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To: comments, EMP
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Integrated Energy Plan

My revised email commenting on the IEP:

To those preparing the Integrated Energy Plan for New Jersey...

I am proud to live in New Jersey. That said, I believe we, as a state can and should be a leader in addressing our climate emergency. Instead, I am extremely disappointed by the findings presented in the Board's Integrated Energy Plan. We should be WAY more ahead in our plans to deal with this pressing emergency. I am begging you take all steps to address these truly glaring deficiencies before finalizing the IEP and EMP.

Improvements to the IEP should include:

- attainable scenarios that cut NJ's emissions 45% before 2030 as recommended by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 2018 report
- models and plans for a goal of carbon-free energy for New Jersey
- plans for an **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
- an accounting of social costs of continued reliance and use of fossil fuels
- flexible plans to use the best of some action now and follow up activities
- ways to involve meaningful public input
- consideration of potential impact of future regulatory and technological changes and plans to mitigate any negative environmental effects
- recommendations of how to decrease fossil fuel use and plans to put mechanisms in place to make these recommendations a reality

This is your job. This is what we expect you to do for us and the future of not only New Jersey, but for our global health. PLEASE answer the call. You are actually in a position to MAKE A DIFFERENCE. We are counting on you.

Most sincerely, Barbara A. Benson, Middletown, NJ