General Guidelines

Environmental Defense Fund will not accept a donation from any corporation that is:

1. Engaged in any significant activities that are in direct conflict with EDF’s environmental protection objectives or activities;
2. Involved in litigation with EDF;
3. A potential beneficiary of advocacy measures EDF is promoting;
4. Engaged in a direct EDF program activity or partnership; or
5. In a Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code listed on Attachment A.

Total corporate contributions shall not exceed three percent (3%) of EDF’s annual operating budget.

EDF will not, for example, accept donations from companies in the following industries: automobiles, chemicals, electric utilities, forestry, fishing, mining, nuclear power, oil/gas, pulp/paper, tobacco, waste management, or weapons. Classifications of eligibility are based on corporate activities as defined by Standard and Poor’s Register of Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC).

EDF reserves the right to refuse any contribution.

Matching Gifts

EDF general corporate guidelines do not apply to individually-driven donations that take place through corporate systems, such as matching gifts and payroll deductions.

Corporate Foundations

EDF will consider contributions from corporate-sponsored foundations (i.e., that share the same name, are annually capitalized by the profits of the corporation, share a common board of directors, etc.) by the same eligibility criteria as contributions received directly from a corporate entity.

In-Kind Contributions

In-kind contributions, honoraria, and travel expenses are subject to the same criteria as cash contributions.
Attachment A

Environmental Defense SIC Code Classifications

Environmental Defense will not accept contributions from corporations that fall within the following SIC Code categories:

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & FISHING:
Agricultural Production; Livestock; Agricultural Services; Forestry; Fishing.

MINING:
Metal Mining; Coal Mining; Oil and Gas Extraction; Mining of Non-Metals.

CONSTRUCTION:
Building Construction; Heavy Construction; Special Trade Contractor.

MANUFACTURING:
Tobacco; Textile Mill Products; Apparel from Fabrics; Lumber and Wood Products; Furniture and Fixtures; Paper and Allied Products; Chemicals; Petroleum Refining; Rubber; Leather and Leather Goods; Stone, Clay, Glass, and Concrete Products; Primary Metals Industries; Fabricated Metal Products; Industrial and Commercial Machinery; Electronic Equipment; Transportation Equipment; Measuring, Analyzing and Controlling Instruments; Photographic, Medical, and Optical Goods; Watches and Clocks.

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES:
Railroad Transportation, Local and Suburban Transit, Highway Passenger Transportation; Motor Freight and Warehousing; Water Transportation; Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services; Airports; Airport Terminal Services; Air Transportation, Transportation Services.

RETAIL TRADE:
Automotive Dealers; Liquor Stores; Petroleum Dealers; Tobacco Retailers.

SERVICES:
Automotive Repair; Laundries and Dry Cleaning; Pest Control; Computer Integrated Systems; Photo-finishing; Testing Laboratories.