



SOUTH DAKOTA



ENVIRONMENTAL & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION

- South Dakota Big Stone Power Plant, listed in Coal Blooded Report burns coal which emits sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon dioxide and more which impacts the health of households within a 3 mile radius. To ensure clean air for all, actions must be taken including retiring coal-fired power plants and passing clean air ordinances

ASTHMA

- In South Dakota about 50,608 live with asthma. Extreme heat and poor air quality can exacerbate health conditions, such as 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 days, hospitalization and full respiratory failure.

FLOODING

- In South Dakota, there are nearly 45,000 people living in areas at an elevated risk of inland flooding.



DOES SOUTH DAKOTA MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS, SOUTH 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. South Dakota Branches will **conduct** Coal Blooded Action Training/Campaign Training to retire Big Stone Power Plant and **develop** a *Just Transition* Plan.
3. South Dakota Branches should **engage** with their Local Rural Electric Co-op.