

Patricia Monahan
Deputy Director, Clean Vehicles Program
Director of the California Office
Union of Concerned Scientists

Patricia is the Director of the California Office and Deputy Director for Clean Vehicles at the Union of Concerned Scientists. Patricia has published numerous studies on the benefits of reducing diesel pollution from cars, trucks, buses, and heavy equipment. She has worked on federal and California-specific legislation and regulations to reduce pollution from vehicles and fuels.

Before joining UCS in 2001, Patricia spent eight years as a scientist working on air pollution and toxics at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington DC, and San Francisco. She spent several years as an energy analyst at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, where her research encompassed industrial energy use and efficiency, projections of energy use and pollution, and international strategies for reducing heat-trapping gas emissions.

Patricia has a bachelor's degree in environmental science from the University of California at Berkeley and a master's degree in energy analysis and policy from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Patricia's publications at UCS include:

- 2006 School Bus Pollution Report Card (2006)
- Sick of Soot; Reducing the Health Impacts of Diesel Pollution in California (2004)
- The Diesel Dilemma; Diesel's Role in the Race for Clean Cars (2003)
- Cleaning Up Diesel Pollution; Emissions from Off-Highway Engines by State (2003)
- Pollution Report Card: Grading America's School Bus Fleets" (2002)
- Drilling in Detroit; Tapping Automaker Ingenuity and Build Safe and Efficient Automobiles (2001)
- Over a Barrel: How to Avoid California's Second Energy Crisis (2001)