

Testimony of Elizabeth Trask, EDF Director of Oil and Gas Compliance and Performance Strategies

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My name is Elizabeth Trask. I am testifying today on behalf of Environmental Defense Fund and our two million members nationwide. I am also speaking personally, as a third generation Californian.

First, I would like to thank the EPA and the staff of Region 9 for hosting this important listening session. Second, I would like to voice my support for the Clean Power Plan for the many benefits it will bring all Americans, both in terms of job creation and economic vitality and protecting public health and quality of life.

[According to federal government data](#), the clean energy and sustainability industries are a source of well-paying jobs for over four million American workers — with wind and solar energy jobs outpacing those in the coal industry. California benefits greatly from these clean tech jobs, and our fellow citizens in other states deserve the same opportunities. The Clean Power Plan will help extend these economic benefits to all Americans.

As a native Californian, I am also deeply concerned about the dramatic changes to our weather patterns. More frequent and longer-lasting droughts and intense wildfires have become the frightening “new normal” here in California. At the same time, we witness the suffering of other Americans enduring the devastating impacts of hurricanes and floods.

Now, more than ever, Americans need the EPA to protect our health and economic well-being. The EPA has a legally affirmed duty to regulate dangerous carbon pollution. I respectfully request that the EPA fulfill that duty by implementing the Clean Power Plan. Thank you.