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**To:** comments, EMP  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] NJ IEP Feedback

Re: NJ IEP Feedback

Dear NJBPU,

As a NJ farmer, I know first hand the devastating results of climate change. Warm winters and severe weather have destroyed crops and our ability to grow food for our state. Harmful insects are no longer killed off in the winter. Deadly disease carrying insects seem to be taking over the state aided by pesticides and herbicides that are more deadly to humans than to insects. NJ is known as the cancer state due to the terrible quality of our environment. I have lost so many loved ones to cancer its heart wrenching.

I am gravely sadden and concerned by the Integrated Energy Plan (IEP) because it does not do what is necessary to address the climate crisis. Its is imperative that you take additional steps through the IEP modeling and analysis to address the critical deficiencies in the IEP before finalizing it and the Energy Master Plan.

- The plan needs to address the fact that NJ's emissions must be cut drastically immediately, not just 45% before 2030.
- The plan must include a goal of carbon-free energy for New Jersey (not “carbon-neutral”, which includes dirty and inefficient energy)
- The plan must institute an immediate moratorium on any and all new fossil fuel infrastructure and uses
- The plan must address the global warming potential of short-lived climate pollutants from natural gas like methane and black carbon.
- The plan must realistically address the social costs of the continued reliance and use of fossil fuels in the cost analysis especially in cities where most of NJ's poor reside.
- The plan must include working in cooperation with communities and collaboration with organizations that can help
- The plan must include meaningful public input not just the input of those who make money on fossil fuels
- The plan must leave room for new advances and technological changes
- The plan must include the means to drastically decrease fossil fuel use starting now.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the IEP. I am counting on BPU to listen to my input and address the deficiencies to combat the growing climate emergency here in NJ.

Sincerely,  
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