

CONNECTICUT



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION

- Connecticut is home to Bridgeport coal fire power plant in Fairfield, operated by Public Service & Gas and AES Thames in New London, operated by AES.

ASTHMA

- 9.6% of Connecticut children suffer from asthma and 9.2% of adults suffer from asthma.

FLOODING

- 130,000 people in Connecticut are living in flood prone areas. By 2050, 260,000 will be living in flood prone areas.



DOES CONNECTICUT MEET NAACP *JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?*

TO MEET NAACP *JUST ENERGY STANDARDS*, CONNECTICUT 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. Connecticut State Conference will **engage** in a Power to the People campaign to **increase** environmental standards.
3. All Connecticut NAACP branch leaders will **join** Climate Action Planning tables.