

Environmental Policy and Advocacy Highlights
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<p>Feb 21: Phil Murphy signed into law a bill joining into the US Climate Alliance which includes 15 states and Puerto Rico and represents 40% of US population. The Alliance pledges to implement policies intended to meet the Paris Climate Agreement commitments of 26% GHG reduction below 2005 levels by 2025. (source: NJ.com)</p>	<p>Governor Phil Murphy (609-292-6000, www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/)</p>
<p>A congressional delegation including Chris Smith (NJ-4) and Tom MacArthur (NJ-3) met with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to oppose offshore oil and gas drilling on the outer continental shelf (OCS) of NJ. (source: app.com)</p>	<p>Congressman Chris Smith (202-225-3765, https://chrissmith.house.gov/contact/)</p> <p>Congressman Tom MacArthur (202-225-4765, https://macarthur.house.gov/contact)</p> <p>Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (202-208-6474, https://www.boem.gov/Contact-Us/)</p> <p>BOEM public comment submission (through March 9, 2018): https://www.regulations.gov/comment?D=BOEM-2017-0074-0001</p>
<p>Feb 26: nuclear subsidy bill stalled in the Senate. (source: njspotlight.com)</p>	<p>Senator James Beach, LD-6 (856-429-1572, http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/BIO.asp?Leg=310)</p> <p>Senator Troy Singleton, LD-7 (856-234-2790, www.senatorsingleton.com/contact)</p> <p>Senator Dawn Marie Addiego, LD-8 (609-654-1498, http://addiego.senatenj.com/contact.php)</p>
<p>The National Center for Environmental Research (NCER), a federal environmental office that works to test the effects of chemical exposure on adults and children is being merged as part of a proposed consolidation at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The White House's fiscal 2018 and 2019 budgets both proposed zeroing out major programs under the NCER. (source: The Hill)</p>	<p>Senator Cory Booker (202-224-3224, https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=contact)</p> <p>Senator Robert Menendez (202-224-4744, https://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact)</p> <p>Congressman Tom MacArthur (202-225-4765, https://macarthur.house.gov/contact)</p>
<p>A new study from WHO suggests that 250,000 people will die each year directly attributable to climate change (source: The Weather Channel)</p>	