

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.