

NEW YORK



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION

- New York is home to three major coal fire power plants: CR Huntley in Erie County, AES Somerset in Niagara County, and Dunkirk in Chautauqua County.

ASTHMA

- About 400,000 children and 1.5 million adults in New York suffer from asthma.

FLOODING

- 430,000 people in New York are at risk of a 100-year coastal flood.
- By 2050, an additional 230,000 people are projected to be at risk.



DOES NEW YORK MEET NAACP *JUST ENERGY* STANDARDS?

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