

New York Energy Plan

New York's Energy Plan has the potential to be a road map for combating climate disruption, cleaning up harmful pollution and making New York a national renewable energy leader. Governor Cuomo's Energy Plan must go farther to protect our families from the threat of worsening climate disruption. The Energy Plan must lay out a path to immediately begin moving New York away from the dirty fuels of the past, like coal, gas and nuclear, and toward the clean, renewable energy solutions of the future.

In order to meet the state's climate goals and protect our health the Plan requires the following modifications:

1. The Energy Plan must include mandates for enforceable interim steps and targets that will meet the state's goal of reducing carbon pollution 80% by 2050.
2. New York must turn away from dirty and dangerous energy and double down on our investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency now. The Energy Plan must commit to extending the state's renewable energy target to ensure that 50% of New York's electric energy comes from renewable energy sources by 2025.
3. Let's Turn not Burn. The Energy Plan must follow up on Governor Cuomo's landmark commitment to solar (New York Sun) and make a similar commitment to scaling up investments in clean, renewable wind power both Upstate and off our shores. The Governor's Energy Plan must commit to doubling New York's landbased wind capacity and invest in offshore wind this year. Specifically, the state can purchase offshore wind power to power Long Island from a project under development east of Montauk point, and move forward with a project proposed by the New York Power Authority in the New York Wind Energy Area off the Rockaways.
4. New York cannot frack and burn to a clean energy future. To truly combat climate disruption, the Energy Plan must commit to retiring dirty, outdated and uneconomical coal and oil plants and move beyond gas to replace aging and highly polluting generation. Converting dirty and polluting coal and oil plants to gas will do little if anything to reduce the state's carbon footprint.

Written comments will be collected until April 30 and may be sent to:

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