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**From:** Candus Hedberg <ckhedberg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2019 4:00 PM  
**To:** comments, EMP  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments on the NJ IEP

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for the efforts of your state staff who have prepared the IEP. While I'm not an expert in these matters, I've become more knowledgeable as the NESE Gas Compressor station is pending final permit approvals to be built within 2 miles of my home. I fear greatly the toxins and environmental degradation this pipeline and compressor station will foist on me and other NJ and NY residents. If approved, every gas and oil project under current application in NJ will increase the dangers and ill effects of carbon-based platforms with little justification or benefit to NJ. I am alarmed that the Energy Master Plan that was presented in the public hearings was far from adequate in including the accumulating dangers and effects from future proposed carbon based energy project. I respectfully and firmly request that you take all steps to address the following critical structural deficiencies before finalizing the IEP and EMP.

The IEP needs to be revised to include:

- 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
- accurate estimates of the global warming potential of short-lived climate pollutants like methane and black carbon
- 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
- fact-based mechanisms or recommendations of how to decrease fossil fuel
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Thank you for your consideration,  
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