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Subject: [EXTERNAL] EMP will fail if we don't have a moratorium on fossil fuels.
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Dear BPU administrators,

Without a moratorium on all new fossil fuels projects, the Energy Master Plan intended to cut greenhouse gases by 80 % by 2050 will fail.

There are at least a dozen planned fuel projects in NJ. The Penn East Pipeline fossil fuel project alone would produce 1 billion cubic feet of GHG, just about doubling NJ greenhouse gases . This would require NJ to remove half the cars on the road just to stay even with the present day Greenhouse gas emissions.

Governor Murphy stated that he recognizes that climate change is a fact and existential threat. It is important to note that NJ is the second in the country to be affected by climate change. NJ temperatures are 3 degrees f higher and moving rapidly upwards.

Only a moratorium now on all planned fossil fuel projects will we be able to increase renewable energy production required to meet our stated goal and replace Greenhouse gases. This buys us time to create innovative and green jobs. Monies can be used to create educational programs in community colleges on green energy technologies.

We should not be carbon neutral (which actually can allow dirty energy production to continue), we must strive to be carbon free.

Fossil fuels and fracked gas is a significant threat to our air , water and environment. The amount of greenhouse gases presently in our environment contributes to a public health crisis.

I urge you to have a fossil fuel moratorium now . Create new green jobs and innovate new technologies.

Thank you,
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