



Summer 2019 EJA Fellow:



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Entry 1:

Excited to say that it's been two weeks with Eastern Environmental Law Center and as an EJA Fellow. Since working here, I've learned of the many environmental injustices occurring right in the city of Newark. It's a sobering thought to know there are working-class men and women who, of no fault of their own, have been exposed to harmful chemicals. I'm proud to be part of the effort to hold those accountable for their actions. But, I'm more proud of the residents we're helping for taking a stand.

Looking forward for what's to come!

Entry 2:

I can't believe it's been a little over a month with EELC! Most recently, EELC's work was pivotal in preventing a pipeline from being constructed in New Jersey. The proposed pipeline project would transport fracked natural gas through New Jersey to New York City. But, thanks to EELC, the work on the pipeline in New Jersey has been stopped until New Jersey takes further action. I'm grateful to be a part of this environmental movement. The work EELC does reminds me that small organizations can make a difference. Even if it's not a direct win, you can achieve success through other equally important ways.

Entry 3:

I'm so thankful to have been a part of this organization for weeks now. I've gotten the opportunity to talk to prospective clients personally affected by environmental injustices. It makes the claims we bring forward so much more important knowing it directly affects a person so fully. I am grateful to be able to take part in this restorative process and ensure their legal claims are heard.



Entry 4:

As I ended my last day with EELC, I had a couple of reflections. The work that EELC does in promoting sustainable and environmentally-friendly practices is so closely intersected with the protection of environmental justice communities. EJ communities are disproportionately subjected to a slew of environmental issues, ranging from contamination to the location of waste facilities. If regulators considered the impact it would have on these communities, the health of the residents would be significantly better. Instead, legal battles to protect EJ communities have to be more creative and as a result, now involve constitutional claims. While I am thankful for the opportunity to craft and devise these legal strategies, it is the continued work of environmental organizations like EELC that push policy-makers to put an end to harmful practices that hurt wildlife, land, and most importantly --- people.