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**NJPEEC Criticizes Governor's decision to approve the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission
Gas Powered Plant in Newark**

TRENTON, NJ – The New Jersey Progressive Equitable Energy Coalition (NJPEEC), issued the following statement in response to the Murphy Administration's approval of a \$180 million natural gas power plant at the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission in Newark.

“The last thing residents of the most densely populated state need is another polluting fracked-gas power plant. Not only is this unjust, but it is unfair for the Newark residents that have been organizing and fighting back against environmental racism and toxic projects like this for decades. NJPEEC stands with the families, businesses, and advocates in opposition to this project that will unquestionably add to the burden of carbon pollutants and co-pollutants that cause higher rates of asthma, heart attacks and cancer for Black and communities of color in Newark and surrounding areas. This plant does not align with New Jersey's clean energy goals, and we will continue to fight for more equitable and just energy solutions in our state.”

NJPEEC is a Black and Brown led coalition whose mission is to advocate for the elimination of the underlying sources of environmental and economic harms in historically exploited and overburdened communities, ensuring access to clean and equitable energy.

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