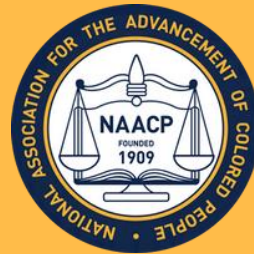


TENNESSEE



ENVIRONMENTAL & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION & TOXINS

- Kingston (US Government /TVA) and Eastman (Tennessee Eastman) coal power plants received D+ grades in the NAACP Coal Blooded Report. In 2008, Kingston was the site of the 1.1 billion-gallon coal fly ash slurry spill when an ash dike ruptured at an 84-acre solid waste containment area.
- The Memphis Branch, along with like-minded organizations, successfully closed the Allen Fossil Plant (Allen) that converted to natural gas in 2018. Allen was the site of a 2017 EPA investigation for elevated arsenic levels and other contaminants.
- Tennessee is home to 7 operational coal-fired powered plants that generate 95% of the state's coal energy generating capacity. All 7 are owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

ASTHMA

- 6% of adults and 9.5% of children in Tennessee suffer from asthma.
- Asthma rates double for those who fall below the poverty level at a staggering 14.8%.

PRECIPITATION & TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

- 270,000 people live in areas at an elevated risk of inland flooding. By 2050, that number is expected to increase by half and the state is projected to experience an above average threat level (#7 out of 32 states assessed for inland flooding risks).



DOES TENNESSEE MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS, TENNESSEE 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 have an ECJ **Committee** and **chair** a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
2. McMinn, Haywood, & Clarksville branches will **engage** in Rural Electric Co-Op Democratization projects.
3. Roane County/Washington County branches will **enact** coal blooded action campaigns to plants in Kingston and Kingsport and transition to clean energy.
4. Tennessee State Conference will **host** a "Bridging the Gap: Connecting Black Communities to the Green Economy" Summit.
5. Tennessee State Conference will **engage** in a "Power to the People" campaign to strengthen Tennessee Environmental standards.
6. Memphis branch will **pass** a local clean air ordinance.
7. TN Youth and College Chapters will **engage** in local food projects.