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Why is Gov. Murphy so cowardly about saving NJ's water and air when we're one of the three fastest warming states in the USA full of smog from traffic pollution, and why doesn't the gov. call for an emergency moratorium on new fossil fuel infrastructure that will add 30% more pollution to NJ known as the asthma, emphysema, cancer state? There is no excuse for not calling a moratorium and insisting on a carbon free energy plan by 2035 as well. It's literally criminal not to do so.

Gas is a volatile substance both in dangers from leakage and explosions from pipelines and compressor stations, especially in these times of extreme weather, floods, super storms, and wild fires that destroy such infrastructures. Also, gas is bound to become volatile in price due to the EMERGENCY NEED for renewable energy in these dire emergency times. re. CLIMATE CATASTROPHE bearing down on our ocean surrounded pininsula which will be bankrupted by climate crisis. Who has persuaded the governor and legislature that this is a good EMP. We hope it isn't the gas industrialists who have dirty money to throw around for heaven's sake. Both Republican and Democratic Governors have used their authority to take bold actions in the past to avert potential environmental devastation. What's wrong with Murphy. Doesn't he realize his own authority?

- In 1979, Governor Brendan Byrne issued Executive Order 71, which implemented a moratorium on all development within the Pinelands until there was legislative protection and planning in place.
 - In 1987, Governor Thomas Kean issued Executive Order 176, which imposed a moratorium on sewer hook ups until there was legislative protection for over 300,000 acres of freshwater wetlands.
 - In 1990, Governor Jim Florio issued Executive Order 8 which imposed a moratorium on all incinerator construction until an "Emergency Solid Waste Task Force" could review the state of the state's solid waste and make recommendations on any alternatives.
- The EMP is totally inadequate for not calling for zero carbon emissions even by 2050 which is much later than other states in less dire situations than NJ. Gas infrastructure projects will add 30% more pollution to our polluted faster warming state. The *Star Ledger*, *Bergen Record*, *Wash. Post* have pointed out how much faster NJ is overheating due to climate crisis, now a dire emergency.

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