

# DELAWARE



## ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

### AIR POLLUTION

- Delaware is home to the Indian River Fire Plant in Millsboro which has a D- ranking in Coal Blooded Report. This facility is among the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's list of potential damage cases, indicating that it has potentially polluted groundwater or surface water at levels which threaten human health and the environment

### HEALTH RISKS

- The communities of Dunleith, Oakmont, and Southbridge, whose residents are predominantly people of color and that have a substantial low-income population, have cancer risks 19 to 23 percent higher than for Greenville and 14 to 18 percent higher than for Delaware overall.
- Drinking water contaminated with Hexavalent chromium was found at the Indian River site.

### FLOODING

- Today, Delaware has 22,000 people at risk of coastal flooding. By 2050, an additional 9,000 people are projected to be at risk due to sea level rise.



## DOES DELAWARE MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS?

### TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, DELAWARE 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 **form** an ECJ Committee & chair and form a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
2. Delaware Branches will **host** a Bridging the Gap convening and **conduct** a Just Energy Toolkit Training.
3. Every Delaware branch will **host** Sea Level Rise Training and **launch** a Sea Level Rise Preparedness Project.
4. All Delaware NAACP branch leaders will **join** Climate Action Planning tables.