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Now Hiring: Environmental Permitting Specialist (Grant Funded for 3 Years)

About the Kentucky Resources Council (KRC):

KRC is a public-interest environmental law and advocacy organization that works to protect Kentucky's natural resources, fight for environmental health and justice, and teach citizens to be effective environmental stewards. We believe everyone has a right to clean air, clean water, and land free of pollution; that nature should be protected from abuse; and a healthy environment is essential for a sound economy. Since the organization was founded in 1984, KRC has been at the center of most significant energy and environmental issues facing the Commonwealth. From helping to end the scourge of strip mining under the notorious "broad form" mineral deed, to protecting some of our most treasured lands from development and strip mining, to helping empower thousands of individuals seeking to protect their lands, health, and communities, KRC has remained steadfast in its work to protect our built and natural communities from pollution and environmental damage.

In January 2023, KRC is launching a new program, *Good Trouble: a Proposal for Coordinated Strategies and Actions in Pursuit of Environmental Health and Justice in Kentucky*. Working with allied organizations and supported by technical and legal experts, we are designing a comprehensive environmental permit review training program for citizens and attorneys. This initiative will advance environmental protection, health, and justice across the Commonwealth by combining meaningful citizen participation, science-backed information and analysis, and technical and legal expertise to ensure that Kentucky's environmental decisions are protective of public health and the environment. This project will, for the first time, provide the resources here in Kentucky to empower the public to participate in the permitting processes in the robust and consistent manner envisioned by our nation's environmental laws.

Job Description:

The **Environmental Permitting Specialist** will assist KRC's Executive Director, the Good Trouble Project Manager, and KRC's legal staff in designing and executing a comprehensive environmental permit review training program for citizens. The Permitting Specialist will also conduct technical reviews of proposed environmental permits and authorizations and will aid the public and KRC legal staff in the drafting of public comments. This is a 3-year position, with potential for a more permanent hire after that time.

Essential Duties:

- Work collaboratively with KRC's Executive Director, the Good Trouble Project Manager, and legal staff to develop the permit review training modules, guidance documents, and templates for the Good Trouble program
- Work with scientific experts and educational institutions to provide the public with the scientific background and data necessary to engage in environmental decision-making
- Review records, permit applications, expert reports, and agency drafts and approvals to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations (by utilizing permitting handbooks and guidance documents)
- Assist citizens in, and as needed, conduct reviews and comment on proposed environmental permits and certifications in Kentucky that have a potential for significant impact on the environment and/or public health

Candidate Qualifications and Attributes:

- A collaborative team player with strong research and analytic skills
- A commitment to environmental protection, health, equity, and justice
- Familiarity and experience with regulatory programs and governmental processes authorizing emissions, discharges, or management of wastes impacting public health and the environment
- Background in engineering or environmental science

Compensation: Salary commensurate with experience. Benefits include a monthly contribution to a Health Reimbursement Account, a retirement plan with employer match, two weeks sick leave, and four weeks paid vacation.

Work Location: KRC maintains a virtual office. This is a remote position, but the permitting specialist must be available for occasional travel across Kentucky, for site visits and hearings.

To Apply: Please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to careers@kyrc.org.

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