

2015

EARTHWORKS ANNUAL REPORT



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Earthworks is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting communities and the environment from the adverse impacts of mineral and energy development while promoting sustainable solutions.

2015 Top Accomplishments



TOP: A clear afternoon in Porter Ranch, CA shows no sign of pollution from the nearby methane leak at the Aliso Canyon underground natural gas facility. BOTTOM: In the same location Earthworks' infrared camera reveals the air pollution that leaked for months, contributing 25% of California's daily methane emissions.



Earthworks Mining Program Director Payal Sampat (right) with Goldman Environmental Prize winner Máxima Acuña after delivering 150,000 petition signatures to Newmont Mining.

Protecting Climate from Fracking-Related Air Pollution

Oil and gas facilities pollute our air with methane, a potent greenhouse gas, and other health-harming volatile organic compounds. Earthworks documents this otherwise invisible pollution with our high-tech infrared camera and uses our video evidence to advocate for new regulations. With allies, we generated 850,000 public comments in support of strong federal methane rules. We responded to at-risk communities in 10 states that live next to polluting facilities, and made it impossible for media and policy-makers to ignore the methane disaster in Porter Ranch, California.

Addressing a Root Cause of Western Watershed Pollution

Over 140 years ago, Congress passed the 1872 Mining Law. Today, that law continues to (inadequately) govern modern mining companies, leaving clean water at risk. In August 2015, a mine waste spill in the Animas River turned a community upside-down, and an iconic river orange. Earthworks quickly helped the story go national, in order to raise the issue of abandoned mines and mine waste across the West and call for meaningful Mining Law reform that could prevent similar disasters from happening in the future.

Standing with Environmental Defenders Around the World

Earthworks partners with communities around the world to protect clean air, clean water and healthy families from fracking and mining related pollution. In 2015, over 150,000 joined us in calling on Newmont Mining to stop harassing indigenous activist and landowner Máxima Acuña de Chaupe after she won a lawsuit against the company to keep her land. At the Paris climate talks Earthworks, through the Stop the Frack Attack Network, helped raise the voices of people impacted by fracking, ensuring that global leaders address the threats to climate posed by fracking.



COVER AND UPPER PHOTO: Rocky Mountain Poison

Renowned quilter, artist, business consultant and Earthworks supporter Luana Rubin created this beautiful quilt, "Rocky Mountain Poison," depicting the horrible mine waste disaster that turned the Animas River orange in 2015. Fabric and words stitched into the quilt convey the severity of the pollution.

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Thank you for another great year. Your support makes our work possible!



Luana Rubin's quilt *Rocky Mountain Poison* is currently on tour with the United Nations in the exhibition "Water is Life: Clean Water and its Impact on the Lives of Women and Girls around the World." The quilt will be auctioned off after the U.N. exhibit's international tour, with all proceeds benefiting Earthworks. Please contact us if you are interested in bidding on the quilt.

Game Changing Reports



Earthworks released five major reports in 2015 that have helped shape the discussion about mining, drilling and fracking. Find them at earthworksaction.org/library.

Financials

Income

Foundations	\$1,762,195
Individuals	\$610,348
Other	\$29,925

Total Income: \$2,402,468

Year End Net Assets: \$1,013,643

Earthworks' fiscal year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31. Audited financial statements and IRS forms 990 are available online or by request. To learn more about Earthworks or to make a donation, go to earthworksaction.org.

Expenses

Programs	\$1,904,513
Fundraising	\$162,977
Admin/management	\$79,849

Program Expenses Breakdown

Energy	\$1,079,189
Mining	\$526,000
General	\$158,728
Partnerships	\$140,596

- Alaskans for Responsible Mining
- Arizona Mining Reform Coalition
- CLEAN
- Common Ground United
- Ethical Metalsmiths
- Friends of Livingston Mountain
- Permanent Peoples' Tribunal
- Shale Test
- The Shalefield Organizing Committee

Total Expenses: \$2,147,399



Earthworks participates in the Combined Federal Campaign #41290 and is a member of EarthShare, the national federation of environmental charities. EIN 52-1557765

Our supporters

Earthworks deeply appreciates the generous contributions of all our donors and supporters. Thank you for your commitment to protecting communities and the environment, which makes our work possible! 100% of Earthworks' budget is raised from private sources.

We would like to recognize the many wonderful people who support our mission:

- Members of Earthworks' giving circles:
 - Defender Circle donors who give \$1,000 or more annually;
 - Sustainability Circle donors who make donations monthly;
 - Legacy Circle members who have pledged to include Earthworks in their estate plans.
- 1% for the Planet Partner Boxcar Press
- Ethical Electric
- Special thanks also to all of you who give through EarthShare, the Combined Federal Campaign, workplace giving, and corporate matching campaigns.
- A big thanks to the 65,000+ online activists who helped make 2015 a success!

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TOP: Certified thermographer and Southwest Circuit Rider Pete Dronkers uses an infrared camera to expose pollution near homes in Porter Ranch, CA.

BOTTOM: Earthworks' Executive Director, Board members and staff traveled to Paris, France for the international climate talks in December to raise the voices of people around the world impacted by fracking.



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