

COLORADO



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION

- Colorado bears the burden of the Comanche and Martin Drake coal fired power plants with an F ranking in Coal Blooded Report. Comanche is in the City of Pueblo with 56% people of color within a 3 mile radius and Martin Drake in the City of Colorado Springs with 26% people of color within 3 mile radius. To ensure clean air for all, actions must be taken including retiring coal fired power plants and passing clean air ordinances

ASTHMA

- In Colorado, about 477,571 people live with asthma. More than 4 out of 10 people live in counties with unhealthy levels of ozone or particle pollution. This can increase rise for asthma and respiratory issues, which leads to missed school days, hospitalization and full respiratory failure.

HEAT

- More than 100,000 people living in Colorado are especially vulnerable to extreme heat. Fort Collins is the 9th fastest-warming city in the U.S. By 2050, summer drought severity in Colorado is projected to be among the worst in the country.

DOES COLORADO MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS, COLORADO 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. Colorado Springs Branch will **conduct** Coal Blooded Action Training/Campaign Training to retire Plant Drake sooner than 2035 and to **develop** a *Just Transition* Plan.
3. Colorado Branch should **engage** with their Local Rural Electric Co-op.