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Form 990  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation) The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements	OMB No 1545-0047 2010 Open to Public Inspection
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A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2010 and ending 06-30-2011		
B Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization NRDC Action Fund Inc Doing Business As Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 40 WEST 20TH STREET City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 NEW YORK, NY 10011	D Employer identification number 13-3976062
	F Name and address of principal officer PETER LEHNER EXEC DIRECTOR 40 WEST 20TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10011	E Telephone number (212) 727-2700
	G Gross receipts \$ 2,302,865	
	H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)	
H(c) Group exemption number ▶		
I Tax-exempt status <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
J Website: ▶ www.nrdcactionfund.org		
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation 1996
		M State of legal domicile NY

Part I		Summary	
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization’s mission or most significant activities TO PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES THAT PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, TO ENGAGE IN TARGETED MEDIA CAMPAIGNS AND OTHER OUTREACH THAT PROMOTE NRDC ACTION FUND'S OBJECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES		
	2 Check this box <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	26
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	23
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
Activities & Governance	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	5,114,826	2,302,865
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0	0
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	0
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	5,114,826	2,302,865
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	1,450,000	745,000
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	390,547	552,507
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶40,417		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	2,087,595	2,057,569
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	3,928,142	3,355,076
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,186,684	-1,052,211
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Beginning of Current Year		End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	2,949,311	1,694,463
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	503,577	300,940
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	2,445,734	1,393,523

Part II	Signature Block
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.	

Sign Here	<div>Signature of officer</div> <div>Peter Lehner Executive Director</div>	<div>2012-04-09</div> <div>Date</div>			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶ GRANT THORNTON LLP				Firm's EIN ▶
	Firm's address ▶ 666 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 100174011				Phone no ▶ (212) 599-0100
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission

NRDC ACTION FUND, ("ACTION FUND"), WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES THAT PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT NRDC ACTION FUND'S MISSION IS TO ACHIEVE THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION THAT JUMP STARTS THE CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY, REDUCES POLLUTION, AND SUSTAINS VIBRANT COMMUNITIES FOR ALL AMERICANS NOW IS THE TIME FOR LEADERSHIP AND ACTION FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, OUR CURRENT GOAL IS A CLEAN ENERGY POLICY THAT WILL REPOWER OUR ECONOMY AND FUEL OUR FUTURE

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

If “Yes,” describe these new services on Schedule O

3

Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

If “Yes,” describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization’s three largest program services by expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a

(Code) (Expenses \$ 3,108,535 including grants of \$ 745,000) (Revenue \$ 0)

The Action Fund brings together pro-environment citizens, lifting their voices to rebuild an environmental majority in America The Action Fund makes sure clean energy and public health solutions are given a fair hearing by honest legislators who are serving their constituents instead of powerful polluting industries The Action Fund educates citizens and public officials, advocates for pro-environment solutions and the elected officials who support them, and activates other supporters of the environment to do the same EDUCATE The Action Fund is educating the public and elected officials We ensure that citizens know when environmental issues are being debated in the halls of Congress and provide them with the information they need to act We also ensure that elected officials listen to the pro-environment voices in their districts Polling The action fund launched a strategic polling effort to educate the public and elected officials about the depth of support for clean energy The poll results revealed broad-based support for policies that promote clean energy and seek to address climate change Running Clean The Action Fund staff produced "Running Clean," a report that debunked the myth that clean energy, honesty, and public health are bad political platforms It demonstrated that the real American majority supports those issues The report and accompanying video interviews showed how previous campaigns and candidates had successfully used a message linking support for clean energy with jobs, the economy, security and health Develop Messages That Stand Up The Action Fund conducts cutting-edge scientific research on effective messaging, placing special emphasis on public health and conservation messages Additionally, we focus on identifying key audiences for our message and evaluating their impact on constituents at the local level and on elected leaders in congress Educating the Public through Social Media The Action Fund is taking advantage of innovative online and social networking strategies to educate the general public about environmental issues For example, we have used social media to turn out activists at local political events where they ensure clean energy messages are heard ADVOCATE The Action Fund is directly advocating for environmental solutions We are involved in executing campaigns to fight for clean energy at the ballot box and to support environmental champions No ON Prop 23 The Action Fund was instrumental in defeating a California ballot proposition to reverse progress on addressing climate change Proposition 23 was a ballot measure that would have undone California's landmark climate law, known as AB32 The Action Fund held key leadership positions in the "No ON Prop 23" campaign A large, bipartisan coalition composed of environmental and public health advocates, businesses, labor unions, Latino organizations, and community groups worked together to defeat the proposition The coalition highlighted the economic and public health benefits of reducing global warming pollution, as well as the potential jobs to be created in the clean energy sector In the end, voters responded and rejected the dirty energy proposition Hold People Responsible The Action Fund launches swift, aggressive, and consistent accountability action to take on our opponents - and defend our champions - in those places where it matters most This not only includes elected officials, but also corporate polluters who spread misinformation ACTIVATE The Action Fund is reaching out to provide high quality information to and coordination among public thought leaders on environmental issues Without it, this critical constituency's voice has been silenced and anti-environmental forces have taken root in Washington Online Activists This year, the Action Fund was active in engaging our activists to voice their opinions to elected officials After receiving our Action Alerts, our list of 240,000 committed activists sent thousands of calls and messages to legislators, urging them to defend the critical work of the Environmental Protection Agency and to fight back against attacks on the Clean Air Act At our prodding, activists also shared breaking environmental news with their friends, spurring them to act as well Ambassador Project The Action Fund has assembled an exclusive group of "ambassadors", known as the Ambassador Project, to advocate for environmental solutions Our ambassadors are prominent leaders whom lawmakers trust and value We educate them about how to be effective in talking to elected officials and We keep them up to date on congressional intelligence and strategy decisions We help them connect and build relationships with elected officials, advise them on who they should give to, and activate them at the most strategic moments when Congress is debating legislation, so that they can deliver our authoritative assessment of how a bill will affect the environment and public health In 2011, when Tea Party leaders in Congress proposed a suite of bills aimed at undermining bedrock protections for our air and water, the Action Fund quickly mobilized its ambassadors to meet face-to-face with senators and the media with whom they have relationships In April, due in large part to this strategic effort, the Senate voted down four amendments that would have curbed crucial clean air protections Later in the year, as the leading environmental grasstops network in the country, the ambassador Project helped short up the necessary political will to secure tougher vehicle fuel efficiency and pollution standards, derail anti-environment appropriations nders in Congress, and stop the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

















(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e

Total program service expenses \$ 3,108,535

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instruction)? 	2	Yes
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I 	3	Yes
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III 	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. 	11a	No
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII. 	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII. 	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX. 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. 	11e	No
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. 	11f	Yes
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII 	12a	No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional 	12b	Yes
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? Note. Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b–24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34	Yes	
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35		No
a	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		No
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
5c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	Yes	
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	Yes	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a	26	
	2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	23	
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes	
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes	
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	Yes	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9		No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)			Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		No
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b		
11a	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990			
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	Yes	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		No
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure	
17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed AL , AK , AZ , AR , CA , CO , CT , FL , GA , HI , IL , KS , KY , ME , MD , MA , MN , MS , MO , NH , NJ , NY , NC , ND , OH , OK , OR , PA , RI , SC , TN , UT , VA , WA , WV , WI
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization SARAH A GILLMAN CFO 40 WEST 20TH STREET NEW YORK,NY 10011 (212) 727-4516

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Frances Beinecke See Sch O President/Director	10	X		X				0	381,279	49,784
(2) Patricia Sullivan Treasurer	10	X		X				0	176,695	33,720
(3) Dayna Bochco Director	10	X						0	0	0
(4) Wendy Abrams Director	10	X						0	0	0
(5) John Adams Director	10	X						0	158,600	60,006
(6) George Denny Director (through 6/17/11)	10	X						0	0	0
(7) Patricia Bauman Director/Vice Chairperson	10	X		X				0	0	0
(8) Honorable Sherwood Boehlert Director	10	X						0	0	0
(9) Ari Emanuel Director	10	X						0	0	0
(10) Bob Epstein Chairperson	10	X		X				0	0	0
(11) Michael C Finnegan Director	10	X						0	0	0
(12) Barbarina Heyerdahl Director	10	X						0	0	0
(13) Hamilton Candee Director	10	X						0	0	0
(14) Honorable Bob Kerrey Director	10	X						0	0	0
(15) Mary Moran Director	10	X						0	0	0
(16) Hamilton Kean Director	10	X						0	0	0

Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(17) Eric Wepsic Director	10	X						0	0	0
(18) William Haney Director	10	X						0	0	0
(19) Daniel R Tishman Director	10	X						0	0	0
(20) Douglas N Varley Director	10	X						0	0	0
(21) Anne Bartley Director	10	X						0	0	0
(22) Cindy Harrell Horn Director	10	X						0	0	0
(23) John Podesta Director	10	X						0	0	0
(24) Edward James Olmos Director	10	X						0	0	0
(25) Vernice Miller-Travis Director	10	X						0	0	0
(26) Jorge Mursuli Director	10	X						0	0	0
(27) Lucy Blake Director	10	X						0	0	0
(28) Peter Lehner EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	15			X				0	252,806	37,534
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								0	969,380	181,044

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization 0

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Compound Design 448 S Hill St Suite 605 LOS ANGELES, CA 90013	Advertising & Design	203,094

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization 1

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a			
	b	Membership dues	1b			
	c	Fundraising events	1c			
	d	Related organizations	1d			
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	2,302,865		
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		2,302,865		
Program Service Revenue	2a		Business Code			
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f	All other program service revenue				
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		0		
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		0	
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . .		0		
5		Royalties		0		
6a		Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
b		Less rental expenses				
c		Rental income or (loss)				
d		Net rental income or (loss)				
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
b		Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
c		Gain or (loss)				
d		Net gain or (loss)			0	
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18				
b		Less direct expenses				
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .			0	
9a		Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19				
b		Less direct expenses				
c		Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . .			0	
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances				
b		Less cost of goods sold				
c		Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .			0	
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a						
b						
c						
d	All other revenue					
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		0			
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		2,302,865			

Part IX

Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21	745,000	745,000		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	0			
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	15,744	472	15,272	
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7	Other salaries and wages	415,902	315,057	87,072	13,773
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	0			
9	Other employee benefits	120,861	88,348	28,656	3,857
10	Payroll taxes	0			
a	Fees for services (non-employees)				
	Management	50,370	50,370		
b	Legal	39,432	39,432		
c	Accounting	3,675	3,675		
d	Lobbying	59,767	59,767		
e	Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	0			
f	Investment management fees	0			
g	Other	894,145	895,438	270	-1,563
12	Advertising and promotion	618,811	609,534	4,824	4,453
13	Office expenses	18,404	9,890	7,959	555
14	Information technology	46,924	44,060	2,864	
15	Royalties	0			
16	Occupancy	0			
17	Travel	31,393	6,094	25,324	-25
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	2,287	2,366	201	-280
20	Interest	0			
21	Payments to affiliates	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0			
23	Insurance	0			
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O)				
a	COALITION EXPENSE	163,000	163,000		
b	FILING FEES	10,880	10,940	-10	-50
c	BANKING FEES	8,243			8,243
d	CREDIT CARD COSTS	7,648		156	7,492
e	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	102,590	65,092	33,536	3,962
f	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	3,355,076	3,108,535	206,124	40,417
26	Joint costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			2,926,953	1	1,687,125
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments				2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			20,020	3	0
	4	Accounts receivable, net				4	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L				5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers, and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Schedule L				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use				8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			2,338	9	7,338
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a			10c	
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b				
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities				11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11				12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11				13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			0	15	0
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			2,949,311	16	1,694,463
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			503,577	17	300,940
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue				19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D				21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties				23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D				25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			503,577	26	300,940
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets				27	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			2,445,734	28	1,393,523
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund				31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			2,445,734	33	1,393,523
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			2,949,311	34	1,694,463

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,302,865
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,355,076
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-1,052,211
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	2,445,734
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	1,393,523

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separated basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.**

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If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35a (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization NRDC Action Fund Inc	Employer identification number 13-3976062
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1	Provide a description of the organization’s direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV	
2	Political expenditures	▶ \$ 985,313
3	Volunteer hours	0

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	▶ \$	
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	▶ \$	
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4a	Was a correction made?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part IV		

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) except section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$	985,313
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt funtion activities	▶ \$	0
3	Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	▶ \$	985,313
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
5	Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization’s funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV		

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A

Check

☐

if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group

B

Check

☐

if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing Organization's Totals	(b) Affiliated Group Totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)															
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)															
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)															
d Other exempt purpose expenditures															
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)															
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns															
<table><tr><td>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</td><td>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</td></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)															
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-															
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-															
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots non-taxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
	a Volunteers?			
	b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
	c Media advertisements?			
	d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
	e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
	f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
	g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
	h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
	i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
	j Total lines 1c through 1i			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

			Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1		
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2		
3	Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3		

Part III-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered "Yes".

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
		2a	
		2b	
		2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1.
Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule C, Part I-A, Line 1		The amount reported on Schedule C, Part I-A, Line 2 reflects staff time, as well as consulting and other discretionary expenses, that NRDC Action Fund spent on work related to limited political campaign activities on environmental issues (specifically clean energy issues) during the November 2010 election cycle. These political expenditures were directed mainly toward congressional races for House seats in Ohio Districts 13 and 16, where NRDC Action Fund sent direct mail pieces to more than 200,000 households. NRDC Action Fund also purchased print and online ads concerning clean energy issues that ran in conjunction with 19 House races throughout the country. b \$117,563 of the total political expenditures was spent on staff salaries (including benefits and overhead), while the remaining \$867,750 was spent on discretionary expenses, including consultants and other vendors, advertising and grants to other organizations. c The total amount of political expenditures represents 29 percent of the organization's overall expenditures for the year.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization
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Employer identification number
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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)

☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat

☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ►_____

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►_____

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►_____

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►\$ _____

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ _____

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

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Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3

Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a	Beginning of year balance				
b	Contributions				
c	Investment earnings or losses				
d	Grants or scholarships				
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs				
f	Administrative expenses				
g	End of year balance				

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶

c

Term endowment ▶

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

b

If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

4

Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a	Land			
b	Buildings			
c	Leasehold improvements			
d	Equipment			
e	Other			
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				

Part XIReconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements			
1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,302,865
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,355,076
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-1,052,211
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-1,052,211

Part XIIReconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return			
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	2,322,155
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	19,290
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	19,290
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,302,865
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	2,302,865

Part XIIIReconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return			
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	3,374,366
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	19,290
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	19,290
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	3,355,076
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	3,355,076

Part XIVSupplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
income tax	part X other liabilities	The FASB Accounting Codification ("ASC") established criterion that an individual tax position must meet for some or all of the benefits of that position to be recognized in an entity's financial statements. This standard requires that a tax position be recognized or derecognized based on a "more likely than not" threshold. NRDC has processes presently in place to ensure the maintenance of its tax-exempt status, to identify and report unrelated income, determine its filing and tax obligations in jurisdictions for which it has nexus, and to review other matters that may be considered a tax position. The tax years ending 2008, 2009, and 2010 remain open to audit for both federal and state purposes. This standard has no impact on NRDC's 2011 and 2010 consolidated financial statements. NRDC does not believe its 2011 and 2010 consolidated financial statements include any uncertain tax positions.
Form 990, Schedule D, Part XI, XII, & XIII		NRDC Action Fund does not receive standalone financial statements; its operations are consolidated within the financial statements of its parent organization, Natural Resources Defense Council. The parts XI, XII and XIII reconciliation on Schedule D tie back to NRDC Action Fund's financial information in the audited financial statements (Footnote M) and not to the consolidated numbers.

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
NRDC Action Fund Inc

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes ☐ No

2

Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed. ☐

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) Californians for Clean Energy and Jobs1100 11th St Ste 200 Sacramento C Sacramento, CA 95814	27-3284139	501(c)(4)	110,000				Environmental Aims
(2) Californians to Stop the Dirty Energy Proposition 1100 11th St Ste 200 Sacramento C Sacramento, CA 95814	27-1781659	501(c)(4)	635,000				No on Prop 23

2

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations

3

3

Enter total number of other organizations

0

Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule I, Part I, Line 1		NRDC Action Fund only makes grants to select tax-exempt organizations or social welfare organizations that support our tax-exempt mission

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization NRDC Action Fund Inc	Employer identification number 13-3976062
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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items		
<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments		
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account		
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence		
<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
1b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain		
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?		
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee		
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant		
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization		
a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment from the organization or a related organization?		No
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?		No
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?		No
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III		
Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of		
a The organization?		No
b Any related organization?		No
If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III		
6 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of		
a The organization?		No
b Any related organization?		No
If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III		
7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III		No
8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III		No
9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?		

Part II **Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) Frances Beinecke See Sch O	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	381,279	0	0	34,300	15,484	431,063	0
(2) Peter Lehner	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	252,806	0	0	22,050	15,484	290,340	0
(3) Patricia Sullivan	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	176,695	0	0	26,483	7,237	210,415	0
(4) John Adams	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	158,600	0	0	0	60,006	218,606	0
(5)								
(6)								
(7)								
(8)								
(9)								
(10)								
(11)								
(12)								
(13)								
(14)								
(15)								
(16)								

Part III **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Compensation Information	Schedule J	Part II, John H Adams Column B(I) Base Compensation After thirty-five years of committed service as NRDC's Founder and President, John Adams retired on April 1, 2006. John became a part-time consultant for NRDC and received \$158,500 for these services in fiscal year 2011. Column D Nontaxable Benefits As part of his retirement agreement, NRDC provides John Adams with medical and dental benefits and a long term care plan. The values of these benefits are Medical \$17,021 per year LTC \$42,985 per year Form 990, Part VII & Schedule J, Part I. The officers reported on NRDC Action Fund's Form 990, Frances Beinecke, Patricia Sullivan and Peter Lehner, receive their compensation from the parent organization, Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. (NRDC). Accordingly, all compensation is being reported on NRDC Action Fund's Form 990 as related organization compensation. However, a portion of each officer's compensation is reimbursed by NRDC Action Fund to NRDC based on services rendered to NRDC Action Fund. In the interest of clarity, NRDC Action Fund is disclosing the following salary and benefits amounts as having been reimbursed by NRDC Action Fund to NRDC for these services: Salary Benefits President Beinecke \$2,173 \$616 Treasurer Sullivan \$2,474 \$698 Executive Director Lehner \$11,098 \$3,127.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Governing Body and Management	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A	LINE 6 - NRDC Action Fund's sole corporate member is its parent organization, Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc ("NRDC") Line 7a - The sole corporate member, NRDC, has the sole authority to appoint NRDC Action Fund's Board of Directors on an annual basis This power is reserved to NRDC in NRDC Action Fund's organizing documents Line 7b - If the Board of Directors should have a vacancy during the year, the sole corporate member has the right to approve the Board's election of a replacement to fill that vacancy

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Policies	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B	<p>Line 11 - NRDC Action Fund's Form 990 is prepared by a nationally recognized accounting firm in conjunction with the organization's senior management and financial team. Upon completion, the Form 990 is distributed to senior management and THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for review and approval. A copy of the final Form 990 is shared with the full board of directors prior to its electronic filing with the Internal Revenue Service.</p> <p>LINE 12 - Each officer, director, trustee and key employee of NRDC Action Fund is required to annually disclose any conflicts of interest that arise by virtue of employment, board service, or position with either NRDC Action Fund or NRDC. NRDC Action Fund monitors compliance with its conflict of interest policy through an annual questionnaire/disclosure statement that is distributed to these individuals. Potential conflicts are investigated immediately.</p> <p>LINE 15 - NRDC Action Fund does not directly compensate any of its officers, directors and/or key employees. All compensation is paid by the parent organization, Natural Resources Defense Council and is reimbursed by NRDC Action Fund to NRDC. The processes used for determining compensation as paid by the parent entity are described on that organization's Form 990.</p>

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Disclosure	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C	LINE 19 - NRDC Action Fund makes its Form 990 available to the public by retaining a copy at its place of business. The Form 990 is likewise published on the internet at www.guidestar.org . NRDC Action Fund's financial statements are available on its website. The organization's governing documents and conflict of interest policy are not ordinarily made available to the public, but, if requested, will be provided at management's discretion.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IV		Line 5 - NRDC Action Fund is not subject to the Section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirements since it does not receive membership dues, assessments or similar amounts as defined in Rev Proc 98-19

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VII		Frances Beinecke, relinquished her role as President and Board Member, on June 14, 2010 (and this was reflected on the prior year 990) because she was appointed to President Obama's Oil Commission. When her service on the commission terminated, she returned to her role as President and Board Member at the May 19, 2011 Board meeting. Form 990, Part VII - Hours: Officers Frances Beinecke, Peter Lehner and Patricia Sullivan perform most of their work responsibilities for a related party, the Natural Resources Defense Council. Average hours worked per week for the related party is approximately 40 for each officer.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled organization	
						Yes	No
(1) NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL INC 40 WEST 20TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10011 13-2654926	ENVIRONMENTAL	NY	501(C)(3)	7	NA		

Part III

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproporionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership

Part V

Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, 35A, or 36.)

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III or IV

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)

e Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)

f Sale of assets to other organization(s)

g Purchase of assets from other organization(s)

h Exchange of assets

i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)

k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)

m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets

n Sharing of paid employees

o Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses

p Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses

q Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)

r Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)

Yes

No

1a

1b

1c

1d

1e

1f

1g

1h

1i

1j

1k

1l

1m

1n

1o

1p

1q

1r

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

Yes

Yes

Yes

No

No

No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type(a-r)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL INC	M, N,	431,646	
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Schedule R (Form 990) 2010

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

[illegible]

Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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