

Policy



POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION POLICY AND DISCLOSURES 2018 & 2019

US Ecology Policies and Interest in the Political Process

US Ecology is a leader in providing environmental services related to the treatment, disposal and recycling of hazardous, nonhazardous and radioactive waste, as well as emergency response and standby services. Our business operations are subject to extensive regulation at the federal, state and local levels, where existing and changing policies can have a significant impact on how we operate. We consistently engage with federal, state and local government officials.

We consider this engagement to be a necessary part of our leadership in the environmental services industry. All US Ecology team members are mandated to identify and abide by the principles and rules of the government entities with whom we interact. We remain committed to open and transparent communication with the highest integrity and ethics in mind.

We believe it is important for US Ecology to participate in the political process, which includes advocating for legislative and public policy decisions promoting [Our Shared Values](#) and mission to protect human health and the environment.

Corporate Political Participation

The extent to which corporations are permitted to contribute to state political candidates or campaign committees varies from state to state. These laws and regulations are complex and change frequently. Under federal law, a corporation may not make political contributions to federal political candidates or campaign committees.

US Ecology's involvement in the political process is through a variety of means, including (i) limited direct corporate political contributions to state candidates and committees, (ii) by indirect means such as membership in a trade association, and (iii) contributions made through the US Ecology Political Action Committee ("USE PAC"). These political contributions are regularly reviewed and analyzed by our government affairs team to ensure contributions made are consistent with our political contribution strategic approach. US Ecology's political contributions are also reviewed on a quarterly basis by our Board of Directors.

Corporate Political Contributions

In 2018, US Ecology made \$49,500 in total corporate political contributions. These contributions were made in two states.

2018 Corporate Political Contributions by State:

STATE	AMOUNT
Idaho	\$16,000
Michigan	\$33,500

In 2019, US Ecology made \$23,860 in total corporate political contributions. These contributions were made in two states.

2019 Corporate Political Contributions by State:

STATE	AMOUNT
Idaho	\$2,750
Michigan	\$21,110

Corporate Contributions to Independent Expenditure Committees

Independent expenditure committees ("Super PACs") are candidate-specific organizations which operate independent of the candidate they are supporting. US Ecology did not contribute to Super PACs in 2018 or 2019.

Corporate Membership in Trade Associations

US Ecology is a member of the Environmental Technology Council ("ETC"), which is the leading trade association of commercial firms that provide a broad range of recycling, treatment, disposal and field services to customers for industrial and hazardous wastes. ETC seeks to increase awareness about the integral role the hazardous waste management industry plays in the United States' economic structure through the development of technical and regulatory assessments, public and member education programs, legal initiatives and public advocacy. ETC member companies operate under the strict requirements of federal and comparable state laws.

Our membership dues to ETC for 2018 were \$76,000, of which approximately \$8,223 (10.82%) was used by ETC for lobbying activity during 2018. In 2019, our membership dues to ETC were \$76,000, of which \$10,093 (13.28%) was used by ETC for lobbying activity during 2019.

Contributions from USE PAC

US Ecology accepts contributions to the USE PAC solely from individuals who are eligible to participate under the terms of the USE PAC and applicable law. Contributions made to the USE PAC are strictly voluntary. US Ecology does not display partiality towards team members on the basis of their participation. The USE PAC contributes to the campaigns of federal, state and local elected officials who champion our mission to protect human health and the environment. The USE PAC fully complies with all federal and state laws regarding reporting by political action committees.

In 2018 and 2019, the USE PAC made \$24,240 and \$18,350 in political contributions respectively. Please click [here](#) to view disbursements from the USE PAC.