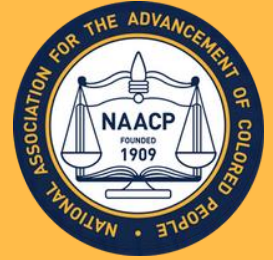


# LOUISIANA



## ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

### AIR POLLUTION

- More African Americans live near coal fired power plants, nuclear power plants, or biomass (where waste is burned to make energy) power plants than any other demographic group in the United States.
- As a result, African Americans are more likely to suffer health problems from the pollution that these facilities produce.
- Coal-fired power plants produce more hazardous air pollution in the United States than any other industrial pollution sources.
- Rodemacher Coal Power Station is located in Boyce and Dolet Hills Coal Station is located in Mansfield; both received D/F grades in NAACP Coal Blooded Report.
- Boyce and Mansfield's populations are over 70% percent African American. Boyce and Mansfield are near the Natchitoches Parish.

### SEA LEVEL RISE

- Sea level rise is another very severe environmental hazard. By 2050, an additional 262,000 people are projected to be at risk due to sea level rise. Already one community, Isle de Jean Charles, had to be moved due to the inundation of their land by sea level rise.

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

### TO MEET NAACP *JUST ENERGY STANDARDS*, LOUISIANA 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. Natchitoches Parish and Shreveport branches will **launch** Coal Blooded action campaigns to **retire** Rodemacher and Dolet Hills Coal plants and work towards a *Just Transition* Plan.
2. Every branch should have an ECJ **committee** and **chair**, and a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
3. All leaders will **join** Climate Action Planning (CAP) tables and **participate** in sea level rise training.
4. Louisiana State Conference will **release** a Just Energy report and host Energy Justice Roundtables.