ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION
- Hudson and Mercer are two of New Jersey’s coal plants.
- More than 4 out of 10 people live in counties with unhealthy levels of ozone or particle pollution.

FLOODING
- By 2050, an additional 110,000 people are projected to be at risk due to sea level rise
- The highest observed flood level at Atlantic City was 4 ft above local high tide line.
- At this flood level, more than $75 billion worth of property and 750 hazardous waste sites in the state are at risk of coastal flooding.

DOES NEW JERSEY MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, NEW JERSEY 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. New Jersey Branches will host a Bridging the Gap Convening.
3. New Jersey State Conference will **engage** in a Power to the People campaign to **increase** environmental standards.
4. Every branch will **host** Sea Level Rise Training and **launch** a Sea Level Rise Preparedness Project.
5. All NJ NAACP branch leaders will **join** Climate Action Planning tables.