

Report of the Environmental Action Team for September 2021 Board Meeting

The Environmental Action Team (EAT) is currently without a convener, and as a result has been less active this quarter and no additional meetings are scheduled. Individual members have been helpful keeping UUSJ connected to events and coalitions as possible.

EAT did produce an Action Alert in July urging Congress to take bold action for climate, jobs and justice by adopting a reconciliation package that would include key climate and environmental justice priorities. The Alert has resulted in 603 emails by 220 senders to Representatives and Senators.

EAT has continued its relationship with the Washington Interfaith Staff Community (WISC). In July, WISC reported that the bipartisan infrastructure bill included \$11 billion for Abandoned Mine Lands, something EAT has advocated for on several occasions. In August a member of EAT covered a briefing by Representative Grijalva's office on how the bipartisan infrastructure bill would restrict the coverage of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to some projects, and reported the results to WISC.