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Subject: [EXTERNAL] IEP Feedback

Greetings,

New Jersey can and should be a global leader in addressing our climate emergency. We have a ton of coastline, beach tourism, heat waves, a climate-vulnerable agricultural industry, poor air quality, and more issues that will become harder to tackle as local temperatures continue to rise. Yet, we continue to dump greenhouse gas emissions into the air rather than becoming leaders in clean energy and climate change mitigation technology.

I am both baffled and alarmed by the findings presented in the Integrated Energy Plan. You seem to ignore the climate crisis and the many ways our state is vulnerable. We must transition now to a decarbonized economy.

I demand you take all steps to address these critical structural deficiencies before finalizing the IEP and EMP. Improvements to the IEP should include:

- modeling scenarios that cut NJ's emissions 45% before 2030 as recommended by IPCC 2018 report and modeling scenarios that cut NJ's emissions even faster in light of new evidence that climate change consequences are accelerating
- 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 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 (drastically) decrease fossil fuel use

Best,
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