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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](mailto:info@njcep.com).

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## REGIONAL POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

### **Governor Corzine Announces Clean Energy Platform**

Governor Jon S. Corzine recently signed an Executive Order creating the post of

Director of Energy Savings and outlined significant steps to increase energy efficiency in State government. The Order was signed on Earth Day as part of the Governor's continued dedication to preserving our natural resources in a responsible and practical manner. See [Press & Media](#) for more information.

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### **New Jersey Increases Renewable Energy Goals: 20 Percent by 2020**

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) voted in April to approve new regulations that expand the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). Under the newly adopted regulations, 20 percent of New Jersey's electricity must come from renewable sources by 2020. The new regulations also include a 2 percent solar set aside that is forecast to require 1500 MW -- the nation's largest solar commitment on a per capita basis (exceeded only by California, which is four times the size of New Jersey in population and electricity consumption). See [Press & Media](#) for more information.

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## **NJCEP PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

### **NJBPU Releases 2005 Annual Report for New Jersey's Clean Energy Program**

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) recently released the 2005 Annual Report for New Jersey's Clean Energy Program. In 2005, New Jersey's Clean Energy Program expended \$124.6 million to provide State homes and businesses with services and financial assistance that generated 382,845 MWh of annual electricity savings, 617,261 Dtherms of natural gas savings, and 29,136 MWh of electricity generated from clean, renewable sources of energy. The amount of electricity saved is enough to provide the annual requirements of approximately 50,000 homes in New Jersey. For a complete copy of the [New Jersey's Clean Energy Program 2005 Annual Report](#), please visit [www.njcleanenergy.com](http://www.njcleanenergy.com).

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## **RENEWABLE ENERGY HIGHLIGHTS**

### **New Jersey Solar Market Still Going Strong with Record Number of Installations & Applications**

The State's solar market continues to grow. More than 1,300 New Jersey residential, commercial, public, and non-profit entities have made solar energy a part of their everyday lives by installing a solar electric system. In addition to 1,150 residential and small business solar systems installed across the State, there are over 150 large commercial solar installations over 10 kW. CORE Activity Update reports 1st Quarter results for 2006. **Who's Going Solar map** reflects some of the residential, commercial and public entities that have installed a solar


electric system with support from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. For more information see the [NEW CORE Activity through March, 2006](#).

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### **New Jersey Solar Rebate & Application Updates**

Due to the overwhelming success of the New Jersey Solar Rebate Program (aka CORE Program), an unprecedented number of rebate applications have been received. To ensure that the CORE Program remains within the overall four year funding level approved by the Board of Public Utilities and the 2006 CORE Program budget, the Board directed the Office of Clean Energy to implement several changes to the CORE Program's policies and procedures. For details, click [here](#) to download the CORE program Update for March 6, 2006.

Wondering where your Solar Rebate Application is? Check out the [CORE Rebate Application Queue](#), available online at the [Renewable Energy homepage](#).

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### **Interconnection and Net Metering Rules Update**

Public Comment on the Draft Universal Interconnection Application / Agreement Part 1 With Terms and Conditions for Interconnection for a Level 1 Review (Inverter-based Units of 10kW and under) are being accepted until May 25th. The Draft Application is posted online in the [Renewable Energy / Applications and E-Forms](#). Comments should be sent to Scott Hunter at [comments@njcep.com](mailto:comments@njcep.com).

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### **New Jersey Wind Update**

The Blue Ribbon Panel on Development of Wind Turbine Facilities in Coastal Waters released its Final Report, recommending that New Jersey consider launching a limited and carefully monitored offshore wind-turbine test project to gather more data about the technology's costs and benefits. “Through the efforts of this panel, New Jersey became the first state to conduct a public and thorough investigation of the costs and benefits of developing offshore wind turbine facilities,” said Edward J. McKenna Jr., the panel's chairman. “The panel did an excellent job of balancing the need to address our state's serious energy constraints while ensuring protection of our precious offshore natural resources and our local economies.” For more information go to the [Blue Ribbon Panel website](#).

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### **Clean Power Choice Program Goes Statewide**

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) announced the statewide rollout of the Clean Power Choice program, a voluntary initiative that allows customers to invest in clean energy via a slight premium on their utility bill.

During the month of April, New Jersey residents received a special Clean Power Choice enrollment form with their electric bill. Since the effort began more than 3,000 residential and business customers have signed-up for the program. For more information, visit the [CleanPower Choice Program homepage](#).

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### **New Jersey Business & Environmental Leaders Form Clean Power Choice Coalition**

In April, a coalition comprised of environmental, business and municipal leaders led by NJBPU President Jeanne M. Fox and NJDEP Commissioner Lisa P. Jackson highlighted the economic and environmental benefits of the Clean Power Choice program -- a voluntary initiative that allows customers to invest in clean energy via a slight premium on their electric bill. The Clean Power Choice Coalition represents a cross section of New Jersey leadership committed to the investment in renewable and clean energy. For more information, visit the [CleanPower Choice Coalition homepage](#).

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### **BPU Speaks to Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce**

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) Commissioner Connie O. Hughes met with the Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce to discuss ways that the State's business community can take advantage of clean energy initiatives. Specifically, she provided details about the Board of Public Utilities' new **CleanPower Choice Program**, a voluntary initiative that allows customers to invest in clean energy. For more information, visit the [CleanPower Choice Program homepage](#).

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### **BPU Participates in 16th Annual ACUA Earth Day Festival**

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) President Jeanne M. Fox recently addressed attendees at the Atlantic City Utility Authority's 16th Annual Earth Day Festival. President Fox was joined by Rick Dovey, ACUA President; Kenneth Parker, President, Atlantic City Electric; and Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive. President Fox highlighted the importance of sustaining the spirit of Earth Day throughout the entire year and identified the Clean Power Choice Program as one way to accomplish that goal. For more information, visit the [CleanPower Choice Program homepage](#).


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## **ENERGY EFFICIENCY HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Get Ready for Summer Energy Savings**

The Summer cooling season is the period of high energy demand which can place

added strain on home utility budgets as well as the electric grid. The Board of Public Utilities and New Jersey's Clean Energy Program will be conducting a Summer Energy Savings Campaign to help lower energy demand, reduce strain on the grid and help residents save energy and avoid unnecessarily high electricity costs. In addition to smart energy savings tips that are easy enough for every resident, the campaign will promote rebates on high efficiency air conditioners. June 1st through August 31st, a \$20 rebate will be available towards the purchase of an ENERGY STAR® qualified room air conditioner. Look for the rebate forms at your local retailer or visit [Residential Rebates & Offers](#) for more details.

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### **BASF Launches National Energy Efficient Homes Initiative in NJ**

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) joined BASF to launch the company's energy efficient homes initiative in Paterson, NJ. The BASF Near Zero Energy Home program demonstrates BASF technologies that promote high-performance, energy efficiency and ecological benefits in new housing. The BASF Near Zero Energy Home-Paterson, N.J., has been selected by the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) pilot testing for the recently launched Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Homes (LEED-H) rating system. The home will be designed to achieve Energy Star certification and, with the inclusion of solar panels, will support New Jersey's Solar Initiative Program. Visit the [Residential Program homepage](#) to learn how to make your home more energy efficient.

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## **2006 NEW JERSEY CLEAN ENERGY CONFERENCE**

### **Johnson & Johnson to serve as Honorary Chairman of NJ Clean Energy Conference**

Dennis Canavan, Executive Director, Worldwide Energy Management, Johnson & Johnson will serve as the Honorary Chairman of the 2006 New Jersey Clean Energy Conference, scheduled for September 18 at the New Brunswick Hyatt Regency Hotel. Johnson & Johnson received the 2005 New Jersey Clean Energy Business Leader of the Year Award for setting a higher standard for its industry and its broad array of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in the state. The one-day conference will take place from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., September 18, 2006. To register or for more information, visit the [New Jersey Clean Energy Conference](#) section of the website.

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### **Clean Energy Leadership Award Nominations Due June 1, 2006**

The Clean Energy Leadership Award nominations are due June 1, 2006. The Clean Energy Leadership Awards recognize individuals, municipalities,


businesses, industries and organizations that have made powerful choices through the effective and innovative use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. The awards, which will be presented at the 2006 New Jersey Clean Energy Conference, scheduled for September 18 at the New Brunswick Hyatt Regency Hotel, include a generous recognition package of press and paid advertising. The criteria and guidelines for these awards can be found at The [New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards](#) section of the website.

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## **NEW WEBSITE FEATURES & RESOURCES**

### **Wondering where your Solar Rebate Application is?**

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### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Find answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about New Jersey's Clean Energy Program. Categories include: General Energy Issues; New Jersey CleanPower Choice Program; Residential and ENERGY STAR; Solar Renewable Energy Certificates; Off Shore Wind Systems; New Jersey SmartStart Buildings; Renewable Energy Business Venture Assistance Program; and Federal Tax Credits. Please visit [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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## **CLEAN ENERGY EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE**

May 20: NJNG Annual Ocean Fun Day (Island Beach State Park)

May 21: NJNG Annual Ocean Fun Day (Sandy Hook)

June 13-16: NJ Association of Counties Conference

July 24: League of Women Voters of Monroe Township

September 18: The 2006 New Jersey Clean Energy Conference

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