OREGON

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION
- Oregon is home to Boardman coal-fired power plant, owned by Portland General Electric that received a D- grade in the NAACP Coal Blood Report. It is slated for closure and conversion 2020.

ASTHMA
- In Oregon, approximately 360,000 people live with asthma.
- In all except for Hillsboro, Beaverton and Happy Valley, areas with the highest densities of population of color also tend to have the higher asthma rates

FLOODING
- A lot of the port facilities in Oregon are right at Sea Level. Winter is the heavy rain season during which flooding regularly occurs as a result of exacerbating the high tide and the water cannot go out to sea.

DOES OREGON MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, OREGON 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. Eugene, Portland and Salem will conduct Coal Blooded Action Training/Campaign Training to work towards the retirement of the Boardman plant and develop a Just Transition Plan.
3. Oregon State Conference will engage in a Power to the People campaign to increase environmental standards.
4. The Oregon Branches will host Sea Level Rise Training and launch a Sea Level Rise Preparedness Project.
5. All Oregon NAACP branch leaders will join Climate Action Planning tables.