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Subject: [EXTERNAL] IEP Feedback

I have not studied the IEP in detail, but the following suggestions by EmpowerNJ seem to me to be worthwhile in any case. The authors of the EMP should take this kind of input seriously, because (a) it's usually well-researched and well thought-out, and (b) the recommendations are intrinsically worthwhile.

New Jersey can and should be a global leader in addressing our climate emergency. Instead, I am alarmed by what's missing in the Integrated Energy Plan. I urge you to take all possible steps to address these critical structural deficiencies before finalizing the IEP and EMP.

Improvements to the IEP should include:

- any modeling scenarios that cut NJ's emissions 45% before 2030 as recommended by IPCC 2018 report
- modeling for a goal of carbon-free energy for New Jersey
- modeling for immediate moratorium on any new fossil fuel infrastructure
- front loading emission reductions to have the most significant impact on our climate emergency
- accurately estimating the global warming potential of short-lived climate pollutants like methane and black carbon
- counting social costs of continued reliance and use of fossil fuels
- flexibility to use the best of some plans now and others later
- valuing meaningful public input
- consideration of potential impact of future regulatory and technological changes
- any mechanisms or recommendations of how to decrease fossil fuel use

These and any other elements relative to responding to the climate crisis should be addressed in the EMP. Thank you.

My best regards,

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