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EmpowerNJ Statement Regarding Gov. Murphy's Executive Order for 50% GHG Reductions by 2030

"We support the Governor's goal to cut NJ's greenhouse gas pollution in half by the end of the decade. This is what climate science demands and it's a goal EmpowerNJ has been working for over the past 3 years. This is an essential step forward in the fight to avert climate catastrophe, globally and here at home.

Now we need the administration to immediately mandate this goal of 50% greenhouse gas reductions through rules and regulations including in their soon to be released NJ PACT. The DEP must also grant the EmpowerNJ petition which calls for this reduction as well as a prohibition on all new fossil fuel projects as a critical next step towards achieving the goal."

Link to EmpowerNJ petition for rulemaking:

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/rules/petition/pet20210721.pdf>

Background: EmpowerNJ is a statewide coalition of more than 125 environmental, civic, faith and social justice organizations that have been working together since 2018 to achieve:

- An immediate moratorium on all new or expansion fossil fuel projects to protect our health and prevent any additional increase in climate destroying greenhouse gases (GHGs).
- Immediate implementation of policies to achieve a 50% reduction of GHG emissions in NJ from their 2010 levels by the year 2030 per the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warning. Emissions reductions must be prioritized in environmental justice communities.
- Implement an urgent comprehensive plan to move NJ off fossil fuels while creating green jobs, environmental justice and an economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that rapidly and equitably transitions to 100% clean renewable energy sources such as wind and solar, economy wide, no later than 2035.

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