

OVEC helped in every aspect of getting us water lines here. They helped in the planning, scheduling, making appointments at the Capitol to make our needs



known to the powers that be. They were instrumental in helping us to get the word out to the public, including the national outcry to make our needs known. We tried for 13 years on our own, but once we partnered with OVEC, people started paying attention. OVEC gave us expertise, help, and contacts to get us clean water here.

- Debbie and B.I. Sammons, Rawl

Above: Putrid brown well water, poisoned by coal surry, in Rawl, Mingo Co., WV. After communities organized with OVEC's help, they now have clean water.



OVEC is working for the day when:

- We preserve the mountain ecosystems and culture of Central Appalachia;
- We create a just, diversified, and sustainable economy that values the education and creativity of all people and links a holistic lifestyle to environmental preservation;
- Any citizen may run for public office and reclaim the power in their community/state/region/nation;
- Citizens demand and receive accountability from politicians and regulators.



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*Supporting Organized Voices and
Empowered Communities Since 1987*

Since OVEC began in 1987, we've fought for environmental justice. We believe social change happens when ordinary citizens, working together, feel powerful and see themselves as agents of change.

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Defend Our Water. Much of OVEC's work revolves around protecting water, whether the focus is on coal or oil- and gas-related pollution, or on educating the public and the WV State Legislature.

Deep Shale Oil & Gas/Pipelines. To protect our air, land, water, and communities from the adverse effects of deep shale oil and gas drilling (fracking) activities, OVEC works with individuals, allied organizations, attorneys, and the media.

Local Food and Youth. To promote healthy eating and the benefits of local food, OVEC works with partners on a gardening and cooking project with the Huntington Boys and Girls Club.



Studies show a 42% higher rate of birth defects near mountaintop removal mines compared to non-mining areas.

Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining. To protect human health, communities, streams, and forests from mountaintop removal coal mining, we organize, educate, and litigate. We work with with regional and national allies to overcome the coal industry's legacy of pollution and impoverished communities.

OVEC is headquartered in Huntington, W. Va. We work primarily in the Mountain State. Help grow our power: Volunteer! Join OVEC!

Programs



Clean Elections. Public campaign funding helps decrease the influence of special interests' money in WV politics and promotes greater citizen participation in our democracy. With the passage of public campaign funding for State Supreme Court elections, we made history. Next target: legislative campaigns!

Renewable Energy and Economic Transition. OVEC promotes increased energy efficiency through legislation, and by working with homeowners, faith communities, businesses and others. We also promote locally owned renewable energy, essential for the transition to a sustainable economy in Central Appalachia.

Climate Change. Much of OVEC's work is about addressing climate change by curbing pollution from fossil fuels. OVEC collaborates with the Civil Society Institute and a variety of faith groups to promote a cleaner, safer energy future for all.



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OVEC promotes renewable energy jobs and sustainable development in West Virginia.

OVEC is changing the face of "politics as usual" with our Clean Elections work.

OVEC is committed to ending mountaintop removal coal mining, through community organizing, media outreach, and legal challenges.

OVEC has a history of successes. Since 1987, we've helped protect human health, reduce pollution, save forests, and make West Virginia a better place.