

Environmental Policy and Advocacy Highlights
May 2018

	Issue and source	Who you can contact
1	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) UPDATE: Only \$50 million of the \$225 million from the Exxon settlement will go to DEP; \$125 million will be diverted to the General Fund (source: Politico)	Governor Phil Murphy (609-292-6000, www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/)
2	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. UPDATE: Gov. Murphy conditionally vetoed the bill, asking the Senate to ensure facilities comply with existing laws and regulations. (source: nj.com)	<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>
3	The PSE&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. UPDATE: Signed by Gov. Murphy. (source: New York Times)	<p>Governor Phil Murphy (609-292-6000, www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/)</p> <p>Senator Troy Singleton, LD-7 (856-234-2790, www.senatorsingleton.com/contact)</p>
4	The Burlington county Freeholders have proposed a budget that uses a cut in the farmland preservation and open space tax to offset increased spending and debt servicing. A budget hearing is planned for June 13. (source: Burlington County Times)	freeholders@co.burlington.nj.us
5	A bill sponsored by Senator Troy Singleton (S-1486) that would ban styrofoam food containers at public schools and institutions (source: Senator Singleton's website)	<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>
6	The New Jersey DEP has recommended a limit for the water contaminant prefluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) at 13 ppt, 5 times lower than the national level set by the US EPA. It is awaiting review by DEP Commissioner Catherine McCabe.	NJ DEP Commissioner Catherine McCabe (609-292-2885)
7	The US EPA and NHTSA 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 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) UPDATE: A coalition of 17 states representing 44% of the US population, including NJ, has sued to	<p>EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (scott.pruitt@epa.gov)</p> <p>President Donald Trump (https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/)</p> <p>Governor Phil Murphy (609-292-6000, www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/)</p> <p>Senator Cory Booker (202-224-3224, https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=contact)</p>

	<i>block the emissions standards rollback</i> (source: inside climate news)	Senator Robert Menendez (202-224-4744, https://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact)
8	Sen. Bob Smith, the chairman of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee, introduced a new bill (S2382) that would have the state provide \$100 million a year for the next three years in rebates to consumers who switch to zero-emission vehicles. (source: NJ Spotlight) <i>UPDATE: Sen. Smith has also introduced S2252, which would require state agencies to develop a plan for a statewide network of EV charging stations</i> (source: NJBiz.com)	Senator Bob Smith, LD-17 (732-752-0770, senbsmith@njleg.org) Senator James Beach, LD-6 (856-429-1572, http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/BIO.asp?Leg=310) Senator Troy Singleton, LD-7 (856-234-2790, www.senatorsingleton.com/contact) Senator Dawn Marie Addiego, LD-8 (609-654-1498, http://addiego.senatenj.com/contact.php)
9	The US approved the merger of Bayer and Monsanto, which will create a company that holds more than a quarter of the world's seed and pesticides market. (source: Reuters)	Antitrust division, US Department of Justice (antitrust.atr@usdoj.gov)
10	In reviewing the first batch of 10 potentially toxic chemicals under the 2017 "Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act," the E.P.A. has in most cases decided to exclude from its calculations any potential exposure caused by the substances' presence in the air, the ground or water. (source: New York Times)	EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (scott.pruitt@epa.gov) Senator Cory Booker (202-224-3224, https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=contact) Senator Robert Menendez (202-224-4744, https://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact)
11	The EPA has modified how it calculates the benefits of actions during cost-benefit analysis of a proposed regulation. The method no longer accounts for benefits that come from reducing pollutants that are not directly the target of the regulation. (source: New York Times)	EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (scott.pruitt@epa.gov) Senator Cory Booker (202-224-3224, https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=contact) Senator Robert Menendez (202-224-4744, https://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact)
12	President Trump has issued a plan directing the US Department of Energy to boost production at coal and nuclear plants, under a Cold War-era law that provides for intervening in the energy industry to protect national security interests. (source: The Hill)	Secretary of Energy Rick Perry (202-585-5000, email: The.Secretary@hq.doe.gov) President Donald Trump (https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/) Senator Cory Booker (202-224-3224, https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=contact) Senator Robert Menendez (202-224-4744, https://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact)