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Regulatory Update: Protecting Against Climate Threats (PACT)

- NJ DEP and the Murphy Administration launched <u>Protecting Against Climate Threats (PACT)</u>, a regulatory reform effort that modernizes environmental laws.
- Through immediate and comprehensive action, NJ PACT captures <u>two main goals</u> to counteract the effects of climate change: cut emissions of short-lived climate pollutants and greenhouse gases through the <u>Climate Pollutant Reduction Program (CPR)</u>, and re-purpose land use and planning policies to adapt to rising sea levels, flooding, and extreme weather through the <u>Resilliant Environments and Landscape Program (REAL)</u>.
- <u>CPR initiatives</u> will conduct a full accounting of greenhouse gas emissions to identify priority pollutants and implement targeted reductions, ensuring New Jersey stays on track to cut emissions 80% below 2006 levels by 2050.
- <u>REAL</u> will set an example by requiring publicly funded projects to incorporate climate resilience, ensuring that taxpayer investments support durable, future-ready infrastructure in a changing climate.
- Other proposed <u>rules and regulations</u> under NJPACT include the Advanced Clean Cars Act II, the Greenhouse Gas Monitoring and Reporting Rule, the Advanced Clean Truck Program with Fleet Reporting Requirements, the Ongoing Vessels and Harbor Craft Rule, the Mobile Cargo Handling Equipment at Ports and Intermodal Rail Yards Rule, and the Control and Prohibition of Carbon Dioxide Emissions Rule.
- For all of the programs, excluding REAL and the Advanced Clean Cars ACT II, there have only been information sessions occurring in 2020-2021. REAL and ACCC II have had various stakeholder meetings since then in 2023 and 2024.