ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION
- North Dakota is home to 6 coal fired power plants listed within the Coal Blooded Report.
- To ensure clean air for all, actions must be taken including retiring coal fired power plants and passing clean air ordinances.

ASTHMA
- More than 4 out of 10 people live in counties with unhealthy levels of ozone or particle pollution.
- This can increase risk for asthma and respiratory issues, which lead to missed school day, hospitalization and full respiratory failure. In ND, about 64,386 live with asthma.

FLOODING
- In North Dakota, more than 50,000 people are living in areas at elevated risk of inland flooding.

DOES NORTH DAKOTA MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, NORTH DAKOTA 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. North Dakota Branches will conduct Coal Blooded Action Training/Campaign Training to develop a Just Transition Plan.
3. North Dakota Branches should engage with their Local Rural Electric Co-op.