

Association of Environmental Authorities

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Administration Priorities for NJDEP

1. Environmental Justice
2. Forever Chemicals
3. Climate & Resilience
4. Technology Improvements
5. Permitting Efficiency Initiative



1. Environmental Justice

Did you know that a child in Newark, NJ has a 1 in 4 chance of developing asthma...versus an average of closer to 1 in 10 as you move out in distance from the city?



Change Ourselves: Amend DEP's internal workstreams to integrate EJ

Change Others: Motive equitable and just outcomes beyond DEP, primarily by facilitating a council of NJ agencies to apply a whole-of government approach to EJ

Build Community Capacity: Build relationships with OBCs and increase community capacity to advocate and take advantage of government opportunities



2. Forever chemicals (PFAS & PFOA)



**IDENTIFY, REDUCE,
AND ELIMINATE**



3. Climate and Resilience

Policy Considerations

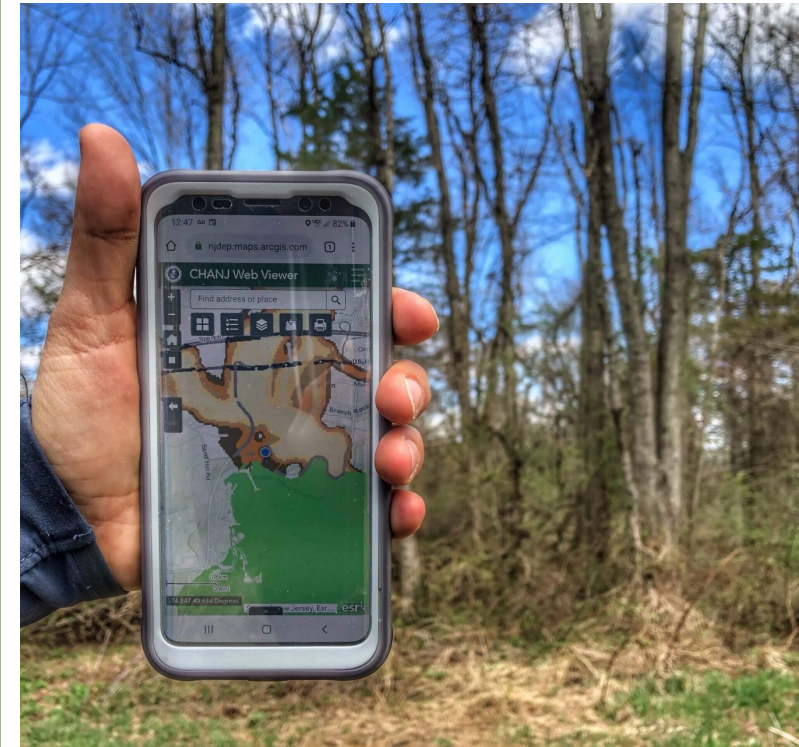
- Science
- Land Use Planning
- Mitigation
- Interim Risk Solutions
- Comprehensive Risk Solutions

Empirical Risks

- Extreme Heat
- Sea Level Rise
- Flooding
- Wildfires
- Drought

4. Technology Improvements

- Remote sensing
- Continuous water monitoring
- Data transparency tools
- Public dashboards



5. Permitting Efficiency Initiative

- Modernizing systems
- Reducing backlog
- Transparent and timely decisions
- Maintaining strong environmental protections
- Additional staffing
- Operation FAST
- Supercharge OPPN
- Expand Flexibility
- Prioritize Energy and Public Works infrastructure



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