ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION
- New Mexico is home to 2 coal-fired powered plants with a D or F grade on the NAACP Coal Blooded list - Escalante and San Juan.

HEAT
- New Mexico averages about 20 dangerous heat days a year. By 2050, that number is projected to double which will increase the number of wildfires, the intensity of storms, and the number and length of droughts.

DOES NEW MEXICO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, NEW MEXICO 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 have an ECJ committee and chair, and a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

2. Rio Rancho and Albuquerque branches will engage in Rural Electric Co-Op community solar projects.

3. New Mexico State conference will engage in a Coal Blooded Action Campaign/Training Campaign to retire San Juan Generating Station and transition to clean energy.

4. New Mexico State Conference will release the NM Just Energy report and host an Energy Justice Summit, and launch a "Power to the People" campaign to strengthen NM equity based energy policies.