



New Jersey's Clean Energy Newsletter April 2008

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program™ (NJCEP) Newsletter was designed to show that you have the "Power to Save" - throughout your whole house, whole building, and your whole community. Here you'll find information to connect to programs that provide energy, financial, and environmental savings for New Jersey residents, businesses, municipalities, and schools. This issue also contains updates on NJCEP programs, new initiatives being sponsored by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, and items in the news.

We hope you find the NJCEP Newsletter to be useful and that you visit the links below to learn more about the programs and online tools that can help you save energy, reduce costs, and avoid greenhouse gas emissions to help make New Jersey a cleaner, healthier place to live. Have additional questions or want more information? Contact us at info@njcleanenergy.com or call 1-866-NJSMART.

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NJCEP to provide \$235 million in funds for Clean Energy Projects

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has approved the 2008 budget for New Jersey's Clean Energy Program to fund energy efficiency and renewable energy programs which benefit businesses, schools, residents, and municipalities. You can learn more in the 2008 NJCEP Summary Budget Board Order posted on the homepage of www.NJCleanEnergy.com.

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CORE Program Will Accept Applications For Wind, Biomass and SUNLIT Projects

The Customer On-Site Renewable Energy (CORE) Program will continue accepting applications for wind, biomass, and SUNLIT projects (low and moderate income housing through the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage and Finance Agency) until such time as those budgets are fully committed. The CORE program is no longer accepting private sector or public sector solar projects. More information about solar financing through the SREC-Only Pilot Program is available from the Program Updates section of the [Renewable Energy tab](#) at NJCleanEnergy.com.

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2008 Applications Now Available for NJ SmartStart Buildings® Program

A number of program changes have recently been approved for the New Jersey SmartStart Buildings Program. These changes are reflected in the 2008 application forms that are [now available](#).

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Pay-For-Performance Program – UPDATE

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has allocated a 2008 budget of \$6 million to fund its Pay-for-Performance program to be launched this year. This program will take a comprehensive, whole building approach to energy efficiency in existing commercial and industrial buildings where peak demand exceeds 100 kW. More information will be available soon.

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Direct Install Program To Help Main Street Businesses

The small business community's energy needs will be addressed through the Direct Install Program, also launching later this year, offering the opportunity for high-efficiency retrofits to customers with 100 kW peak demand or less. Direct Install will identify cost-effective alternatives and provide installation services, financial incentives, and educational materials. More information will be available soon.

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2008 Clean Energy Leadership Awards To Feature New Category

This year's New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards Program will feature a new category: Clean Tech Company of the Year. [Click here](#) to learn about the 2007 award winners. Stay tuned for 2008 nominating information.

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CleanPower Community Partners Honored For Achievements

Four **CleanPower** Community Partners were honored January 24, 2008 for their support of the New Jersey **CleanPower Choice Program**SM. Princeton, Cape May City, Maplewood, and Summit have all reached or surpassed their goal of enrolling residents in the program. Communities and organizations interested in becoming a **CleanPower** Community Partner can get more information at NJCleanEnergy.com.

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CleanPower Choice Program Gears Up for Spring Enrollment Period

The New Jersey **CleanPower Choice Program**SM is a statewide program that gives residential and business electric customers the opportunity to support the development and expansion of renewable energy sources by paying a slight premium on their existing energy bill. Look for information in your April electric bill or visit the [CleanPower Choice section](#) of the website.

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New Public Outreach Campaign Targets the Whole House/Whole Community

NJCEP's Whole House/Whole Community campaign has energy efficiency messages, tips, and programs aimed at looking at how your whole household, whole building, and whole community can save energy, save money, and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions 20 percent by 2020. [Click here](#) to learn more about how you and your community can become more energy efficient.

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Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Featured on TV


The New Jersey Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program was featured on WABC-TV's promotions

for “Extreme Makeover Home Edition.” The statewide program is available to all residential customers and can help residents save up to 30% on energy costs through a comprehensive energy audit. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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NJCEP Takes Part in the PSE&G Global Green Expo 2008

Taking place in Liberty State Park April 25 through 27, the PSE&G Global Green Expo 2008 will provide consumers, business professionals, public and private agencies, and corporations information and inspiration for taking action regarding global environmental issues. Visit NJCEP’s booth to learn more about what you can do to help the environment today and every day. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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SREC-Only Pilot Program – UPDATE

All solar project owners will have a greater opportunity to recoup their initial investment through the sale of Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECs). Recent Board actions have enabled potentially higher trading values to encourage private investment in the development of these projects. [Click here](#) to read more about the SREC-Only Pilot Program.

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Municipal Energy Audit – UPDATE

With an expected launch of late spring, the Municipal Energy Audit Program will offer qualifying municipalities and other government agencies incentives to subsidize the cost of performing an energy audit of their facilities. Municipalities can request proposals from a list of approved contractors operating on a fixed fee basis. The program will reimburse 75 percent of the cost of the audit and provide full reimbursement upon installation of all recommended upgrades. [Check the website](#) for more info.

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School Energy Education Program (SEEP) – UPDATE

The School Energy Education Program (SEEP) is a pilot program targeting approximately one hundred K-12 schools within at least 6 districts. SEEP will provide a range of services designed to educate students, teachers, and administrative staff regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies while building a self-sustaining culture of environmental awareness. Check back in the next few months for more information.

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NJBPU Gets Simpler Address

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has updated the address for its website. The BPU’s homepage is now www.nj.gov/bpu.

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Visit www.NJCleanEnergy.com to see press releases on the latest news, recent Program Updates, information on rebates, new Clean Energy Success Stories, and more. Check back often and learn how you can use energy more wisely in New Jersey.

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Clean Energy Events: Save the Date

Visit the [Event Listings](#) to learn about upcoming events and how you can get involved in clean energy conferences and initiatives throughout the state. Let us know if you have a clean energy event in your community to share.

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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities: 2008 Agenda Dates

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