, comments were submitted on numerous issues, including GHG emissions from vehicles, ozone and particulate matter pollution, mercury and air toxics, PFAS in drinking water, and risk evaluations of toxic chemicals.

**80+ Analyses**

EPN has produced over 80 fact sheets, white papers and summaries, including detailed analyses of the president's proposed budgets. Many environmental and public health organizations use our analyses to support their work.

**650+ Inquiries &  
Publications**

EPN has connected its experts to reporters over 650 times, of which their insights have been quoted over 450 times. In addition, EPN has helped place over 20 op-eds by our members in publications across the country.

# 450+

Volunteers, with alumni from each of the 10 EPA regional offices

# 300+

Contacts from organizations such as the American Lung Association, Earthjustice, EDF, NRDC, and Union of Concerned Scientists

# 950+

Established media contacts including reporters from *The Hill*, *National Public Radio*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and more

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EPN is essential because its members have so much incredible knowledge that helps us all evaluate what is normal and what is not, what can do damage to the agency and what is a distraction, and how incredibly complex decision-making processes are supposed to work.

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