



New Jersey's
Clean Energy Newsletter

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Thank you for choosing to subscribe to New Jersey's Clean Energy Program (NJCEP) Newsletter. We designed it to provide you with the "Power to Save" - information you need to connect to programs that provide financial and environmental savings for New Jersey residents and businesses. This first issue also contains news about some recent NJCEP program additions, our accomplishments, and web site updates.

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 protect the environment. We welcome all feedback, especially story ideas. Just send us an email at info@njcep.com.

Statewide Green Power Choice Program Announced

The Board of Public Utilities (BPU) announced the first statewide program to empower ratepayers to make choices about their energy use in support of renewable energy. Here's how it works. Ratepayers in New Jersey will be able to select from among multiple green power marketers and products based on what percentage and what source of Green Power you want your energy supply to come from. Importantly, all charges will appear on your regular monthly utility bill. You should expect a slight premium for going with Green Power, but that additional investment is minor compared to the option of purchasing solar panels or other renewable energy equipment, not to mention the fact that you will be helping the environment by using clean energy. [Read More at NJCEP Press & Media.](#)

New Jersey Recognized for Nation's Best Standards and Solar Boom

The Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) congratulates New Jersey on its 200th solar installation. The Garden State has produced a booming solar market in record time, using well-planned financial incentives and, critically, a system of rules that make it possible for solar consumers to hook their system up to the grid. New Jersey's interconnection standards and simplified net metering now have a proven track record as a low-cost, easy-to-implement regulatory tool that has removed all significant barriers to distributed generation. As other states seek to establish renewable energy industries, SEIA urges them to emulate New Jersey's success by adopting its well-considered, uniform standard - now responsible for a 550% three-year growth in that state's solar market. [Read More at NJCEP Press & Media.](#)

New Jersey Solar Rebate Policy Changes Announced

Modifications to the New Jersey Solar Rebate program were announced in response

to a surge in the demand by public schools for the solar energy rebates. The Program's 2004-2005 budget to support the development of Customer On-Site Renewable Energy (CORE) projects would have been depleted without policy revisions. Under the revised policy, clear criteria define when and how the school project rebates apply, as well as the maximum dollar amounts for which projects may be eligible. The modified policy establishes a cap of \$2.5 million dollars annually per school district, with the total amount not to exceed \$5 million over a two-year period. The revised policies will ensure availability of funding for schools and others. **More information about NJ Solar Rebates and CORE Policy Updates at [the Renewable Energy Program home page](#).**

Apply for a New Jersey Solar Rebate!

Tap into the long days of Summer with solar energy for your home or business! New Jersey's Clean Energy Program offers attractive rebates on the installation of solar electric systems for homes, businesses and communities. Save up to 70% off the cost of an installed system, reduce your energy costs and help protect the environment! [Learn more about NJ Solar Rebates.](#)

Be a Clean Energy Leader - Apply for NJCEP's Clean Energy Leadership Award!

NJCEP is looking for businesses, schools, institutions, and communities that demonstrate leadership in the effective and innovative use of clean energy technologies. If you win, your dedication to clean energy usage will be recognized at a statewide awards ceremony and featured in a prestigious monthly publication as well as on NJCleanEnergy.com. You'll also have unrestricted use of the official Clean Energy Leader of the Year logo. Project entries must be postmarked by July 15, 2005. [Click here for NJ Clean Energy Leadership Award guidelines and applications.](#)

2005 New Jersey's Clean Energy Program Updates

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program has recently announced modifications to many of the Residential and Commercial/Industrial Energy Efficiency Programs. Changes include revised incentive levels and program requirements. Programs affected include the Renewable Energy CORE Program, Residential NJ ENERGY STAR Homes Program, the Residential Cool and Warm Advantage Programs, and the Commercial/Industrial SmartStart Buildings Program. Effective dates for these changes vary by program: Renewable Energy CORE Program and Residential Cool and Warm Advantage Program changes are effective May 1, 2005, SmartStart Building Program changes are effective May 5, 2005 and NJ ENERGY STAR Homes Program changes are effective June 1, 2005. [Details on specific program changes are available at the New Jersey's Clean Energy Program home page.](#)

SAVE THE DATE

New Jersey's Annual Clean Energy Conference & Leadership Awards to be held September 26, 2005 (Hyatt New Brunswick, NJ)

Speak with leading businesses and market participants about New Jersey's clean energy market and learn from the experts. New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards will be announced and recognized. Contact info@njcep.com for

information on speaker, sponsorship and exhibit opportunities. Check back on the NJCleanEnergy web site for more information on how to register!

NEW Grants & Funding Section Features 2005 Education and Outreach Grant

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Office of Clean Energy has announced the launch of the solicitation for its 2005 Clean Energy Education & Outreach Grant Program that will provide \$400,000 in supporting funds to New Jersey non-profit organizations that promote clean energy in the state. "The continued success of New Jersey's Clean Energy program will grow in partnerships with state environmental and educational organizations," said Jeanne M. Fox, NJBPU President. "Both groups play a vital role in helping us reach our clean energy goals." [The Solicitation is posted in the NEW Grants & Funding section of our web site.](#)

New Jersey Named ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year

In March, NJCEP was recognized as the 2004 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Energy (DOE). Coming June 2005 the ENERGY STAR Products Program will be offering incentives towards ENERGY STAR Room Air Conditioners and a Sweepstakes for ENERGY STAR Appliances. To learn MORE about NJCEP's ENERGY STAR Program Promotions throughout the year, keep checking the website. [Click here to learn more about ENERGY STAR REBATES and savings for your home.](#)

Seasonal Power Tip: Keep Your Air Filters Clean Even in the Summer

Most people know that air filters should be changed during the heating season, but the same goes for the cooling season. Dirty and clogged air filters result in improper supply of conditioned air and are the largest source of air conditioning service calls. In most cases, filters are easy to replace and result in more energy efficient air conditioning. We recommend checking the air filters monthly, and replacing at least once a season as needed. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when replacing filters. [Click here](#) for additional information, tips, and savings on energy savings appliances and equipment.

Energy Calculators

Find out how much you can save with one of our customized energy [calculators](#). See dramatic savings when using energy efficient equipment such as room or central air conditioners, ovens, ranges, even solar energy.

Upcoming Events – Check out the [NEW NJCleanEnergy Event Listing](#)

Next Clean Energy Council Meeting (June 14, 2005); **NJ Farm & Rural Energy Seminar** (May 12, Rutgers Food and Innovation Center, Bridgeton, NJ); **Public Meetings - Blue Ribbon Panel on Off-Shore Wind** (May 10 at Atlantic County Library and May 23 at Monmouth County Library); **Junior Solar Sprints** (May 10 - May 12th, and May 31st - various locations); **Celebration of the Earth Festival** (May 15, Van Saun Park, Paramus, NJ); **Public Stakeholder Meeting on NJ RPS** (May 16 and June 17 at Rutgers Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy,

New Brunswick, NJ). *Let everyone know about an event happening in your area by listing your event on NJCleanEnergy.com.*



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