

Groups Working on Solutions to Save the Planet

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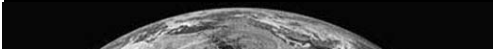
A product of the Environmental Research Foundation, *Rachel's Weekly* has been giving readers news

and resources for environmental justice and provided understandable scientific information about human health and the environment since 1986. Almost each one deals with corporate power and the environment. Their website www.rachel.org also has some very valuable databases including links to thousands of groups working on destruction of the environment by corporations, a vast library with almost 40 articles on Corporate Power and the Environment and best of all, a long searchable list of What Works Now.

The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) was formed to provide free and affordable legal services to community-based groups and local governments working to protect their quality of life and the natural environment through building sustainable communities. Increasingly, that means teaming up with people and their municipal representatives to mount campaigns that challenge the legal clout of corporations to overrule decisions made by citizens for their communities. Check out their website at www.celdf.org to see the almost three dozen local ordinances they have helped pass including ones that: ban corporate waste, mining, farming and chemical trespass; recognize the rights of nature; establish sustainable energy policies and eliminates corporate claims to constitutional rights. Find out how your city or local government can become a truly self-governing entity and check out their Daniel Pennock Democracy School.



CLIMATE CRISIS COALITION



The Climate Crisis Coalition seeks to broaden the circle of individuals, organizations and constituencies engaged in the global warming issue, to link it with other issues and to

provide a structure to forge a common agenda and advance action plans with a united front. See their website at www.climatecrisiscoalition.org for more information.



The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) were established to bring together forestry and marine stakeholders to guarantee that forests and oceans are managed sustainably. They establish strict standards for forests and fisheries and certify practitioners of those standards. Their label allows consumers to make intelligent choices for the planet's future.



Co-op America promotes social justice and environmental sustainability; demands an end to corporate irresponsibility; promotes green and fair trade business principles and helps build sustainable communities. Check out their campaigns to counter corporate destruction of the environment at www.coopamerica.org.

Sierra Club's Corporate Accountability Committee sees that systems of corporate governance, and corporate abuse of power interfere with community protection of the environment. Their website at www.sierraclub.org/committees/cac/ lists their three task forces: Shareholder Action; Confronting Corporate Power; and Water Privatization, which is calling on Nestlé to comply with any vote taken by a local community prohibiting Nestlé from taking their spring water.



Friends of the Earth

FOE sees that multinational corporations, in their quest for higher profits, are wrecking the world's resources. Their Corporate Accountability Campaign promotes proactive policies to ensure that multinational companies act in a responsible and accountable manner. They are also looking at the environmental impacts of nanotechnology, ensuring the safety of our foods and exposing the risks of factory farms.

Rainforest Action Network (RAN) and Amazon Watch have long taken on multi-national corporations for their destruction of the environment. RAN's Global Finance Campaign looks at the destructive investment decisions of the world's largest financial institutions and seeks to chart a course towards a sustainable global economy. Amazon Watch has spearheaded the Chevron Toxic campaign to hold Chevron/Texaco accountable for its toxic contamination of the Ecuadorian



Amazon. Its actions at Chevron headquarters in San Ramon CA support the precedent setting legal battle in Ecuador that is working under the authority of US laws.

