

Environmental Policy and Advocacy Highlights  
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<p>The Shore Tourism and Ocean Protection (STOP) from Offshore Oil and Gas Act (S-258/A-839), which would ban drilling within 3 miles of the NJ shoreline, has passed the legislature and is awaiting Gov. Murphy's signature. (source: Press of Atlantic City)</p>	<p>Governor Phil Murphy (609-292-6000, <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/">www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/</a>)</p>
<p>Gov. Murphy's budget proposes to divert more than \$136 million in clean-energy funds to help give more money to beleaguered NJ Transit. (source: NJ.com)</p>	<p>Governor Phil Murphy (609-292-6000, <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/">www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/</a>)</p>
<p>NJ Assembly bill A3116 (Chemours/DuPont exemption bill) would allow the import of hazardous waste, including fracking waste, to the Chambers Works in Salem County along the Delaware River. A similar bill has passed the NJ Senate. (source: Sierra Club)</p>	<p>LD-6 Assemblypersons Louis Greenwald and Pamela Lampitt (856-435-1247)</p> <p>LD-7 Assemblypersons Herb Conaway (856-461-3997) and Carol Murphy (856-735-5334)</p> <p>LD-8 Assemblymen Joe Howarth and Ryan Peters (609-654-1498)</p>
<p>The PSE&amp;G nuclear subsidy bill has been split into 3 bills. The clean energy bill S2314 would require 50% of energy be from renewable sources by 2030, and 100% by 2050. (source: NJ Spotlight)</p>	<p>Senator James Beach, LD-6 (856-429-1572, <a href="http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/BIO.asp?Leg=310">http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/BIO.asp?Leg=310</a>)</p> <p>Senator Troy Singleton, LD-7 (856-234-2790, <a href="http://www.senatorsingleton.com/contact">www.senatorsingleton.com/contact</a>)</p> <p>Senator Dawn Marie Addiego, LD-8 (609-654-1498, <a href="http://addiego.senatenj.com/contact.php">http://addiego.senatenj.com/contact.php</a>)</p>
<p>NJ Senate bill S2128 prohibits investment by State of pension and annuity funds in, and requires divestment from, 200 largest publicly traded fossil fuel companies. (source: NJ legislature)</p>	<p>Senator James Beach, LD-6 (856-429-1572, <a href="http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/BIO.asp?Leg=310">http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/BIO.asp?Leg=310</a>)</p> <p>Senator Troy Singleton, LD-7 (856-234-2790, <a href="http://www.senatorsingleton.com/contact">www.senatorsingleton.com/contact</a>)</p> <p>Senator Dawn Marie Addiego, LD-8 (609-654-1498, <a href="http://addiego.senatenj.com/contact.php">http://addiego.senatenj.com/contact.php</a>)</p>
<p>The Murphy administration settled 3 lawsuits totaling \$200 million against oil companies for contaminating ground water with the gasoline additive and carcinogen MTBE. These are the first settlement monies the state will receive since voters approved a constitutional amendment prohibiting money from such lawsuits being diverted away from cleanup and restoration of natural resources. (source: NJ Spotlight)</p>	<p>Governor Phil Murphy (609-292-6000, <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/">www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/</a>)</p>
<p>The US EPA has proposed rolling back fuel efficiency standards that would require automakers to improve fuel efficiency to 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025. If fully implemented, the rules would</p>	<p>EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (<a href="mailto:scott.pruitt@epa.gov">scott.pruitt@epa.gov</a>)</p> <p>President Donald Trump (<a href="https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/">https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/</a>)</p>

<p>have cut oil consumption by about 12 billion barrels and reduced carbon dioxide pollution by about six billion tons over the lifetime of all the cars affected by the regulations. (source: New York Times)</p>	<p>Senator Cory Booker (202-224-3224, <a href="https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=contact">https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=contact</a>)</p> <p>Senator Robert Menendez (202-224-4744, <a href="https://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact">https://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact</a>)</p>
<p>The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has withdrawn regulations that would have required higher production standards for organic livestock and poultry beginning in May – known as the animal welfare rule. (source: ABC news)</p>	<p>USDA (202-720-2791)</p>
<p>The European Commission is likely to give regulatory approval to the merger of Bayer and Monsanto, which if completed would create a company that holds more than a quarter of the world's seed and pesticides market. US Justice Department approval is also required. (source: Reuters)</p> <p>At the same time, the EU is considering a complete ban on neonicotinoids, a common pesticide that is harmful to bees. (source: Newsweek)</p>	<p>Antitrust division, US Department of Justice (<a href="mailto:antitrust.atr@usdoj.gov">antitrust.atr@usdoj.gov</a>)</p>
<p>The 2018 federal spending (Omnibus) bill was passed into law, preserving EPA's \$8.1 billion budget, flat with 2017 budget. The bill also includes an additional \$763 million for various EPA programs related to water infrastructure and cleaning up polluted Superfund sites, and removed a provision that would have let the EPA skip the usual regulatory processes like gathering public comment as it works to repeal the Obama administration's Clean Water Rule. The law also increases funding for Department of Energy (DOE) clean energy R&amp;D programs (source: The Hill, EcoWatch)</p>	<p>Senator Cory Booker (202-224-3224, <a href="https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=contact">https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=contact</a>)</p> <p>Senator Robert Menendez (202-224-4744, <a href="https://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact">https://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact</a>)</p> <p>Congressman Tom MacArthur (202-225-4765, <a href="https://macarthur.house.gov/contact">https://macarthur.house.gov/contact</a>)</p>
<p>A U.S. District Court ruled that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) must consider alternatives that reduce coal mining in the area of the Powder River Basin between Wyoming and Montana, which produces 40 percent of America's coal and is responsible for 13% of US greenhouse gas emissions (source: The Hill)</p>	