

ARIZONA



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

HARMFUL EMISSIONS

- Arizona is home to 4 operational coal-fired power plants that received a D or D- grade in the NAACP Coal Blooded Report Coranda, Cholla, Springerville, and Navajo.
- The population of Arizona consist of White-Americans 77.50, Native American, 4.41 percent, Black or African American, 4.30 percent, 2 or more race 3.49 percent, Asian 3.13 percent, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 0.20 percent and other race 6.97 percent.

ASTHMA

- In 2014, 9.6 percent of adult Arizonans reported having asthma, compared to a national rate of 8.9 percent. African-American children are 2 times more likely to have asthma than white children.
- African-Americans are 2 to 3 times more likely to die from asthma than any other racial or ethnic group. 1 in 5 Hispanic adults cannot afford their asthma medicine.

EXTREME HEAT

- More than 200.000 people in Arizona are especially vulnerable to extreme heat and humidity. Phoenix is the 2nd fastest warming city in the United States.



DOES ARIZONA MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, ARIZONA MUST HAVE A:

- ✓ **Mandatory** Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) with a target of 25% clean energy by 2025 with no nuclear, biomass, or natural gas allowed;
- ✓ **Mandatory** Energy Efficiency Resource Standard per NAACP standards, as defined by: at least 2% annual reduction over each previous year's average retail electricity sales;
- ✓ **Mandatory** Local Hire Provisions and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Provisions; and
- ✓ **Mandatory** Community Solar Policy, which is legislation that allows communities to take advantage of solar energy.



PROPOSED ACTION STEPS

1. Every Branch will **organize** an ECJ Committee and **chair** a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
2. Arizona State Conference will **conduct** Coal Blooded Action Training/Campaign Training to retire Plant Scherer and Plant Bowen and **develop** a *Just Transition* Plan.
3. Arizona State Conference will **engage** in a Power to the People campaign to **increase** environmental standards.
4. All Arizona NAACP branch leaders will **join** Climate Action Planning tables.