

# **BURNT**

IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH  
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT,  
BUSINESS, AND ACADEMIA

## **Summer Intern Opportunities–Year 2009**

*BURNT* is a twenty year old, all volunteer Nashville citizens group heavily involved in solid waste, landfills, environmental injustice, pesticides, and low level multiple chemicals pervasive in our bodies and environment. *BURNT* has closed chronic polluters. We have long term involvement with neighborhood environmental justice issues. We volunteer at the State legislature, Metro Council, and multiple State and Metro boards. *BURNT* is research based and provides positive alternatives to decision makers. We are non-partisan and not involved in elections. . We work closest with the Tennessee State Conference of the NAACP, the Nashville Branch of the NAACP, the Dickson County Branch of the NAACP, the Nashville Peace and Justice Center (where our office is located) and with national groups The Institute for Local Self Reliance and Beyond Pesticides.

### **Our goals for a summer intern program**

1. Develop a clear “Work Plan” with specific activities and research so that interns develop specific knowledge about solid waste, environmental justice, and low level chemicals in our bodies and environment by providing us outreach on our issues.
2. If possible, we would like a team of 2-3 interns doing this work [we may have other candidates].
3. The summer program will revolve around two topics–state wide solid waste reform and low level multiple chemicals in our environment and bodies.
4. Activities, which will be scheduled and evaluated, will include research into environmental records at State government and discussions with regulators about their views; preparation for and attendance at a key 3 June 2009 hearing of the State Solid Waste Disposal Board on proposed solid waste regulations; outreach at neighborhood fairs with *BURNT* information; attendance at community meetings including the NAACP; research into low level multiple chemicals including outreach to potential community partners; and participation in solid waste research by Tennessee State University and Middle Tennessee State University contingent on passage by the Tennessee general assembly of *SB 2180/HB 2216* [link to [www.capitol.tn.gov](http://www.capitol.tn.gov)].
5. *BURNT*'s position is that since 1940, many chemicals convenient for business and consumers now permeate our environment and bodies at a terrible long term cost and damage. This can be fixed and offers significant business and career opportunities. .
6. Please go to our web site [www.burnt-tn.org](http://www.burnt-tn.org) to read our analysis of the Mayor's *Green Ribbon Committee* [last entry] to understand our approach.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this with individuals or a group. Please call or write

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