

Dave Hamilton

Dave Hamilton has led Sierra Club's Global Warming and Energy Team since 2004. For the past 20 years, Dave has been a leading voice in Washington, DC for clean energy.

Coming to Washington in 1987, Dave became the first national field director for U.S. PIRG, working to turn what was then a relatively loose network of state groups into a force to be reckoned with fighting for a strong clean air law. Those efforts helped result in significant victories on tailpipe standards and acid rain in the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. He shifted jobs within PIRG to lobby the 1992 Energy Policy Act to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy. His main assignment was the successful passage of the production tax credit for wind energy which has fundamentally changed the economics of the industry.

From 1994-2003, Dave was the Policy Director of the Alliance to Save Energy, which is the non-profit gathering place for business, government, and environmentalists around energy efficiency. He worked with a variety of companies and stakeholders first to stave off deep cuts in energy efficiency funding and prevent elimination of the Energy Star program, and then went on to help win significant increases in funding for energy efficiency research, development, and deployment programs at the Department of Energy and EPA.

In the spaces between jobs, Dave has done consulting stints with the National Religious Partnership for the Environment, Bob Lawrence and Associates, Booz-Allen-Hamilton, and the Department of Energy, among others.