



WEST VIRGINIA



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION

- West Virginia accounts for 11% of the nation's coal production and 9 out of 10 of the state's largest power plants are coal-fired.
- 262,000 people live within a half-mile of active oil and gas operations.

FLOODING

- More than 150,000 people live in areas at an elevated risk of inland flooding.

HEAT

- Nearly 60,000 people in West Virginia are especially vulnerable to extreme heat.



DOES WEST VIRGINIA MEET NAACP *JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?*

TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, WEST VIRGINIA 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. West Virginia State Conference will **engage** in a Power to the People campaign to **increase** environmental standards.
3. All West Virginia NAACP branch leaders will **organize** Community Solar campaigns.
4. All West Virginia NAACP branch leaders will **join** Climate Action Planning tables.