EPA PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION 9
EXPERIENCED ATTORNEYS SOUGHT
San Francisco, CA

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Pacific Southwest (Region 9), Office of Regional Counsel is seeking applications from attorneys with significant experience for its San Francisco Office. We may fill multiple vacancies.

Candidates with more than four (4) years of legal experience in any of our practice areas, as described below, are encouraged to apply. All candidates must possess superior legal research and writing skills, strong verbal communication skills, and excellent analytical skills, must work well as part of a team, and should have experience in negotiation and litigation. Candidates must also be members in good standing of a bar of one of the states, U.S. territories, or the District of Columbia and possess a J.D. degree.

ORC employs approximately 65 attorneys whose work spans environmental law issues in the geographic region of California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, Pacific Islands, and over 140 Tribal Nations. ORC attorneys provide legal support for both enforcement and counseling matters under the federal statutes administered by EPA to the Region, one of ten EPA regional offices. The primary statutes EPA deals with include the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Toxic Substances Control Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (Superfund), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, the Toxic Substances and Control Act, the Endangered Species Act, NEPA, and the Oil Pollution Act. We also work collaboratively with state, tribal, and local governments to implement these national environmental laws.

Regarding enforcement, attorneys are responsible for preparing administrative, judicial and criminal cases against violators of environmental laws. These cases involve developing and using technical and legal strategies for negotiation and litigation purposes. For cases brought in federal court, attorneys work with the Department of Justice, but solely represent the Agency in administrative proceedings; additionally, we work on federal facility matters.

In addition to preparing enforcement actions, ORC attorneys are also responsible for counseling the Regional Administrator and Program Division Directors on the interpretation of environmental laws, regulations and policies in such matters as permitting, rulemaking, or other agency decisions involving the aforementioned statutes. The Region also has innovative initiatives addressing environmental justice, brownfields redevelopment, Indian law issues, and urban and rural environmental issues. ORC attorneys also provide counseling in FOIA, grants, ethics, personnel, and other general government law areas.
Application Process

Please submit the following no later than June 2, 2014:

- Cover letter explaining the applicant’s interest in the position.
- Resume, including significant accomplishments, work experience, law school class rank, contact telephone numbers, and e-mail address.
- Transcript of law school grades and documentation of graduation from an ABA accredited law school.
- Name, address and telephone numbers of 3 references, including a current or former employer.
- Documentation of active bar membership and license to practice law in any State, U.S. Territory, Puerto Rico or the District of Columbia.
- Veterans Preference supporting documents, if applicable (see below).

All applications should be submitted by email to: R9ORCHonors@epa.gov.

Applications should include "2014 Experienced Attorney Application" in the subject line of the message. Documents may be attached in Word or PDF formats. Selected applicants will be invited for interview(s). A writing sample will be required of each selected candidate prior to the interview.

For any questions, please send an email to R9ORCHonors@epa.gov with “Inquiry” in the subject line of the email.

For other information about the EPA Pacific Southwest regional office, please visit our website at www.epa.gov/region9 (for further information about ORC, click on “Region 9 Programs and Resources” then “Legal”).

Veterans and individuals with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply. If you qualify for veterans preference and want the Agency to consider that preference as a positive factor in reviewing your application, you must include in your application appropriate documentation such as DD214(copy 4), your VA letter, or Standard Form-15 (disabled veteran).

These positions are in the excepted service (and not the competitive service) and do not confer competitive status. Salary can range from $97,836 (GS-13) to $115,613 (GS-14) or more. Full benefits are provided. Relocation expenses are not authorized.

EPA provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the Agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

**EPA is an equal opportunity employer. Selection for any position will be based solely on merit without regard to race, color, religion, age, gender, national origin, political affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, marital or family status or other differences.**