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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)	OMB No 1545-0047 2012 Open to Public Inspection
	▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements	

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2012 , 2012, and ending 06-30-2013

B Check if applicable ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization NRDC Action Fund Inc		D Employer identification number 13-3976062
	Doing Business As		
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 40 WEST 20TH STREET Suite	Room/suite	E Telephone number (212) 727-2700
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 NEW YORK, NY 10011		G Gross receipts \$ 1,727,566
	F Name and address of principal officer PETER LEHNER EXEC DIRECTOR 40 WEST 20TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10011		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527		J Website: ▶ www.nrdcactionfund.org	

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 ☒ 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)	27	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	24	
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	0	
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	0		
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0		
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0		
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	2,623,363	1,727,296
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	0
	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	270
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,623,363	1,727,566
	Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0
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)	590,891	813,366
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ☒ 36,135		
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	749,151	2,463,740
18		Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,340,042	3,277,106
19		Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,283,321	-1,549,540
Net Assets or Fund Balances			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	2,955,590	1,475,750
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	278,746	348,446
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	2,676,844	1,127,304

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	***** Signature of officer			2014-05-12 Date	
	Sarah Gillman Chief Financial Officer Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Prnt/Type preparer's name Scott Thompsonett		Preparer's signature		Date
	Firm's name ▶ GRANT THORNTON LLP			Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN	
	Firm's address ▶ 666 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 100174057			Phone no (212) 599-0100	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ 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

The NRDC Action Fund's mission is to achieve the passage of legislation that reduces carbon 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 comprehensive clear energy policy that will improve 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? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 \$ 2,988,512 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

1 Public Education & Accountability One of the Action Fund's top priorities is to tell the American public where their elected officials stand on environmental issues. Too often, politicians profess concern for people's health and communities, while voting with polluters. We utilized our various online media resources (Facebook / Twitter) to hold members accountable for their actions. Through hard-hitting, data-driven messaging and communications strategies, we make the connection between bad votes and dirty money. We also inform the public when politicians do take a courageous stand against big polluters. Accountability: The environmental community weathered the multiple attacks on clean air launched in the U.S. House and Senate. It became clear that the House would tee up a new series of votes to roll back EPA's clean air safeguards, and republicans in the Senate would stall the confirmation process of Gina McCarthy as U.S. EPA Administrator. We launched a series of accountability ads focused on house members who consistently vote against clean air. Sens. Snowe & Collins: The Action Fund launched a five-figure TV ad campaign in Maine to commend Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe, the state's two senators, for voting against a proposal to repeal historic public health protections against mercury pollution from power plants. The ad campaign ran in Portland and Bangor.

2 State Ballot Initiatives: The Action Fund served on a national renewable energy ballot initiative exploratory committee. The committee decided to focus on passing a ballot initiative in Michigan. The "Michigan Energy, Michigan Jobs" coalition collected signatures in Michigan and qualified for the November 2012 ballot. Michigan's current renewable energy standard (RES), enacted in 2008, requires state utilities to generate 10 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2015. The proposal would have increased Michigan's renewable energy standard to 25 percent by 2025. We helped build the coalition for the ballot initiative to include outspoken supporters from Michigan's manufacturing, health, faith, and labor communities. The Action Fund also provided the NRDC California advocacy team with technical and political advice on several of the 11 statewide initiatives on the California ballot in November 2012, including Prop 30, Prop 31, Prop 37, and Prop 39.

3 Policy Advocacy: The Action Fund supports the policy goals of Natural Resources Defense Council (with which it is affiliated) by activating our influential grassroots network, running advocacy campaigns, and supporting broader coalition efforts with other environmental partners. Fighting Anti-Environment Riders: In 2012, Action Fund staff joined the fight against environmental rollbacks that the U.S. House of Representatives tried to pass as stand-alone legislation or add as "riders" to other bills. Thanks to the efforts of the Action Fund and others, almost none of these rollbacks made it into law, keeping protections for our air, water, food, and communities in place. Clean Air Defense: The Action Fund was engaged in the successful coalition effort to reduce air pollution, the Clean Air Defense Campaign (CADC). With the support of environmental, health, business, and other groups organized by the CADC, the U.S. EPA issued strong safeguards to reduce mercury, soot, and smog-forming pollution from power plants. The CADC also held off congressional efforts to strip the EPA of authority to set standards for carbon pollution and other greenhouse gases. The Action Fund also activated our influential grassroots network to support presidential action against climate change and garnered support for U.S. EPA to issue rules to reduce carbon pollution.

4 Supporting Clean Energy: Good policy, good politics. Elected officials and candidates need to hear from their constituents and voters that investing in clean energy and protecting the environment is good policy and good politics. The Action Fund conducted extensive polling in key states to demonstrate that the public supports clean energy incentives and public health protections. When candidates incorporate these issues into their platforms, they can energize voters. After the 2012 federal election cycle, we released a "Running Clean" report to highlight the successes of some of the candidates who incorporated clean energy into their campaigns. The report provides case studies for candidates and political operatives on effectively using clean energy messages and themes. We launched a webpage in conjunction with the report that features a series of video interviews with U.S. senators speaking about their experiences with clean energy messaging. We continually update the website with the latest polling on our priority issues.

5 Building Power & Influence: The Action Fund is expanding our network of influence by building power in key states with influential grassroots advocates who champion our issues at home and in Washington, D.C. The Action Fund grew our grassroots network in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, and San Francisco, in support of strong clean air regulations and against the Keystone XL pipeline. We are growing our network by personal engagement with people who have influence with our decision-makers. We educate them, alert them to issues of concern, and help them make their voices more effective. We also arrange meetings with top decision makers for grassroots to attend. Who Votes Dirty: In September 2012, the Action Fund launched a new website, www.whovotesdirty.com, which highlighted members of congress, their votes for or against clean air and climate standards, and their campaign contributions from polluters. Additional work began in 2013 to rebuild this website with better functionality and for more long-term infrastructure needs.

6 2012 Electoral Work: The Action Fund joined a coalition of environmental organizations to support the candidacy of Martin Heinrich for U.S. Senator in New Mexico. We participated with in-state polling, online and television advertising, and additional messaging on our online social media platforms.

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4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4e	Total program service expenses	2,988,512
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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		No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	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	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		
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		No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which 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		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		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, 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		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		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	Yes	
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		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		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		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		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	Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII		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 and XII is optional	Yes	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	Yes	
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 United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		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 United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		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)		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		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		No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
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, line 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 through 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, highest 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 employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <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, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, 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>	35b		
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 11b 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.	1a	0			
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0			
c		Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		1c		
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.	2a	0			
b		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?		3a		No
b		If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		3b		
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)?		4a		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?		5a		No
b		Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		5b		No
c		If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		5c		
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 as charitable contributions?		6a	Yes	
b		If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		6b	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?		7a		
b		If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		7b		
c		Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		7c		
d		If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		7d		
e		Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		7e		
f		Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		7f		
g		If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		7g		
h		If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		7h		
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?		8		
9		Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				
a		Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		9a		
b		Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		9b		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter						
a		Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		10a		
b		Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		10b		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter						
a		Gross income from members or shareholders.		11a		
b		Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).		11b		
12a		Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		12a		
b		If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		12b		
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.		13a		
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.		13b		
c		Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		13c		
14a		Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		14a		No
b		If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		14b		

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	27	
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O			
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	24	
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	Yes
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	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	Yes
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	a The governing body?	8a	Yes
8b	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	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	No
10b	b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete 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	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes
12b	b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
12c	c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
14	Did 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?		
15a	a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	
15b	b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	
	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
16b	b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take 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 made these available. Check all that apply. ☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)	
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year	
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 (212) 727-4516

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

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 compensation. 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, or 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

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Part VII

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								0	1,475,198	239,932

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of 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>	3	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>	4	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>	5	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. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
NEW PARTNERS CONSULTING INC , 1250 I STREET NW SUITE 200 WASHINGTON DC 20005	CONSULTING	569,000
MACK CROUNSE GROUP LLC , 2001 N BEAUREGARD STREET SUITE 42 ALEXANDRIA VA 22311	MAIL CONSULTANT	211,524
FAIRBANK MASLIN MAULIN METZ ASSOC , 2425 COLORADO AVENUE SUITE 180 SANTA MONICA CA 904043004	RESEARCH	142,325
TULAA CONSULTING LLC , 612 WEST 10TH STREET HOUSTON TX 77008	CONSULTING	118,651

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ►4

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

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

			(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	1,727,296		
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,727,296		
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)	0	0		
d		Net rental income or (loss)			0	
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	a			
b		Less direct expenses	b			
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .			0	
9a		Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a			
b		Less direct expenses	b			
c		Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . .			0	
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .	a			
b		Less cost of goods sold	b			
c		Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .			0	
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a	BOOK INCOME- ON EARTH	900099	270		270	
b						
c						
d	All other revenue					
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		270			
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		1,727,566		270	

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).

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

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 United States. See Part IV, line 21.	0			
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22.	0			
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. 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.	36,067	19,768	16,299	
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.	601,567	500,625	84,722	16,220
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	0			
9	Other employee benefits.	175,732	143,420	27,842	4,470
10	Payroll taxes.	0			
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management.	0			
b	Legal.	45,371	45,371		
c	Accounting.	0			
d	Lobbying.	524,980	524,980		
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	0			
f	Investment management fees.	0			
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	622,533	588,516	34,017	
12	Advertising and promotion.	911,008	903,508	7,500	
13	Office expenses.	28,447	14,480	5,093	8,874
14	Information technology.	7,438	4,533	2,905	
15	Royalties.	0			
16	Occupancy.	0			
17	Travel.	112,733	74,658	38,075	
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	18,895	13,617	5,278	
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 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O).				
a	FILING FEES	8,155	7,615	540	
b	CREDIT CARD COSTS	3,620	453	669	2,498
c	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	180,560	146,968	29,519	4,073
d					
e	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	3,277,106	2,988,512	252,459	36,135
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X

Balance Sheet

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

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					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			2,955,590	1	1,421,100
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			0	2	0
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			0	3	0
	4	Accounts receivable, net			0	4	0
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L			0	5	0
	6	Loans and other 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) Complete Part II of Schedule L			0	6	0
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			0	7	0
	8	Inventories for sale or use			0	8	0
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			0	9	39,930
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	14,720	0	10c	14,720
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b				
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			0	11	0
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11			0	12	0
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11			0	13	0
	14	Intangible assets			0	14	0
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11			0	15	0
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			2,955,590	16	1,475,750
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			278,746	17	348,446
	18	Grants payable			0	18	0
	19	Deferred revenue			0	19	0
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			0	20	0
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D			0	21	0
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L			0	22	0
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			0	23	0
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			0	24	0
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D			0	25	0
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			278,746	26	348,446
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			0	27	0
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			2,676,844	28	1,127,304
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			0	29	0
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ 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			2,676,844	33	1,127,304
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			2,955,590	34	1,475,750

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	1,727,566
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,277,106
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-1,549,540
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	2,676,844
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	1,127,304

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 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ 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? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	Yes
c	If "Yes," to line 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	2c	Yes
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?	3a	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	3b	

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 35c (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	▶ \$ 854,560
3	Volunteer hours	

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?	☐ Yes	☐ No
4a	Was a correction made?	☐ Yes	☐ 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	▶ \$	854,560
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$	
3	Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	▶ \$	854,560
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	☐ Yes	☒ 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 (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- 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?		☐ Yes ☐ 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) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable 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)).

For each "Yes" response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.		(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?			
j	Total. Add 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 carry over 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) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	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, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, line 2, 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, the NRDC Action Fund spent on work related to limited political activities on environmental issues. These political expenditures were directed toward the 2012 elections. Specifically, the Action Fund ran television and online advertising in the New Mexico Senate race and paid mailings in the OH-16 Congressional race. In addition, the Action Fund produced blogs and highlighted candidates for "running clean" on energy and environmental issues. \$147,867 of the total political expenditures was spent on staff salaries (including benefits and overhead), while the remaining \$706,693 was spent on discretionary expenses, including consultants and other vendors (\$524,980) and advertising. The total amount of political expenditures represents 25 percent of the organization's overall expenditures for the year.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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Name of the organization
NRDC Action Fund Inc

Employer identification number
13-3976062

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?		☐ Yes ☐ No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can 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?		☐ Yes ☐ No

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 education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax 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, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax 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 section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, 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 (ASC 958), 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 XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

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

3

Using the organization's acquisition, 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 XIII

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 XIII 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 XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

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

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a	Beginning of year balance				
b	Contributions				
c	Net investment earnings, gains, and 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 current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

b

Permanent endowment

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a

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

(i) unrelated organizations

3a(i)

(ii) related organizations

3a(ii)

b

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

3b

4

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

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

Description of property	(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	14,720	0	14,720
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				14,720

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return					
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements			1	
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			
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d			
e	Add lines 2a through 2d			2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1			3	
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 XIII)	4b			
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c		
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)			5	

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return					
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25				
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a			
b	Prior year adjustments	2b			
c	Other losses	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d			
e	Add lines 2a through 2d			2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1			3	
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 XIII)	4b			
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c		
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)			5	

Part XIII Supplemental Information
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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, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Schedule D, Part XI and XII		NRDC ACTION FUND does not receive standalone financial statements, for audit purposes its operations are consolidated with an affiliated organization, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. Form 990, Schedule D, Part X, Line 2 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 currently 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 2010, 2011 and 2012 remain open to audit for both federal and state purposes. This standard had no impact on NRDC's 2013 and 2012 consolidated financial statements. NRDC does not believe its 2013 and 2012 consolidated financial statements include any uncertain tax position.

SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Part I

General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

- 1 For grantmakers. 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 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds outside the United States.
- 3 Activites per Region (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e g , fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
North America			Program Services	Environmental Lobbying	14,875
3a Sub-total					14,875
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I					
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)					14,875

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)

- 2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ▶
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities ▶

Part III

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
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Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1

Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)*

☐ Yes

☒ No
- 2

Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A)*

☐ Yes

☒ No
- 3

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations. (see Instructions for Form 5471)*

☐ Yes

☒ No
- 4

Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see Instructions for Form 8621)*

☐ Yes

☒ No
- 5

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships. (see Instructions for Form 8865)*

☐ Yes

☒ No
- 6

Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713).*

☐ Yes

☒ No

Supplemental Information
Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

[illegible]

Schedule J (Form 990) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Compensation Information 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.	OMB No 1545-0047
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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			
	☐ First-class or charter travel	☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
	☐ Travel for companions	☐ Payments for business use of personal residence		
	☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments	☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
	☐ Discretionary spending account	☐ 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 of 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 filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III			
	☐ Compensation committee	☐ Written employment contract		
	☐ Independent compensation consultant	☐ Compensation survey or study		
	☐ Form 990 of other organizations	☐ 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			
4a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?			No
4b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?			No
4c	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			
5a	The organization?			No
5b	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			
6a	The organization?			No
6b	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 Regulations 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) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(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 as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) John H Adams Trustee	(i) (ii)	174,958				62,805	237,763	
(2) Frances Beinecke President	(i) (ii)	383,324			35,000	17,408	435,732	
(3) Sarah A Gillman Chief Financial Officer	(i) (ii)	222,013			2,678	17,164	241,855	
(4) Judith A Keefer Chief Operating Officer	(i) (ii)	227,042			32,291	14,390	273,723	
(5) Peter Lehner Executive Director	(i) (ii)	274,609			30,000	17,164	321,773	

Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. 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 is a part-time consultant for NRDC and received \$174,958 for these services in calendar year 2012. 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 value of these benefits are: Medical \$ 19,820 LTC \$ 42,985. Form 990, Part VII & Schedule J, Part I The individuals reported on NRDC Action Fund's Form 990, Frances Beinecke, Sarah Gillman, Judith Keefer, Peter Lehner and Heather Taylor-Miesle 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 \$ 6,146 \$1,777 Chief financial officer Gillman \$ 4,486 \$1,326 Chief operating officer Keefer \$ 32 \$ 9 Executive director Lehner \$12,434 \$3,558 Director For Affairs Taylor-Miesle \$103,168 \$29,653. NRDC Action Fund reimburses NRDC for the services of other NRDC employees. Those individuals do not meet the criteria of an officer, key employee or highly compensated employee of the Action Fund and accordingly are not disclosed in Part VII or Schedule J of the 990. 990

SCHEDULE O

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.
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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Governing Body and Management	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A	
Policies	Part VI - Governance	990 review process form 990, Part VI, Section B, 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. Conflict of interest policy monitoring & Enforcement Form 990, part VI, Section B, LINE 12 Each officer, director, and employee is required to annually disclose any conflicts of interest that arise by virtue of relationship to the organization, board service, or position with either NRDC Action Fund or 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. Process to determine compensation Form 990, Part VI, Section B, LINE 15 NRDC Action Fund does not directly compensate any officers, directors and/or 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.
availability of documents	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 Action Fund also makes the 990 available on the Action Fund website at www.nrdcactionfund.org (and on www.guidestar.org). The organization's financial statements, 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.
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.
form 990, part XII, line 2c		The NRDC Action Fund does not receive standalone financial statements, for audit purposes, as its operations are consolidated with an affiliated organization, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. Form 990, part XII, line 3a The NRDC Action Fund did not receive any federal funding, nevertheless, its activities are included in the audited financial statements of its parent organization, Natural Resources Defense Council, which did undergo an A-133 audit.

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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)					
(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) 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" to 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 entity?	
						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		No
(2) NRDC Limited 22/F Bank of China Tower HK	Environmental	HK		N/A	NA		No

Part III

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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) Disproportionate 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" to 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	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V

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

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

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 or (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b

Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

c

Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

d

Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

e

Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f

Dividends from related organization(s)

g

Sale of assets to related organization(s)

h

Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

i

Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

j

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

k

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

l

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

m

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

n

Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

o

Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

p

Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

q

Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

r

Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

s

Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

Yes

No

1a

No

1b

No

1c

No

1d

No

1e

No

1f

No

1g

No

1h

No

1i

No

1j

No

1k

No

1l

No

1m

No

1n

Yes

1o

Yes

1p

Yes

1q

No

1r

No

1s

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-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL INC	N, O,	996,941	COST

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.

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Software Version:
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Name: NRDC Action Fund Inc

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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Additional Data

Software ID:

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Name: NRDC Action Fund Inc

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Wendy Abrams Trustee	1 0	X						0	0	0
John H Adams Trustee	1 0	X							174,958	62,805
	1 0									
Christopher Arndt Trustee	1 0	X								
Richard E Ayres Trustee	1 0	X								
	1 0									
Anne Bartley Trustee	1 0	X								
Patricia Bauman Trustee	1 0	X								
Frances Beinecke President	1 0	X		X					383,324	52,408
	40 0									
Lucy Blake Trustee	1 0	X								
Dayna Bochco Trustee	1 0	X								
Sherwood Boehlert Trustee	1 0	X								
Hamilton Candee Trustee	1 0	X								
Ari Emanuel Trustee	1 0	X								
Bob Epstein Trustee	1 0	X								
Michael Finnegan Trustee	1 0	X								
William Haney Trustee	1 0	X								
Barbarina Heyerdahl Trustee	1 0	X								
Cindy Horn Trustee	1 0	X								
Honorable Hamilton Kean Trustee	1 0	X								
Patricia Sullivan Trustee	1 0	X							82,576	0
	16 0									
Vernice Miller-Travis Trustee	1 0	X								
Mary Moran Trustee	1 0	X								
	1 0									
Edward James Olmos Trustee	1 0	X								
John Podesta Trustee	1 0	X								
Daniel R Tishman Trustee	1 0	X								
	1 0									
Douglas N Varley Trustee	1 0	X								

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Eric Wepsic Trustee	1 0 1 0	X								
Ira Ziering Trustee	1 0	X								
Sarah Cogan Secretary	1 0 1 0			X						
Sarah A Gillman Chief Financial Officer	1 0 40 0			X					222,013	19,842
Judith A Keefer Chief Operating Officer	1 0 40 0			X					227,042	46,681
Peter Lehner Executive Director	1 0 40 0			X					274,609	47,164
Jennifer Reynoso assistant secretary	1 0			X						
Heather Taylor-Miesle Operational Director	33 0 2 0					X			110,676	11,032