



PENNSYLVANIA



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION

- Pennsylvania is home to 78 coal power fire plants; 14 plants represent 84.6% of Pennsylvania's coal energy generating capacity.
- There are 240 active coal mines in Pennsylvania.

ASTHMA

- Pennsylvania is home to more than 246,000 children with asthma and more than 890,000 adults with asthma.
- The estimated incremental direct costs of asthma to children and adults is \$2.3 billion.
- 19% of black Pennsylvanians suffer from asthma and 53% of black Pennsylvanians account for asthma related hospitalizations.

FLOODING

- 7,000 residents are at risk of a 100-year coastal flood.
- By 2050, that number is expected to double.



DOES PENNSYLVANIA MEET NAACP *JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?*

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