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## NJ Environmental Federation's New Jersey Legislative Scorecard 2010-13

The New Jersey Environmental Federation's Legislative Scorecard 2010-13 represents a permanent record that scores every NJ state legislator on votes, action and leadership on significant environmental bills between 2010 and 2013.

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We encourage everyone to praise those legislators who stood up for public health and the environment or seek an explanation from those who voted the wrong way and call on them to Vote Environment now and in the future. Contact your legislators by visiting our website at: [www.CleanWaterAction.org/NJScorecard](http://www.CleanWaterAction.org/NJScorecard)

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# Legislature Unraveling NJ Tradition of Environmental Safeguards

## Scorecard Reveals that Most Legislators Don't Make the Grade

New Jersey has long been heralded as a bi-partisan environmental leader. This is mostly out of necessity – our unique geography (Highlands, Pinelands, Jersey Shore, and being downwind from much of the country), highest population density in the U.S., and over 100 years of industrialization and corresponding contamination of our land, air and water.

### Environmental and public health safeguards are needed now more than ever:

- In 2011, there were nearly 2,500 hospital admissions for asthma in New Jersey at an average charge of \$15,000/stay. Extreme heat and declining air quality are expected to increase risk of respiratory problems and heat stress, including premature death.<sup>1</sup>
- NJ still flunks federal air pollution standards and has some of the worst air in the nation.<sup>2</sup>
- 22,000 NJ homes were left uninhabitable by Sandy and total NJ business losses are estimated at \$8.3 billion. Climate change will only make big storms, severe weather and flooding events more frequent.<sup>3</sup>
- Too few "healthy" waterways. Only 22 of 952 NJ watersheds meet all water quality standards and even in these "healthy watersheds" the fish are contaminated.<sup>4</sup>



While New Jersey has often been the first to experience environmental/health problems, our state has also been in the forefront of adopting model solutions for other states and nations to follow. Over the decades, NJ passed laws protecting the Pinelands and wetlands, cleaning up hazardous waste, as well as establishing chemical security and the right to know. More recently, NJ passed laws protecting the Highlands, responding to the climate crisis, and advancing clean energy, cars, air and water policies. All these have proved their weight in gold – good for the environment and the economy.

However, our proud legacy of leadership, and more importantly, those critical environmental and public health protections have been put at risk by our elected officials over the past five years. The governor's contribution to this crisis is well documented<sup>5</sup>, but the State Legislature's is not.

### SCORECARD OVERVIEW

This NJ Environmental Federation scorecard corrects that. It rates all 120 state legislators on their actions – votes, sponsorships, and leadership covering the most important, representative environmental issues of the past 3 years (since January 2010 as the governor began his term).

The scorecard provides a comprehensive evaluation of how the legislature as a whole, party caucuses, its leadership, selected committee chairs, and individual legislators rate on the environment. Unfortunately, too often, they are not making the grade, receiving only a 48%. But there's still hope!

### Overall, we found:

- Democrats scored 59%. Republicans scored 32%. Democratic leadership scored 47%. Republican leadership scored 45%.
- The pro-environment position succeeded on only 4 of the 18 bills scored – 11 times blocked primarily by Democrats failing to act and 3 times blocked by Republicans' refusal to override the governor's vetoes of bills they'd previously supported.
- Time and again, the big votes led to successful rollback of protections (e.g., the permit extension and dirty water votes -- #'s 5, 9, 16 and 17). In contrast, good bills struggled to advance – some even with majority support couldn't even get on the agenda (e.g., safe playing fields #3 and waiver #18). When they did advance, they were comparatively smaller in scope (e.g., fertilizer restrictions #13, solar #7, and offshore wind #14)<sup>6</sup>
- The NJ Legislature failed to even seriously consider the most significant solutions on critical issues from Super Storm Sandy recovery to funding for clean energy, open space and transportation such that they can't even be scored.

	<u>Dems</u>	<u>Reps</u>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Leadership</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>45%</b>

**On an individual legislator basis, the scorecard illustrates that:**

- Only 2 of the top 6 legislative leaders scored over 50%: Senate Majority Leader Weinberg (97%) and Senate Republican Leader Kean (63%)
- Only 1 Republican scored over 65%: Senator Kip Bateman at 82%

Nine (9) legislators are deemed to be **“Environmental Zeros”**, scoring below 15%

<b>“ENVIRONMENTAL ZEROS”</b>	<b>SCORE (%)</b>		<b>SCORE (%)</b>
Senator Sarlo (D-36)	0	Assemblyman Carroll (R-25)	12
Senator Oroho (R-24)	0	Assemblywoman Decroce (R-26)	13
Assemblyman Space (R-24)	0	Senator Kyrillos (R-13)	13
Assemblywoman McHose (R-24)	3	Assemblyman Rible (R-30)	15
Senator Doherty (R-23)	10		

Eight (8) of the 15 Democrats top leadership positions impacting environmental policy scored in the “bottom 5” of their caucuses.

<b>NOTABLE LEADERS IN DEMOCRATS “BOTTOM 5”</b>	<b>SCORE (%)</b>
Senate Budget Chair Sarlo (D-36)	0
Assembly Majority Leader Greenwald (D-6)	29
Assembly Appropriations Chair Burzicelli (D-3)	30
Senate President Sweeney (D-3)	33

- NJ’s most environmentally sensitive regions are represented by 6 legislative districts (LD) with the worst scores in the entire legislature. The 3 Democrats representing Cape May and the Delaware Bayshore (LD 1) averaged 24%, the 12 Republicans representing the core of the Highlands (LD 23-26) averaged 14% (LD 24 averaged 3%), and the 3 Republicans (LD 8) representing the core of the Pinelands averaged 24%.

**While the scorecard documents the past 3 years as troubling, it also spotlights 13 legislators as “Environmental Heroes” scoring over 80% on their overall score and on individual issues:**

<b>“ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES”</b>	<b>SCORE (%)</b>		<b>SCORE (%)</b>
Assemblyman McKeon (D-27)	102	Assemblywoman Wagner (D-38)	94
Senator Smith (D-17)	101	Senator Greenstein (D-14)	93
Assemblyman Gusciora (D-15)	101	Assemblywoman Jasey (D-27)	92
Assemblywoman Vainieri-Huttle (D-38)	98	Assemblyman Benson (D-14)	88
Senator Weinberg (D-37)	97	Senator Gordon (D-38)	83
Assemblyman Barnes (D-18)	97	Senator Bateman (R-16)	82
Senator Buono (D-18)	94		

- The 5 legislative districts (LD) that scored the highest were: LD 27<sup>th</sup> (86%); 37<sup>th</sup> (86%); 18<sup>th</sup> (85%); 15<sup>th</sup> (83%); and 38<sup>th</sup> (82%)
- 4 mid-level scorers have played critical roles on several issues<sup>6</sup>.
  - *Assembly Environment Committee Chair Spencer* - environmental justice and fracking (#6)
  - *Senator Turner* - safe playing fields (#3)
  - *Senate Republican Leader Kean* - safe playing fields and climate change (#2)
  - *Senator Beck* - fracking, safe playing fields, and fertilizer restrictions (#13)
- Even 3 of the lower scorers have some high notes on some key issues<sup>6</sup>:
  - *Senate President Sweeney* - offshore wind (#14), solar (#7), and climate change (#8);
  - *Assembly Majority Leader Greenwald* - responsible funding for open space; and
  - *Senator Oroho* - safe playing fields (#3)

**MOVING FORWARD**



The prolonged economic downturn, the aftermath of Sandy, and the Governor’s record make the NJ Legislature a critical backstop for the environment. It is not too late to reverse course. New Jersey’s core environmental and public health protections, while weakened and reaching the tipping point, remain standing.

Actions that the NJ Legislature takes and/or fails to take in the near future will go a long way in determining our state’s fate.

**This summer, the Legislature and Governor should work together to:**

- amend A3680/S2583 to ensure taxpayers don’t subsidize development in the Highlands and Pinelands and climate-disrupting development everywhere;
- ensure open space funding legislation is fiscally responsible and doesn’t result in corresponding cuts to other core government services including the NJ Department of Environmental Protection;
- amend S1085 to ensure its standards are enforceable and its intention to improve the health of our public forests is met rather than leads to their continued degradation;

**Within the coming year, the Legislature should:**

- Override bills<sup>6</sup> vetoed by the Governor – e.g. frack waste (#6) and regional compact on climate change, RGGI (#8);
- Acting on pending bills<sup>6</sup> -- waiver (#18), safe playing fields (#3), environmental justice (S962/A3836), and coastal commission (A3920)
- Restore clean energy funding and strengthen water rules

We hope this scorecard will serve as a wakeup call to legislators and the voting public. Our goal is to embolden environmental legislative leaders to drive the pro-environmental agenda; but they cannot succeed without others willing to create a bipartisan, pro-environment majority.



And voters can no longer assume their legislators to be pro-environment without pressing them to do the right thing. In fact, our past successes became a reality largely because grassroots groups and voters held legislators accountable.



That’s why the New Jersey Environmental Federation, the NJ Chapter of Clean Water Action, will be going door to door educating voters throughout the state and in targeted districts, mobilizing its members on the phone and with direct mail, building coalitions, as well as using new and traditional media to have our voices heard. We will inform the public about their state legislators’ records and next steps needed to slow down and amend the bad bills while advancing pro-active environmental policies for New Jersey’s future.

Beginning this summer and this year’s election cycle, the Legislature has the opportunity to once again move New Jersey in the right direction—one that benefits our environment, the economy and public health. And NJ Environmental Federation will be there to help.

**Endnotes:**

1. White House Paper: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/state-reports/climate/New%20Jersey%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf><sup>1</sup>
2. American Lung Association: <http://www.stateoftheair.org/2013/states/new-jersey/>
3. White House Paper: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/state-reports/climate/New%20Jersey%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>
4. Asbury Park Press via the NJDEP: <http://www.app.com/article/20120116/NJNEWS/301160037/Few-healthy-waterways-New-Jersey>
5. Governor Christie’s Report Card: <http://www.cleanwateraction.org/reportcardnj>
6. The pound (#) sign with one or more numbers following it reference one or more of the 18 bills scored, descriptions of which can be found on pages 7-8

## Top 5 Legislators

ASSEMBLY	SCORE (%)	SENATE	SCORE (%)
John McKeon (D-27)	102	Bob Smith (D-17)	101
Reed Gusciora (D-15)	101	Loretta Weinberg (D-37)	97
Valerie Vainieri Huttle (D-37)	98	Barbara Buono (D-18)	94
Peter Barnes (D-18)	97	Linda Greenstein (D-14)	93
Connie Wagner (D-38)	94	Robert Gordon (D-38)	83

## Bottom 5 Legislators

ASSEMBLY	SCORE (%)	SENATE	SCORE (%)
David Rible (R-30)	15	Anthony R. Bucco (R-25)	17
Betty Lou Decroce (R-26)	13	Joseph Kyrillos (R-13)	13
Michael Patrick Carroll (R-25)	12	Michael Doherty (R-23)	10
Alison McHose (R-24)	3	Steven Oroho (R-24)	0
Parker Space (R-24)	0	Paul Sarlo (D-36)	0

## Top and Bottom Democrats: SENATE

TOP	SCORE (%)	BOTTOM	SCORE (%)
Bob Smith (D-17)	101	Raymond Lesniak (D-20)	46
Loretta Weinberg (D-37)	97	Stephen Sweeney (D-3)	33
Barbara Buono (D-18)	94	Donald Norcross (D-5)	26
Linda Greenstein* (D-14)	93	Jeff Van Drew (D-1)	22
Robert Gordon (D-38)	83	Paul Sarlo (D-36)	0

## Top and Bottom Republicans: SENATE

TOP	SCORE (%)	BOTTOM	SCORE (%)
Christopher Bateman (R-16)	82	Joseph Pennacchio (R-26)	18
Jennifer Beck (R-11)	63	Anthony R. Bucco (R-25)	17
Thomas Kean Jr. (R-21)	63	Joseph Kyrillos (R-13)	13
Diane Allen (R-7)	61	Michael Doherty (R-23)	10
James Holzapfel* (R-10)	59	Steven Oroho (R-24)	0

## Top and Bottom Democrats: ASSEMBLY

TOP	SCORE (%)	BOTTOM	SCORE (%)
John McKeon (D-27)	102	Jerry Green (D-22)	34
Reed Gusciora (D-15)	101	Nelson Albano (D-1)	30
Valerie Vainieri Huttle (D-37)	98	John Burzichelli (D-3)	30
Peter Barnes (D-18)	97	Louis Greenwald (D-6)	29
Connie Wagner (D-38)	94	Bob Andrzejczak (D-1)	21

## Top and Bottom Republicans: ASSEMBLY

TOP	SCORE (%)	BOTTOM	SCORE (%)
Brian Rumpf (R-9)	60	David Rible (R-30)	15
Dianne Gove (R-9)	49	Betty Lou Decroce (R-26)	13
Holly Schepisi (R-39)	49	Michael Patrick Carroll (R-25)	12
David Wolfe (R-10)	46	Alison McHose (R-24)	3
Scott Rumana (R-40)	45	Parker Space (R-24)	0

## Leadership

<b>SENATE</b>	<b>SCORE (%)</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>SCORE (%)</b>
President Sweeney (D-3)	33	Speaker Oliver (D-41)	41
Majority Leader Weinberg (D-37)	97	Majority Leader Greenwald (D-6)	29
Minority Leader Kean Jr. (R-21)	63	Minority Leader Bramnick (R-21)	27

## Committee Chairs

<b>SENATE</b>	<b>SCORE (%)</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>SCORE (%)</b>
Budget & Appropriations, Sarlo (D-36)	0	Ag and Nat'l Resources, Albano (D-1)	30
Community & Urban Affairs, Van Drew (D-1)	22	Appropriations, Burzichelli (D-3)	30
Economic Growth, Lesniak (D-20)	46	Budget, Prieto (D-32)	52
Environment & Energy, Smith (D-17)	101	Environment, Spencer (D-29)	62
		Housing, Green (D-22)	34
		Regulatory Oversight, Ramos (D-33)	60
		Energy, Chivukula (D-17)	71

## Legislative Districts (Average of each LD's 3 legislators)

<b>LD</b>	<b>SCORE (%)</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>SCORE (%)</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>SCORE (%)</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>SCORE (%)</b>
<b>1</b>	24	<b>11</b>	43	<b>21</b>	40	<b>31</b>	62
<b>2</b>	36	<b>12</b>	33	<b>22</b>	52	<b>32</b>	53
<b>3</b>	37	<b>13</b>	29	<b>23</b>	18	<b>33</b>	55
<b>4</b>	43	<b>14</b>	75	<b>24</b>	1	<b>34</b>	63
<b>5</b>	45	<b>15</b>	83	<b>25</b>	20	<b>35</b>	50
<b>6</b>	41	<b>16</b>	47	<b>26</b>	17	<b>36</b>	41
<b>7</b>	61	<b>17</b>	73	<b>27</b>	86	<b>37</b>	86
<b>8</b>	24	<b>18</b>	85	<b>28</b>	56	<b>38</b>	82
<b>9</b>	49	<b>19</b>	60	<b>29</b>	52	<b>39</b>	38
<b>10</b>	49	<b>20</b>	53	<b>30</b>	29	<b>40</b>	43



## Reading the Scorecard

Legislators were scored on the 18 most important, representative environmental bills acted on between 2010 and 2013 including 15 or 16 floor votes (the Senate did not vote on Assembly # 18, the NJDEP waiver rule) and sponsorship of 2 bills (#3 Safe Playing Fields 3 and #4 Repeal of the Global Warming Response Act). They could also receive extra credit and/or demerits for pro- and/or anti-environmental leadership.

### Votes (85% towards the FINAL SCORE)

Legislators' pro-environment votes are marked with a plus or positive "+" sign, and their anti-environment votes received a minus or negative "-".

As the votes selected require an absolute majority (41 in the Assembly and 21 in the Senate), abstentions are scored the same as a no vote.

na = A legislator not in office at the time of the vote

nv = A legislator whose absence was noted in the Quorum and their absence was not scored against them.

On the other hand, if a legislator was present at the Capitol but chose not to cast a vote, it was counted as an abstention.

**Pro-Environmental Legislation=GREEN**

+ = YES VOTE

- = NO/ABSTENTION

**Anti-Environmental Legislation=RED**

+ = NO/ABSTENTION

- = YES VOTE

+ = NO/ABSTENTION

### Extra Credits and Demerits (range -28% to +33%)

Legislators received extra credits and demerits based on one or more of the following criteria:

- **Sponsorship:** Prime sponsor, co-prime sponsor, or cosponsor of a significant bill.
- **Votes:** Key committee votes on a significant environmental bill.
- **Leadership:** Publicly speaking out, speaking up in caucus, lobbying colleagues, committee work and other actions, moving (or holding) a bill, secured amendments, and whether they "bucked" or "succumbed" to their own party.
- **Additional:** accessibility, transparency, open/honest communication, and sign-on letters.

## Description and Status of Scored Bills (as of July 17, 2013)

The score card starts from the most current legislative session.

- 1) Bad Development (A3680/S2583 in the 2012-13 Legislature):** Will subsidize development in the Highlands and Pinelands and weakens efforts to strengthen green building codes. Passed Senate 27-9, amended by the Assembly 68-5 and sent back to the Senate all on June 27, 2013. *Voting NO OR ABSTAINING is pro-environment (+)*
- 2) Commercial Logging of State Forests (S1085 in the 2012-13 Legislature):** Would permit commercial logging of state-owned forests without proper enforcement. Passed the Assembly 44-28 with 3 abstentions on June 24, 2013. Passed the Senate 36-3 on June 25, 2013. Bill now on Governor Christie's desk. *Voting NO is pro-environment (+)*
- 3) Pesticide Free Playing Fields (A2412/S1143 in the 2012-13 Legislature):** Restricts the use of the most toxic lawn pesticides where kids play (day-cares, playgrounds, and K-8 school fields). Since 2011, a majority of both houses have co-sponsored the bill. However, in the last session there were two chances to post the bill, but leadership failed to do so. Introduced in the Senate Jan. 23, 2012 and in the Assembly Feb. 26, 2012. *SPONSORING is pro-environment (+)*
- 4) Repeal Climate Change Bill (S276 in the 2012-13 Legislature):** Repeals the Global Warming Response Act, a law designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality and create green jobs in New Jersey. Introduced in Senate and Assembly on Jan 10, 2012. *NOT SPONSORING is pro-environment (+)*
- 5) Permit Extension III (A1338 in the 2012-13 Legislature):** This bill would lengthen the expiration date on developers' permits for an additional two years. This would be the third time the permits have been extended, so projects set to expire in 2007 would not need to be updated until 2014. The bill includes a "Dracula Clause" that would bring projects that have already expired back to life. Passed Assembly 66-7 with 6 abstentions on June 25, 2012. Passed Senate 35-1 on June 28, 2012. Governor Christie signed into law Sep. 19, 2012. *Voting NO OR ABSTAINING is pro-environment (+)*
- 6) Frack Waste Ban (A575/S253 in the 2012-13 Legislature):** Bans the treatment, discharge, or storage of frack wastewater in New Jersey. Passed Senate 30-5 on June 25, 2012 and Assembly 56-19 with 4 abstentions on June 21, 2012. Vetoed by Governor Christie on Sep 24, 2012. Override vote pending. *Voting YES is pro-environment (+)*
- 7) Solar Energy (S1925/A2966 in the 2012-13 Legislature):** Addresses the current oversupply of solar renewable energy credits (SRECs), with the intention to bring back stability to the New Jersey solar market, ensuring growth over the next several years. Passed Senate 35-1 and Assembly 71-4 with 4 abstentions on June 25, 2012. Signed into law by Governor Christie on July 23, 2012. *Voting YES is pro-environment (+)*
- 8) Clean Air Program - RGGI (A1998/S1322 in the 2012-13 Legislature):** Ensures New Jersey's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a successful clean air program among 10 northeast states to reduce carbon emissions and stimulate the economy that Governor Christie has withdrawn New Jersey from. Passed Senate 22-16 and Assembly 45-33 on May 24, 2012. Vetoed by Governor Christie on July 26, 2012. *Voting YES is pro-environment (+)*
- 9) Dirty Water II (A4335/S3156 in the 2010-11 Legislature):** Delays updated water quality regulations for two years. This bill puts 300,000 acres of forests, wetlands and lands surrounding reservoirs, rivers and streams at risk for development. Passed the Senate 29-7 and Assembly 54-15 with 4 abstentions on Jan 9, 2012. Signed into law by Governor Christie on January 13, 2011. *Voting NO OR ABSTAINING is pro-environment (+)*
- 10) Fracking Ban (S2576 in the 2010-11 Legislature):** Bans the process of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in New Jersey. Passed Senate 33-1 and Assembly 58-11 with 8 abstentions on June 29, 2011. *Voting YES is pro-environment (+)*

Note: This bill was subsequently conditionally vetoed on August 26, 2011 by Governor Christie who suggested amendments to convert the permanent ban into a one year moratorium. The Legislature accepted the Governor's changes, which we opposed, and the bill became law on January 17, 2012.

**11) Barnegat Bay Polluters Pay (\$1856 in the 2010-11 Legislature):** Allows Ocean County and towns to charge a fee to developers to address storm water issues and to provide an incentive to reduce pollution from new developments that threaten Barnegat Bay. Passed Senate 21-15 and Assembly 44-33 with 1 abstention on Mar 21, 2011. Vetoed by Governor Christie on May 12, 2011. *Voting YES is pro-environment (+)*

**12) Barnegat Bay Clean-Up (\$2341/A3415 in the 2010-11 Legislature):** Requires NJDEP to adopt total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for Barnegat Bay ecosystem. Passed Senate 38-0 on Dec 20, 2010 and Assembly 75-0 on Dec 13, 2010. *Voting YES is pro-environment (+)*

*Note:* The bill was conditionally vetoed by Governor Christie on Feb 3, 2011. The Legislature disagreed with the changes, which we reluctantly supported, and the bill did not become law.

**13) Fertilizer Reduction (A2290 in the 2010-11 Legislature):** Establishes statewide fertilizer standards for when and where lawn fertilizer can be applied, the amount of nitrogen that can be used for each application and for the year, and fertilizer content. Will help to protect water from the misuse of fertilizer. Passed Senate 36-3 and Assembly 66-7 with 1 abstention on Dec 13, 2010. Signed into law on January 5, 2011. *Voting YES is pro-environment (+)*

**14) Offshore Wind (\$2036 in the 2010-11 Legislature):** Promotes the development of offshore wind energy projects. Passed the Senate 28-10 and the Assembly 71-6 with 1 abstention on June 28, 2010. Signed into law August 19, 2010. *Voting YES is pro-environment (+)*

**15) Sprawl and Pollution Bill (Time of Decision) (\$82 in the 2010-11 Legislature):** "Grandfathers" in previously approved building projects so they do not have to meet updated land use standards. It will severely hinder the ability of citizens and local governments to do sound land use planning and protect natural resources, thus leading to more sprawl, pollution, and higher property taxes. Passed Senate 26 - 8 on Mar 11, 2010 and Assembly 51 - 14 with 11 abstentions on Mar 15, 2010. Signed into law on May 5, 2010. *Voting NO OR ABSTAINING is pro-environment (+).*

**16) Dirty Water I (A4345 in the 2008-09 Legislature):** Delays and weakens new protections for New Jersey's water supply and 275,000 acres of environmentally sensitive land. Passed the Senate 30-1 and Assembly 60-13 with 4 abstentions on Jan 11, 2010. Pocket veto by Governor Corzine Jan 18, 2010. *Voting NO OR ABSTAINING is pro-environment (+)*

*Note:* A "pocket veto" means that a governor chooses not to act (i.e. sign or veto actively) a bill in the final days of a 2 year legislative session. As a result, the bill does not become law or go into effect, a passive veto. The legislative process would have to start all over again in the next session with a newly elected legislature.

**17) Permit Extension II (A4347 in the 2008-09 Legislature):** Extends the Permit Extension Act of 2008 an additional two and half years. This means that expired permits would not have to meet any new, stronger environmental health standards enacted after 2007, which could undermine good planning and protection of our most environmentally sensitive areas. Passed Senate 32-4 and Assembly 59-14 with 3 abstentions on Jan 11, 2010. Signed into law on January 18, 2010. *Voting NO OR ABSTAINING is pro-environment (+)*

**18) Waiver Rule Veto (ACR37 in the 2012-2013 Legislature)**

Will veto the waiver rule, which gives the NJDEP very broad authority to grant waivers and exempt companies from over 100 environmental regulations and weaken protections for our air, land and water. The Assembly passed 47-32, but the bill is currently on hold in the Senate. *Voting YES is pro-environment (+).*