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I am writing to respectfully criticize the 2019 Energy Master Plan. All studies show that climate change is accelerating at a much faster pace than was predicted or anticipated. The plan, as currently written, takes very cautious steps toward mitigating the climate change caused by burning fossil fuels when much bolder steps are needed, if New Jersey is to survive as a state. We cannot meet even current goals for reducing greenhouse gases, much less the set targets for 2050, if we allow current fossil fuel projects--pipelines, compressors, etc.--to move forward. The current plan is the very definition of locking the stable after all the horses have stampeded through the door.

We must have a moratorium on all fossil fuel projects while we study the accelerating effects. We cannot afford to add to them and hope to survive. We cannot have a tepid goal of 100% carbon neutral by 2050, or in 2050 we will be unrecognizable as a state or a country. We must have a goal of completely powered by clean, renewable energy by 2050. This is not a time for half measures. The Governor was elected by people like me on the promise that he would fight for the environment and a real future for New Jersey's citizens, particularly its children. This plan is window dressing and fools no one.

Thank you for your time.
Sent from my iPhone