



Environmental Justice Task Force Newsletter - July 2026

A newsletter focused on environmental justice-related events and actions specifically affecting New Jersey.

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EJTF ACTIVITIES

EJTF Chair Michael Skelly (pictured at right) testified on the "Polluters Pay to Make New Jersey More Affordable Act" (Senate bill S2338) at the on June 8, 2026 NJ Senate Environment and Energy Committee hearing. His testimony, which compellingly captures our UU values as they relate to the bill, is below. The Committee approved the bill, which then went to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee where it was also approved. Since the bill was not voted on by the whole Assembly, it will not be approved before the state budget deadline of June 30, but stay tuned for our continued support to get the bill passed before the end of the legislative session.



"Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee for the opportunity to speak today.

I am the Chair of our Unitarian Universalist Faith Action Environmental Justice Task Force and I speak in strong support of bill S2338. It will require polluters to pay and remediate environmental harms and will fund affordability measures for the communities bearing the greatest burdens.

Our faith calls on us to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person and to practice justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. When heat, flooding, polluted air, water, and soil place the heaviest burdens on low income communities and on communities of color, these core values are being violated.

Requiring polluters to pay is a moral, practical, and spiritual necessity. It holds accountable those who have profited from harm. It directs resources to repair the health, economic damage, and it advances the equitable future for the people of NJ and that our congregations throughout the state of New Jersey seek for all of our residents and our natural systems.

This bill centers on the needs of the most impacted. It invests on community-based solutions. It shifts costs away from families who can least afford these burdens.

For these reasons, Unitarian Universalist Faith Action of New Jersey strongly urges a favorable vote on today's bill. Thank you."

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Others - send an email to uufaihactionejtf@gmail.com requesting to receive information about environmental issues and upcoming events.

JULY 2026 (with hyperlinks to details on the following pages)						
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26	27	28	29 ACUA Open House Tour - 12:00 p.m.	30	31 UUFANJ Friday "Action Hour" - 12:00 p.m. Comments Due: NJDEP Proposal to Extend the Resilient Environment and Landscapes (REAL) Rules Implementation	8/1/2026 NJ Commitments for Food Security Due "The Gleaners and I" Film Viewing Party - 5:30 p.m.

FUTURE EVENTS

Training: "How to Pass a Clean Energy Resolution in Your Town" - Webinar 7/1/2026, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This webinar is presented by the Sierra Club NJ Chapter. "Join us for a training on how to lobby your municipal leaders and pass a clean energy resolution at the local level. This training is designed to prepare you to speak on critical talking points and address what to expect when approaching municipal officials with a draft resolution." Additional information, including the link to RSVP, is available here:

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=701Po00001tG6ZCIA0&mapLinkHref=>.

NJDEP Proposal to Extend the Resilient Environment and Landscapes (REAL) Rules Legacy Provisions - Virtual Public Hearing 7/7/2026, 6:00 p.m. Comments Due 7/31/2026

Gov. Sherrill and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) have proposed extending the "legacy provisions" in the Resilient Environment and Landscapes (REAL) rules by a year, which would delay implementation of the NJ REAL rules for "any project for which the applicant submits an administratively and technically complete application for an individual permit, general permit, verification, letter of interpretation, transition area waiver, or water quality certificate." DEP states that the extension will "allow the Department to determine if targeted amendments to the NJPACT REAL rules would streamline or simplify permit reviews, in accordance with the directives of Governor Sherrill's Executive Order 5, while still serving the rules' critical goals." There will be a virtual public hearing on the proposed extension of the legacy period, for the public to provide testimony regarding the proposed rule. According to the DEP, "there will not be a presentation or question and answer session by the Department." Additional information, including the link to register and to the proposed rules, is available here:

<https://dep.nj.gov/rules/notice-of-rule-proposals/20260601a/>. **Written comments are due by 7/31/2026.** [Also see the article on [p. 10.](#)]

Join Clean Water Action for a Port Tour! 7/11/2026, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Elizabeth, NJ - In-person

This tour is sponsored by Clean Water Action. "The purpose of this Port Tour is to gain a better understanding of the impact that shipping goods mostly by dirty diesel trucks across NJ, from port to warehouse to delivery, is having on both our health, environment, goods movement workers and frontline communities. [It] will include stops at last-mile warehouses in Elizabeth, NJ & a few shipping/cargo terminals at the Port of Elizabeth and Newark.... Refreshments will be available during and after the tour." Additional information and registration are available here:

<https://act.cleanwater.org/page/193507/subscribe/1>.

National Green Amendment Day 7/13/2026 - Virtual

From the "Green Amendments For The Generations" website "Save the Date: July 13 is National Green Amendment Day. This year, we will be joined by the Green Amendment Pixie who is going to help us all learn how to take on the industry opposition!" Additional information will be provided here:

<https://forthegenerations.org/events/national-green-amendment-day-2026/>.

"Back to Grass Webinar" 7/14/2026, 7:00 p.m.

This webinar is presented by the Sierra Club NJ Chapter and is co-sponsored by ANJEC, Beyond Plastics, and the Pinelands Alliance. "Join us... for an educational presentation by Sarah Evans, PhD, MPH, an Assistant Professor of Environmental Medicine and Public Health at Mount Sinai... Sarah will discuss the environmental and health benefits of natural grass, present findings from her research at Mt. Sinai, and wrap up with actionable guidance for municipal leaders regarding risk assessments and more. This webinar will address the rapid expansion of artificial turf fields across New Jersey and why we need to return to safe, natural playing fields." Additional information, including the link to RSVP, is available here:

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=701Po00001uaWiMIAU&mapLinkHref=>.

REPAIR CAFE

YOUR BROKEN ITEMS FIXED FOR FREE!

Repair Cafe Various Dates & Locations - In-person

The "Repair Cafe Garden State" website (available here: <https://www.repaircafegs.org>) states: "Why throw away broken items? A simple fix may make them good as new, and keep them from filling our landfills. Sustainability can be taught while building social bonds within our communities at every Repair Cafe event." **The website includes a calendar of most Repair Cafe events in NJ in the coming months; check for updates.** The events currently listed as taking place in July, with links for information, are shown below:

Jersey City, NJ Repair Cafe
7/12/2026, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
<https://www.repaircafegs.org/our-locations/jersey-city>

Bloomfield, NJ Repair Cafe
7/25/2026, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
<https://www.repaircafegs.org/our-locations/bloomfield>

NJ Clean Air Council Meeting **7/15/2026, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** **Trenton, NJ - In-person**

The NJ Clean Air Council (CAC) provides advice to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on air quality matters. For questions about the July meeting and for an invitation to the meeting, please reach out to George Berdomas at 609-940-5654 or at George.Berdomas@dep.nj.gov. Additional information is available here: <https://dep.nj.gov/event/clean-air-council-meeting-20260715/>.

Data Center Deep Dives: "Interconnection, Gas, and Grid Access – the Path to Power" - Webinar **7/16/2026, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

The multinational corporation law firm of K&L Gates is presenting a series of "Data Center Deep Dives" webinars "designed for developers, investors, and energy stakeholders" to provide information they can use to move these projects forward. It is a chance to find out the strategies of the development side. "The race to secure power for

hyperscale data centers is colliding with a federal and state regulatory landscape that is evolving in real time. As demand for power continues to outpace grid planning cycles, the rules governing how large loads interconnect, acquire power, and access natural gas infrastructure are evolving rapidly. At the same time, federal regulators are accelerating regulatory approaches to facilitate the development of new natural gas infrastructure. These regulatory dynamics directly affect project siting, cost allocation, speed to power, and long-term operational certainty.... This program will focus on energy regulatory considerations specifically related to interconnecting and acquiring power, the growing role of natural gas in supporting data center operations, and the federal regulatory landscape shaped by FERC." Additional information and the link to register are available here: <https://www.klgates.com/Data-Center-Deep-Dives-Interconnection-Gas-and-Grid-AccessThe-Path-to-Power-7-16-2026>.

Also see links to the previous webinars on [p. 7](#).

10th Annual Pinelands Summer Short Course **7/17/2026, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** **Hammonton, NJ - In-person**

"The Pinelands Summer Short Course at Stockton University Kramer Hall in Hammonton, NJ is an annual event featuring a variety of presentations and field trips that explore the unique history, ecology, and culture of the New Jersey Pinelands. Co-sponsored by the Pinelands Commission and the Southern Regional Institute and Educational Technology Training Center (SRI&ETTC) at Stockton University, the event provides an excellent opportunity for participants to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Pinelands." Additional information, including a link to course descriptions and to register, is available here: <https://stockton.edu/ettc/pinelands.html>.

"Extreme Heat and Protecting New Jersey's Children and Teens" - Webinar **7/22/2026, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

"Join us... as New Jersey's Interagency Council on Climate Resilience (IAC) and Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey host an extreme heat webinar, Extreme Heat and Protecting New Jersey's Children and Teens, featuring a panel of community experts discussing the impacts that extreme heat has on

children, teens, and families. At this webinar, you'll learn:

- Impacts of Extreme Heat on Children and Teens
- How Extreme Heat Affects Schools, Camps, and Outdoor Activities
- Resources and Community Responses to Protect Young People and Families
- How to Stay Informed and Prepared." Additional information, including the link to register, is available here:

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/19ba1009-2bce-4596-9291-9e89dedf5534@5076c3d1-3802-4b9f-b36a-e0a41bd642a7>.

"Impacts of Severe Drought" - Livestream 7/24/2026, 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) invites you to a Rapid Readout on the far-reaching implications of intensive drought across the country. For example, in the West, a lack of rain and snow this past winter, along with record high temperatures, has sparked fears of a long wildfire season. In addition, a record-low snowpack means less water for reservoirs, which could lead to water shortages during the summer months, affecting economic activity, hydropower generation, and agriculture. This Rapid Readout will connect the dots between this year's water shortage and the broader multi-year megadrought in the West, and discuss the role of federal policymaking in safeguarding communities from impacts and generating long-term solutions." Additional information and the link to RSVP and for the livestream are available here:
<https://www.eesi.org/briefings/view/072426drought>.

ACUA Open House Tours Wednesdays in July and August, 12:00 p.m. Atlantic City, NJ - In-person

The Atlantic City Utilities Authority (ACUA) is offering hour-long free tours of its wind farm and Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wednesdays in July and August. "Come by for a visit to get up close to a wind turbine and see how dirty water from houses and businesses is cleaned each day!.... Visitors will learn how wastewater is treated using renewable energy from wind turbines and solar panels. At the end, you can throw on a hardhat and get up close to a wind turbine." Additional information is available here:
<https://www.acua.com/Community-Hub/Tours/Open-House-Tours.aspx>.

UUFANJ Friday "Action Hours" - Where You Can Get Involved Fridays, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - via Zoom

UU FaithAction NJ (UUFANJ) hosts "Action Hours" every Friday, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. UUFANJ supporters and friends gather to take action and experience the joy and power of community while taking on a specific issue impacting NJ and beyond. If you can't join on a Friday at noon, the following document has all the information you need to take action on your

own: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C_x6nMp8O4LH4XBqfLV2SvOaHJqx9DmII8vR3Lg80d4/edit

NJ Commitments for Food Security Due 8/1/2026

"The New Jersey Office of the Food Security Advocate (OFSA) invites organizations, agencies, coalitions, institutions, businesses, and community partners across New Jersey to submit NJ Commitments for Food Security (Commitments) for their programs that support the New Jersey Food Security Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan) [link available here: <https://www.nj.gov/foodsecurity/food-security/strategic-plan/>]. Commitments help connect individual programs to a broader statewide vision for coordinated action, shared learning, and collective impact. The purpose of the Commitments is not to grade or evaluate programs. The Commitments build off of the final action-planning step outlined in the Strategic Plan Implementation Planning Toolkit (the Toolkit) [available here: https://nj.gov/foodsecurity/documents/Strategic_Plan_Implementation_Toolkit_March_2026.pdf] and is intended to support implementation across sectors, regions, and focus areas." Additional information and links to a preview of the Commitments form and to submit a Commitment are available here: <https://nj.gov/foodsecurity/food-security/strategic-plan/commitments/>.



"The Gleaners and I" Film Viewing Party
8/1/2026, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Chester, NJ - In-person

This film viewing party is in support of the NJ Agricultural Society (Farmers Against Hunger) and the Foodshed Alliance, of which **EJTF member Christine Dunbar** is Paulins Kill Watershed Coordinator. "Join us at Riamede Farm for a free screening of the celebrated French documentary *The Gleaners and I*. The film explores the ancient practice of gleaning – gathering leftover crops or discarded goods. Today, Riamede works with gleaning organizations to share our excess produce with our neighbors.... Following the film, Ashley Asdal, owner of Riamede Farm, will lead a conversation with Stacey Kennedy, Director of the NJ Agricultural Society, and Christine Parauda, Food Access Director of Foodshed Alliance, to discuss modern gleaning in NJ." Additional information, a voluntary donation form, and registration (**advance registration required**) are available here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdsvvztk>.

VIDEOS+ OF PAST EVENTS

Eco-Logic Radio Shows:

"Data Centers: Citizen Action Works," and "Passive House Techniques: Good for Earth & Wallets" - Recordings of Radio Shows

The Eco-Logic radio/internet program on WBAI aired these recent shows related to EJTF's priorities (cohosted by **EJTF member Sally Gellert**).

- **"Data Centers: Citizen Action Works"** - "What is wrong with Data Centers? They are being built in municipalities, usually without consent of the people living in the area affected. They create noise, water, and air pollution, and property values go down as much as half! The electricity needed is often more than is available in the local area, as we have seen in places where they have already been built.... Opposition to data centers is both from organizations and independent citizen actions. We

[spoke] with two people who are active in the anti-data center movement." The recording is available here:

<https://www.wbai.org/archive/program/episode/?id=65525>.

"Passive House Techniques: Good for Earth & Wallets" - "How can we stop conventional buildings from wasting about 90% of the energy we buy and use? With passive house techniques! Eco-Friendly Buildings!.... Passive House uses little to no energy to heat or air condition a building; everyday appliances are enough to warm up the building. People who live in passive homes remark how comfortable they are and how much less they pay for their energy. It is better for the environment and for the economy - for your comfort and your wallet." The recording is available here:

<https://www.wbai.org/archive/program/episode/?id=65527>.

Note: The Eco-Logic radio show airs Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on WBAI 99.5 FM, and can also be accessed on <https://wbai.org>.

2026 Congressional Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency EXPO and Policy Forum **- Videos of Sessions**

The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) and the House and Senate Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (REEE) Caucuses sponsored the 29th Annual Congressional Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency EXPO and Policy Forum (EXPO 2026). Policy Sessions included: "Lowering Household Energy Bills," "Managing Data Center Energy Demand," "Planning for a Reliable Clean Energy Future," "Innovating Next-Generation Energy Systems," "Improving Building Resilience and Efficiency," and "Building Reliable and Resilient Energy Systems." The videos to be available here:

<https://www.eesi.org/briefings/view/expo2026>

Data Center Issues from the Developer's Viewpoint

The multinational corporation law firm of K&L Gates has been presenting a series of "Data Center Deep Dives" webinars "designed for developers, investors, and energy stakeholders" to provide information they can use to move these projects forward. It is a chance to find out the strategies of the development side.

Data Center Deep Dives Webinar 1: "Navigating Power, Land, and Policy" -

Additional information and a link to the video are available here: <https://www.klgates.com/Data-Center-Deep-Dives-Navigating-Power-Land-and-Policy-4-7-2026-1>.

Data Center Deep Dives Webinar 2: "Permitting, Land Use, and Community Engagement" -

Additional information and a link to the video are available here: <https://www.klgates.com/Data-Center-Deep-Dives-Permitting-Land-Use-and-Community-Engagement-5-7-2026-1>.

Data Center Deep Dives Webinar 3: "Navigating Water, Air, and Other Environmental Considerations" -

Additional information and a link to the video are available here:

<https://www.klgates.com/Data-Center-Deep-Dives-Navigating-Water-Air-and-Other-Environmental-Considerations-6-8-2026>

See "Future Activities" on [p. 4](#) for information and registration link for **Data Center Deep Dives Webinar 4: "Interconnection, Gas, and Grid Access—the Path to Power"** to be held 7/16/2026.

"Offshore Wind In New Jersey Webinar: Challenges, Regional Success, & What's Next" - Video of Webinar

In celebration of Global Wind Day, the Sierra Club NJ presented this webinar hosted by Wind Works NJ, a **coalition of which UUFANJ is a member**. The webinar was **co-sponsored by UUFANJ**. The webinar included a breakdown of the status of projects in NJ, success stories from projects in NY and MA and their real world impacts like job creation and wildlife protections, and what you can do to support clean energy locally right now. The video is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2snDQGx1u8A>.

"Extreme Heat and Protecting New Jersey's Unhoused" - Video of Webinar

"[The] NJ Interagency Council on Climate Resilience (IAC) and the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey (HCDNNJ) host[ed] an extreme heat webinar, Extreme Heat and Protecting New Jersey's Unhoused, featuring a panel of community experts discussing the impacts that extreme heat has on the unhoused, [including]:

- Impacts of Extreme Heat on our Unhoused Populations
- Community responses to Extreme Heat
- Resources for the Unhoused
- How to stay informed.

The video is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aIcBtjQyII>.

"NJ Infrastructure Underwater: Metuchen's Flood Risk" - Video of Webinar

This webinar was presented by Rebuild by Design, and featured a conversation with Borough of Metuchen Mayor Jonathan Busch, in which he discussed the challenges that local municipalities in New Jersey face, and strategies to advance resilience for a more safe and affordable New Jersey. The video is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iorqzPBjpSk>.

"Building Community Capacity for Flood Resilience - Integration Strategies" - Video of Webinar

The NJ Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Watershed and Land Management, Division of Resilience Engineering & Construction hosted a webinar "to help communities learn more about flood resilience strategies and notable projects that are currently in progress across the state including Rebuild by Design's work on the Hudson River and in the Meadowlands, East Riser Ditch and Riverfront Park. The webinar provide[d] an overview of the importance of community flood protection, structural and non-structural strategies." The video is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GIKFGLOf5I>.

"Unpacking Data Centers: Communities Standing Up to Big Tech in NJ"
- Video of Webinar

This webinar was presented by the Sierra Club NJ. It took "a deep dive into the unique New Jersey situation with data center development and its impact to communities." NJ Sierra Club Director Anjuli Ramos-Busot spoke on how the Sierra Club is organizing across the state to demand responsible siting and accountability. The NJ Sierra Club Student Action Committee presented information on water usage and impacts to farmers, and Sustain South Jersey presented information on community organizing in Vineland. The video is available here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rx3d9QOvbc>.

"Data Centers Are Not Inevitable: National Coalition Launch" - Video of Webinar

This event was organized and sponsored by Citizens Action Coalition, Food & Water Watch, GreenLatinos, Our Revolution, North Carolina Environmental Justice Network, Pennsylvania Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Third Act. It featured a call to launch a national coalition fighting for a data center moratorium and included coalition partners and organizers across the country. They shared successful stories of resistance against data centers, as well as what critical campaigns are underway at local, state, and federal levels. Also described was the data center moratorium bill in the Pennsylvania state legislature. The video is available here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N36bihRA21M>.

"Nuclear Power: Why It's Still a Bad Idea"
- Video of Webinar

This event was sponsored by Food & Water Watch. "As the climate crisis grows more urgent and calls for energy expansion increase, the Trump administration is going all-in on nuclear power, and Big Tech is investing heavily. But nuclear power is still a bad idea. Fatal meltdowns aside, nuclear power is generally dangerous, dirty, and expensive.... [In] this virtual event [we discussed] the history and current research on nuclear power, what the current state of play is in the national political context, our strategy to fight back, and what you can do to join us in the fight." The video is available here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygFIM43tGwU>.

"Connecting Global Climate Change to Local Impacts" - Video of Webinar

This webinar, part of the Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability "Perspectives on the Climate Change Challenge" Seminars, was presented by Dr. Zachary Labe, a Climate Scientist at Climate Central. In this webinar, he "explore[d] the intersection of climate risk, future climate change scenarios, extreme weather events, early warning predictions, and data science tools.... [focusing on] improving science communication, accessibility, and outreach using storytelling and engaging data visualizations." The video is available here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6cnnyVrZaI>.

"One Essential Missing Piece: Citizens Awakened to Their Power"
- Video of Webinar

This Elders Climate Action webinar was presented by Sam Daley-Harris, author and founder of RESULTS and CIVIC COURAGE. It dealt with the fact that "Almost everyone shies away from advocacy as a way to make a difference.... most of us see advocacy as too hard or too frustrating, too complicated, or too partisan, too dirty or too time-consuming, too ineffective or too costly. But what if that's all wrong? What if deep engagement dissolves discouragement and can actually bring joy? What if you can become an advocate for a cause you care about and feel fulfilled, not frustrated? And what if engaging as an advocate is essential to protecting our democracy?" The video is available here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEXKIJHKBsA>.

"Lead Poisoning Prevention Resources for Rural Communities in New Jersey"
- Video of Webinar

This webinar was presented by the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative, and focused on "best practices and funding opportunities, for lead hazard reduction and healthy housing" in those areas in NJ identified as rural. There are rural pockets in all regions of the state. Rural areas typically have unique housing and occupancy characteristics, and some additional barriers. The video is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/438n4vac>.

NJBPU Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Meeting - Video of Webinar and Slides

The NJ Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) monthly Clean Energy Program Energy Efficiency Stakeholder meeting for June 2026 included a presentation by Alexander Zafran of Logical Buildings, a company that specializes "in making buildings smarter and more energy-efficient." The presentation was titled "NJ - The Grid Crisis and the Demand Response Opportunity." Demand response is a management technique in which, "during peak demand, the grid operator pays buildings and businesses to temporarily reduce electricity usage - instead of firing up expensive, carbon-heavy peaker plants." The video is available here:

<https://tinyurl.com/mr3az7y3>; the Demand Response presentation begins at minute 00:47:39. Slides from the webinar are available here: <https://cdn.sanity.io/files/d0qy0d77/production/f361c6b624338a6a11ce2281ebc3555c2c5536e1.pdf>.

"The Value of Bivalves: Learning About New Jersey's Shellfish Aquaculture Industry" - Video of Webinar

This webinar was part of the Rutgers Environmental Stewards "Earth Day Every Day" webinar series. The webinar covered "New Jersey's shellfish aquaculture industry, including what species are farmed, how they are grown, and where these farms are located at the Jersey Shore." The presentation also featured "information about how bivalve farming improves our marine environments, supports our local economy, and contributes to a healthy and delicious diet." The video is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dp5bWJYXmjU>.

"Fish Smart, Eat Smart: The New Jersey Recreational Fish Consumption Advisory Program" - Video of Webinar

This webinar was part of the Rutgers Environmental Stewards "Earth Day Every Day" webinar series. The webinar covered "the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Fish Smart, Eat Smart program. This guide assesses potentially harmful chemical contaminants such as dioxin, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides and mercury, and provides consumption

advisories for fish and crabs found in the state. " The video is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Te2APY4RXB0>.

"Energy, Security, and Geopolitics in the New World Order" - Columbia University Global Energy Summit 2026 - Video of Summit

"The [Columbia Global Energy] Summit is an annual event dedicated to bringing together industry leaders, scholars, minister- and cabinet-level officials, researchers, and decision makers for timely, relevant, and action-centered discourse on critical issues at the nexus of energy, security, and geopolitics, and how they are impacting the ever-changing new world order of today.... speakers provide[d] thought-provoking commentary and analysis on key issues, such as the collapse of the rules-based international order, the impact of geopolitical shifts on the global economy, and how both of these dynamics shape the global energy industry. Program topics include[d] demand flexibility and the rapid expansion of the AI industry, how conflict in today's world is reshaping geopolitical dynamics, the energy security risks and energy market impacts of the ongoing conflict in Iran and the Middle East, increasing competition throughout critical mineral supply chains, energy affordability and permitting reform, and energy development and accessibility in the Global South." The 8-hour video is available here:

<https://tinyurl.com/5xfsz53r>.

NEWS RELATED TO EJTF ISSUES [covering 5/26/2026 – 6/25/2026]

LAND MANAGEMENT / AGRICULTURE / FOOD

Governor Sherrill Signs Legislation Promoting School Meals to Address Food Insecurity

From the press release: "Governor Mikie Sherrill today [6/18/2026] signed legislation to ensure information about free and reduced-price school meals is featured prominently on every school's website, reducing unnecessary barriers for families

eligible to participate in school meal programs. The Governor also announced that as schools prepare to let out for summer, the State is issuing Summer EBT [Electronic Benefit Transfer] benefits to more than 680,000 eligible students."

<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/2026/approved/20260618a.shtml>



Enhancing Produce Sourcing and Sharing: A Statewide Collaboration

From the Community Food Bank of NJ (CFBNJ) news release: "A statewide partnership is keeping more fresh local produce right here in the Garden State. New Jersey's five food banks - CFBNJ, Food Bank of South Jersey, Fulfill, Mercer Street Friends, and Norwescap New Jersey - together with America's Grow-a-Row, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Cooperative, and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, have worked over the past year to strengthen how fresh fruits and vegetables are sourced and distributed across the state. The result? We increased the percentage of America's Grow-a-Row produce retained in New Jersey from 34% to 63%."

<https://cfbnj.org/enhancing-produce-sourcing-and-sharing-a-statewide-collaboration/>

After a Year Without, More Than \$250 Million in Earmarks for NJ

Earmarks had been eliminated in last year's federal budget, but they have been included this year. Of the earmarks that benefit NJ that are included in the FY2026 federal budget, the following specifically relate to food security: \$2M from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Community Food Bank of NJ Inc. for renovation of a warehouse; \$500,000 from HUD to the Township of Old Bridge for Old Bridge Food Bank facility improvements and expansion; and \$200,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to the Coalition for Food and Healthy Equity for its meal delivery program, including vehicles and equipment.

<https://www.njspotlightnews.org/2026/06/after-a-year-without-more-than-250-million-in-earmarks-for-nj/>

CLIMATE CHANGE

'Polluters Pay' Bill Advances, Would Create \$50 Billion Cleanup Fund

The "Polluters Pay to Make New Jersey More Affordable Act" (A3735) was passed by the NJ Assembly Appropriations Committee, enabling it to be voted on by the entire Assembly. The Senate bill (S2338) has been unanimously passed by the Senate Environment and Energy Committee, after which it went to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee (see testimony by **EJTF Chair Michael Skelly** on [p. 1](#)). EJTF has been supporting this legislation for over a year and a half. This article describes the differences between environmental advocates and the business community in support for the bill.

<https://www.njspotlightnews.org/2026/06/polluters-pay-bill-advances-would-create-50-billion-cleanup-fund/>

State Delays Flood Rules That Split Homeowners, Environmentalists

Although the Resilient Environment and Landscapes (REAL) rules that were adopted at the end of Gov. Murphy's administration had been under development for years, during which time there were more than 100 stakeholder meetings, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

filed a rulemaking proposal to delay implementation, for the purpose of bringing "all stakeholders to the table and advance[ing] the Governor's priorities of streamlining permitting, supporting new and resilient development, and protecting life and property." The rulemaking would extend the "legacy provisions" in the Resilient Environment and Landscapes (REAL) rules by a year, which would delay implementation of the NJ REAL rules for "any project for which the applicant submits an administratively and technically complete application for an individual permit, general permit, verification, letter of interpretation, transition area waiver, or water quality certificate." The DEP press release is available here: https://dep.nj.gov/newsrel/26_0026/ "It's being couched as a delay, but I really see it as a rollback," said Jennifer Coffey, executive director of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissioners. "Any amendment to these regulations, I fear, is a weakening of what has been put together over 15 years and more than 100 stakeholder meetings." Ray Cantor, deputy chief government affairs officer for the New Jersey Business & Industry Association stated that, "We're encouraging the administration to basically start from scratch so we can accomplish the administration's goals of providing resiliency and environmental protection while also helping to streamline the permitting process so that we can grow our economy in a sustainable manner." <https://www.njspotlightnews.org/2026/06/state-delays-flood-rules-that-split-homeowners-environmentalists/> [See "Future Activities" on [p. 3](#) for information about a planned public hearing and making comments on the proposed rulemaking, and also see related Commentary by Jeff Tittel on [p. 16](#).]

Sea-Level Rise, Sunny-Day Flooding - and Shore Building Boom

This article, written before the proposed delay in implementation of the Resilient Environment and Landscapes (REAL) rules, describes the building boom that is taking place in NJ shore towns despite projections of sea level rise and increasing storms. <https://www.njspotlightnews.org/2026/05/sea-level-rise-sunny-day-flooding-and-shore-building-boom/>

Rutgers NJ Climate Change Resource Center Issues "State of the Climate New Jersey 2025" Report

The latest report in the Rutgers NJ Climate Change Resource Center's annual "State of the Climate" series "provides an overview of outstanding 2025 weather events, followed by an in-depth analysis of historical climate data and future projections for New Jersey. The authors focus on temperature, sea-level rise, precipitation, extreme events (including the June 2025 heat wave), and indicators of climate change in New Jersey and our region that provide community-scale effects and how these relate to economic and health impacts." Links to the report, to an infographic summary of it, and to a webinar about it, are available here: <https://njclimateresourcecenter.rutgers.edu/resources/state-of-the-climate-new-jersey/>.

Report Ranks N.J. First for Flood Damage Density Over a Five-Year Period

According to a study (available here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-9h5QuLSv_cSoCbQnFIaVR-bitno0dyuADiVGIC9CAE/edit?tab=t.0) by the law firm Viles and Beckman, LLC, "New Jersey ranks No. 1 nationally for flood damage density at \$31,751 per square mile, 53% above Florida's \$20,737 and 2,646 times higher than Missouri, the lowest-ranked state for flood damage density. Agricultural losses reached \$13 million, ranking New Jersey 2nd nationally for crop flood damage and representing 5.6% of its total losses, an unusually high share for a coastal state. Despite the Northeast covering just 4.6% of U.S. land area, the region absorbed 22.6% of all U.S. flood losses, with New Jersey leading every neighboring state by a commanding margin." NJ ranked eighth in the U.S. in total damage, but its smaller size amplifies density impact. <https://www.roi-nj.com/2026/04/08/industry/report-ranks-n-j-first-for-flood-damage-density-over-a-five-year-period/>

FOREST HEALTH/ URBAN FORESTRY

Planting of Native Trees and Plants Begins at Newark Segment of New Jersey's Newest State Park

From the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) news release: "Over the next several months, more than 170,000 native trees, shrubs, grasses and perennials will be planted throughout the nearly one-mile Newark segment of New Jersey's newest state park, a nine-mile greenway in Essex and Hudson counties.... Once established, the plantings will improve air quality by filtering pollutants and capturing carbon, help moderate temperatures through natural shade, and rainfall and reducing runoff. The plantings will also create habitat for native wildlife including birds and pollinators. In addition, green spaces are linked to improved mental health, including reduced stress and anxiety, improved mood and enhanced overall well-being." A video of the initial stage of the planting is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBcirTcy7IM>.

resources available to families. Through educational materials [available here: <https://www.leadfreenj.org/filteryourtap/>], community outreach, digital resources, and local partnerships, the campaign aims to help residents take action today while statewide lead service line replacement efforts continue."

<https://www.leadfreenj.org/2026/06/15/filter-your-tap-launch/>

DRINKING WATER (other than lead)

NJDEP Formally Adopts Site Remediation Standards for PFAS Compounds Including PFNA, PFOA, PFOS and GenX

From the press release: "the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection today [6/15/2026] formally adopted regulations that set site remediation standards for four PFAS compounds – PFNA, PFOA, PFOS, and GenX. The adoption formalizes interim standards that have been in place since 2022 and 2023.... New Jersey was the first state to set an enforceable PFAS drinking water standard, adopting a maximum contaminant level for PFNA in 2018 and adding limits for PFOA and PFOS in 2020.... In October 2022 and June 2023, the DEP set health-based interim standards for three exposure pathways from the PFAS chemicals included in today's formal rulemaking. Today's rule adoption establishes those standards as final regulations."

https://dep.nj.gov/newsrel/26_0032/

New Research Details PFAS Prevalence in the Delaware River Basin & Launch of Interactive Tool Connects the Public With Regional Pollution Data

From the press release: "The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) is sharing the latest results of extensive field investigation and monitoring of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in *PFAS Water Quality and Fish Tissue Assessment Study*, a report [available here:

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/PFASYear3Study_NFWF_May2026final.pdf]..... The new research confirms PFAS contamination is both widespread and persistent in the Delaware River and selected tributaries.... [and] the DRBC host[ed] a public webinar to review the report's findings [the video is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1f6IiukCCmU> and

LEAD REDUCTION IN HOUSEHOLDS



Lead-Free NJ Launches "Filter Your Tap" Campaign to Protect New Jersey Families from Lead in Drinking Water

From the press release: "Today [6/15/2026], Lead-Free NJ announced the launch of the 'Filter Your Tap' campaign, a new public education initiative focused on reducing lead exposure through immediate protections for families and long-term infrastructure solutions. The campaign provides... guidance on selecting NSF/ANSI-certified water filters, properly installing and maintaining those filters, understanding the health risks associated with lead exposure, and identifying additional

the presentation slides are available here: https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/conkle_PFA_Swebinar061526.pdf.... The webinar also feature[d] the official launch of a new interactive application, *PFAS in the Delaware River Basin* [available here: <https://wq.drbc.net/pfas/>] with a demonstration of its capability to visualize PFAS data from across the Basin." https://www.nj.gov/drbc/home/newsroom/news/approved/20260528_PFASreport.html

ENERGY/ENERGY EFFICIENCY

NJEDA Board Approves \$79M for Large-Scale Building Decarbonization Projects Through Retrofit NJ Program

From the press release: "Yesterday [6/10/2026], the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) Board approved \$79 million in grant awards to ten large-scale decarbonization and energy efficiency projects under the Reducing Emissions through Retrofits, Optimization, Fuel-Switching, and Innovative Technologies (RETROFIT NJ) Program. The awards, spread across nine communities throughout the state, will advance solar generation and battery storage projects, generate enough energy to power nearly 3,000 homes, lower energy costs, and eliminate over 845,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions.... \$54 million of the awarded funding has been directed to projects in the state's Overburdened Communities.... Each project includes at least three clean energy or electrification components, such as solar, energy storage, electrification of heating, refrigerant replacement, and energy efficiency upgrades, or is a thermal energy network (TEN), which connects heating, cooling and/or hot water systems across multiple buildings." A list of awards is included in the press release, available here: <https://www.njeda.gov/njeda-board-approves-79m-for-large-scale-building-decarbonization-projects-through-retrofit-nj-program/>.

Sherrill-Backed Nuclear Power Expansion Makes Gain in Legislature

The "Power NJ Act" (S4296/A4881) passed unanimously in the Senate Environment and Energy Committee and the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee and the State and Local Government Committee. An in-

depth treatment of nuclear energy in NJ is available in an *Explore New Jersey* article (available here: <https://explorenewjersey.org/power-nj-act/>) which states that "At its core, the proposal directs state agencies to begin the process of identifying and evaluating opportunities to develop at least 1,100 megawatts of new nuclear generating capacity." Environmental advocates including David Pringle from Empower NJ (**a coalition of which UUFANJ is a member**) and Doug O'Malley of Environment NJ have pointed out that there are better, cheaper, faster, cleaner options and that dollars spent on nuclear are dollars not spent on other sources of generation. Further, the NJ Ratepayer Advocate's office provided extensive comments (available on the audio recording, beginning at minute 16:47, here: <https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/archived-media/2026/ASL-meeting-list/media-player?committee=ASL&agendaDate=2026-06-15-14:00:00&agendaType=M&av=A>) which identified numerous subsidies, risks, costs, and cost overruns that would be borne and paid for by ratepayers, including that the bill would require ratepayers to pay for nuclear generation for the next 40 years and would provide no incentives for data centers to provide their own clean power. <https://www.njspotlightnews.org/2026/06/sherrill-backed-nuclear-power-expansion-makes-gain-in-legislature/>

Governor Sherrill Nominates Ben Hertz-Shargel as Commissioner of the Board of Public Utilities, Will Name as President Upon Confirmation

From the press release: "Governor Mikie Sherrill today[6/5/2026] announced the nomination of Ben Hertz-Shargel to serve as Commissioner of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU). Upon confirmation, Hertz-Shargel will then be named President of the Board by Governor Sherrill.... Hertz-Shargel currently serves as Global Head of Grid Edge at Wood Mackenzie, where he advises energy, technology, and financial firms on grid modernization, electrification, distributed energy resources, and emerging energy technologies." Environmental advocate Bill Wolfe points out that the press release did not include Hertz-Shargel's complete title, which is "Global Head of Grid Transformation & Large Loads," with the "large loads" portion being related to data centers. <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/2026/approved/20260605a.shtml>

OFFSHORE WIND

AG Davenport Joins Lawsuit Over Cancellation of Wind Power Leases

From the press release: "Attorney General Jennifer Davenport today [6/2/2026] joined six other attorneys general in suing the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) over its unlawful cancellation - framed as a "settlement" - of a lease for a major wind power project offshore of the New Jersey coast and Long Island. [Complaint available here: https://www.njoag.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/2026-0602_Complaint.pdf]....

In 2022, Attentive Energy - a subsidiary of French energy company TotalEnergies - paid \$795 million to purchase an offshore wind lease....in March 2026, DOI announced a settlement agreement... under which the company would cancel its two offshore wind leases in exchange for hundreds of millions of dollars in taxpayer funds [and] invest hundreds of millions of dollars in energy infrastructure in other states and pledge not to develop any new offshore wind projects in the United States. Attorney General Davenport and the coalition argue that this settlement agreement violates several federal laws, including those governing offshore wind leases and federal settlement payouts, and are asking the court to vacate the agreement and restore the leases." <https://www.njoag.gov/ag-davenport-joins-lawsuit-over-cancellation-of-wind-power-leases/>

New Jersey and Northeast Partners Announce Recommendations to Advance Offshore Transmission Solutions

From the press release: "The Sherrill Administration today [6/16/2026] joined eight Northeast states and the District of Columbia to release three reports outlining technical standards and policy recommendations for advancing an offshore transmission network. Developed by the U.S. Department of Energy-funded POINTS [Planning Offshore Interregional Network Standardization] Consortium, the reports establish a framework for a more coordinated, cost-effective, and reliable offshore grid along the Atlantic Coast.... [and] to require offshore transmission equipment to be installed 'network-ready'." <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/newsroom/2026/approved/20260616.html>

POLLUTION

AG Davenport Leads Comment Letter to EPA on Microplastics

From the press release: "Attorney General Jennifer Davenport today [6/5/2026] led a comment letter [available here: https://www.njoag.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/2026-0605_CCL-6-Letter-6.5.26-final.pdf] to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) applauding the addition of microplastics to a list of contaminants in drinking water prioritized for research, and also calling for EPA to further monitor microplastics. The comment letter was joined by 14 other attorneys general and follows action last fall by governors who petitioned the EPA for action on microplastics." <https://www.njoag.gov/ag-davenport-leads-comment-letter-to-epa-on-microplastics/>



Sherrill Administration Awards \$16 Million in Annual Grants to Support Community Recycling Programs

From the press release: "The Sherrill Administration is awarding \$16.2 million in annual grants to help community recycling programs improve their waste reduction and recycling practices.... The award amounts are based on the amount of recycling each community reported during 2023, the most recent year for which data is available. Local recycling programs use grant funds to make improvements to recycling centers, set up household hazardous waste collection events, deploy more public recycling receptacles, maintain leaf composting operations and run recycling education programs." The list of those local governments receiving grants of more than \$100,000 is available in the news release, here: https://dep.nj.gov/newsrel/26_0034/.

DATA CENTERS

Andover Bans Data Centers, Hardyston Could Be Next

The Andover Township Committee unanimously approved an ordinance amending the zoning code to "designate data centers as a prohibited use in all zones within the township" and repealing two previous ordinances. The Hardyston Township Council's first reading of an ordinance designating data centers as a prohibited use was unanimously approved by the Township Council the May 27th meeting. The second reading and a public hearing was scheduled for the June 24th meeting.

<https://www.spartaindependent.com/news/local-news/andover-bans-data-centers-hardyston-could-be-next-FI5903755>

Sherrill Targets Data Centers' Potential to Do Good for Communities

Gov. Sherrill announced a plan for "guardrails" for the development of data centers; it has four parts for the data centers: provide their own power sources, report water and energy usage, invest in communities, and use union labor paid at the prevailing wage. The press release (available here: <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/2026/approved/20260527a.shtml>) states that "These measures will help hold data centers accountable, while positioning New Jersey to lead in AI innovation." No specific legislation was cited, and mechanisms for achieving these measures were not described.

<https://www.njspotlightnews.org/2026/05/sherrill-targets-data-centers-potential-to-do-good-for-communities/>

[See Commentary by Jeff Tittel on [p. 16](#), in which he states that "These are not guardrails. They are green lights."]

Lawmakers Back Transparency on Data Center Water, Electricity Use

A bill (A4096/S3379) that "requires data center owners and operators to submit semi-annual water and energy usage reports to BPU" has been passed by the Senate and unanimously approved by the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee. The information required in the reports has not been previously required to be provided.

<https://www.njspotlightnews.org/2026/06/lawmakers-back-transparency-on-data-center-water-electricity-use/>

NJ: Follow NY's Lead and Place a Moratorium on Data Centers

From Clean Water Action: "While the New Jersey legislature tiptoes into regulating data centers and New Jersey Governor Sherrill does little to protect ratepayers and the environment with her 'comprehensive plan,' the New York State Legislature showed true leadership on June 6 by passing bipartisan legislation that would place a one-year moratorium on permits for data centers. If New York Governor Kathy Hochul signs the legislation, it would be the first statewide moratorium in the nation.... New Jersey residents strongly support such a moratorium. A poll by Fairleigh Dickinson University found that 65 percent of voters favor a ban on the construction of new data centers in New Jersey until more power plants can be built and a poll by Stockton University found that 56 percent of voters would support a ban on data centers in the town where they live."

<https://cleanwater.org/releases/nj-follow-nys-lead-and-place-moratorium-data-centers>

OTHER

Governor Sherrill Launches Permitting Dashboard Pilot, Announces First 10 Projects Selected for Pilot

From the press release: "Governor Mikie Sherrill today [6/18/2026] announced the launch of the New Jersey Permitting Dashboard Pilot and the selection of the first 10 projects that will participate in the initiative. The pilot... provides project applicants and state agencies with a shared view of project status and permitting timelines, creating greater visibility into how selected projects move through the review process. The dashboard allows businesses to track a project's permits across agencies in one place." In Jeff Tittel's Commentary piece on [p. 16](#), he states that "the dashboard risks becoming a scoreboard that measures success by how quickly permits are approved rather than how thoroughly they are reviewed." The 10 projects selected for the pilot are listed in the press release, available here:

<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/2026/approved/20260618b.shtml>.

Operation FAST Reduces Backlog for Key DEP Land Use Determination by 42 Percent

From the press release: "Through the implementation of an application-review 'blitz' and other operational efficiency improvements, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection [DEP] today [6/24/2026] announced that it has reduced the backlog of applications for Freshwater Wetland Letters of Interpretation by 42 percent since the outset of the Sherrill Administration. A letter of interpretation (LOI) is a key document issued by the DEP prior to the initiation of a development project that indicates the presence or

absence of freshwater wetlands and their transition areas, or buffers.... The effort is supported by DEP's Operation FAST (Facilitated Approvals for Sustainable Transformation), a comprehensive effort to make the DEP more responsive to the public while continuing to implement the state's high standards for protection of the environment and public health." In Jeff Tittel's commentary piece on [p. 16](#), he states that "Under Operation FAST, the NJDEP risks becoming a permit-processing factory, with success measured by how quickly permits are approved rather than how well the environment is protected."

https://dep.nj.gov/newsrel/26_0035/

Commentary in the *NJ Vindicator* by Sierra Club NJ Former Director Jeff Tittel

Former Sierra Club NJ director Jeff Tittel provides Commentary pieces in the "What's Left" section of the *NJ Vindicator*. Below are links to several pieces relevant to EJTF's goals:

Gov. Sherrill's Data Center "Guardrails" Look More Like a Green Light

<https://jerseyvindicator.org/2026/06/19/gov-sherrills-data-center-guardrails-look-more-like-a-green-light/>

From the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Expedited Permits

<https://jerseyvindicator.org/2026/06/09/from-the-new-jersey-department-of-environmental-protection-to-the-department-of-expedited-permits/>

Gaslighting for Gas Pollution: Sherrill, Legislature Use Affordability as Cover

<https://jerseyvindicator.org/2026/06/04/gaslighting-for-gas-pollution-sherrill-legislature-use-affordability-as-cover/>

When It Comes to Flooding, the Governor Is All Wet, and New Jersey Will Be Too

<https://jerseyvindicator.org/2026/05/31/when-it-comes-to-flooding-the-governor-is-all-wet-and-new-jersey-will-be-too/>

MORATORIUM MONDAYS CONTINUE

Please continue to contact Gov. Sherrill every Monday and urge her to declare a climate emergency moratorium on fossil fuel projects! These efforts have been successful in that a number of projects have been stopped or delayed in the past. Either call through the EmpowerNJ number (866-586-4069) to get coaching on the topic of the week, emphasizing what is in the news, or call directly to the governor's office (609-292-6000). Over 50 environmental, citizen, faith, and progressive groups in NJ are calling on Governor Sherrill to enact a moratorium on all new fossil fuel projects in NJ until there are rules in place to achieve 100% clean energy goals.

DATE/TIME for EJTF MONTHLY MEETINGS

2nd TUESDAY, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

If you work, or cannot otherwise make daytime meetings, the UUFANJ Environmental Justice Task Force (EJTF) now is meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Contact environment@uufaithaction.org for more information

UU FaithAction NJ - Environmental Justice Task Force - Michael Skelly, Chair
Visit <https://uufaithaction.org/environment/> for links and resources, and to join the EJTF
