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THEN and NOW

NJ Environmental Federation’s 27th Annual Conference
STAND UP FOR NEW JERSEY:
Fighting for Clean Water, Air & Land
Saturday, April 6 2013 at Georgian Court University
THEN:

COMMITMENTS AS CANDIDATE CHRISTIE 2009
Clean Water and Land Use
Barnegat Bay/Fertilizer-

• "Clean up Barnegat Bay with stronger laws and rules to stop the nitrogen and phosphorus poisoning the Bay” (2).

• “This will be a top priority of my Administration.” (3)
Category 1 Waters –

"Strengthening the C1 program, weakened by the Corzine Administration, to protect New Jersey's most important waters also in the first 100 days" (2)
State Plan –

“We need to develop in the right places and just say no in the wrong ones and my Administration will do just that.” (3)
Water Supply –

• "It is outrageous that the [Corzine] Administration continues to delay the required review of a water supply master plan” (1)

• “there can be no more serious environmental issue facing our state. We must ensure a safe, adequate and sustainable supply of water” (1)

• “for too long we have been flying blind” (1)

• “At the start of my administration, we will assess the state of our drinking water, both quantity and quality." (1)
Clean Energy, Clean Air, and Climate Change
Energy Master Plan (EMP)/Global Warming Response Act (GWRA) –

"While Jon Corzine signing the GWRA and updating New Jersey’s EMP and the strong goals contained therein are laudable, implementation here and a host of related issues is quite disappointing. In contrast I am committed to aggressively pursuing these goals." (3)
Nuclear –

"enacting policies in the first 100 days to stop the fish slaughter resulting from flawed cooling systems at the Salem and Oyster Creek nuclear plants" (2)
Coal/Renewables/Climate Change –

• “I oppose the proposed coal plant in Linden.” (3)

• “better focused on renewable and efficiency efforts” (3)

• “Due to global warming and for our own security, we need to reduce not increase our reliance on fossil and foreign fuels” (3)
Off Shore Drilling –

“I will oppose any attempt to drill off the coast of New Jersey”

(3)
Diesel –

• "Require state contractors to retrofit their diesel engines" (2)
• "I recognize too many folks get sick from diesel exhaust with all the ensuing health and economic costs" (3)
"All of my appointments will be based upon the qualifications and commitment of the nominee to the advancement of the mission of the organization and to New Jersey." (1)
Environmental Values
Environmental Justice / Cumulative Impacts –

• “too many communities bear a disproportionate share of the pollution burden” (3)

• “I will require my Administration to develop standards and guidelines and implement them so that cumulative and disproportionate impacts will carry much greater weight in our decisions” (3).
Cost/Benefit Analysis –
"require a more accurate cost/benefit analysis... of lives saved, illnesses avoided, natural resources preserved, work and school days not lost due to sickness, and health care costs" (3)
NOW:

2010-2013
Christie Administration
Environmental Record
Clean Water and Land Use
Barnegat Bay/Fertilizer –

- Developed 10 point Barnegat Bay Plan, including nation’s strongest fertilizer law.
- Fails to effectively address over-development, one of the greatest sources of pollution in the Bay.
- Vetoed several bills, weakened rules, and delayed key elements of the Plan that would fix this.
Category 1 –

- Failed to fulfill commitment to strengthen this program in the first 100 days.
- Has since taken steps to weaken the program, e.g., Permit Extension Act of 2012 and WQMP amendments.
Drinking Water –

• Repeatedly rejected expert advice of own panel on acceptable levels of health-impairing contaminants.

• Effectively issued a stop work order on PFOA, perchlorate, radium, chromium, et al.
Fracking –

• Helped secure, but now supports lifting, moratorium on drilling in Delaware River Watershed.

• Vetoed bans on NJ drilling and processing of frack waste.

• Not advocating for strong Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) regulation.
Strategic Plan –

• Too discretionary with emphasis on growth at the expense of protection.

• Supportive of policies that break his promise to develop in the right places and not the wrong ones.
Water Supply –

Despite campaign rhetoric to the contrary, the Water Supply Master Plan has not been updated.
Clean Energy, Clean Air, and Climate Change
Clean Energy / Climate Change –

The good:

• Helped secure passage of important solar and offshore wind bills
• Vetoed offshore LNG project
• Maintained opposition to offshore drilling
Clean Energy / Climate Change –

The bad trumps the good:

• Broke key pledge to do better than Corzine on Energy Master Plan (EMP) & GWRA.

• Actually reversed direction:
  ➢ Reduced EMP’s renewable and efficiency goals.
  ➢ Diverted $700+ million from the Clean Energy Fund.
  ➢ Withdrew unilaterally from RGGI.
  ➢ Helped secure subsidies for new natural gas plants without corresponding pollution offsets.
Nuclear –

• Secured agreement to close Oyster Creek 10 years before current permit expires.

• Broke commitment to establish an effective watchdog.

• Failed to do anything to fulfill commitment to fix Salem.
Coal –

**The good:**

- Fulfilled commitment to oppose Linden coal plant.
- Sued individual out-of-state coal plants.
- Adopted a no new NJ coal plant policy.

**The bad again trumps the good:**

- Opposed more comprehensive USEPA solutions.
- Supported new power lines for out-of-state coal.
Diesel –

• Broke commitment to "require state contractors to retrofit their diesel engines" (2)

• Settled for small pilot project.
Appointments
Highlands –

• Secured a working majority on the Council that opposes the very law they're charged with implementing.

• Fired a competent Executive Director resulting in the lead attorney resigning in protest.

• Hired politically driven Executive Director & new attorney that championed efforts to repeal the Act.
Environmental Values
Environmental Justice (EJ) –

- Increased staff and issue focus on EJ.
- Pace is too slow.
- Failed to fulfill key commitment to have cumulative impacts play a greater role in decision making.
- Lack concrete localized improvements.
Cost/benefit analysis –

• Prioritized short term private gain resulting in long term public loss.

• Broke promise to better protect families and workers. True societal impacts not properly evaluated.
DEP Waivers –

Adopted bad waiver rule, thereby codifying a practice his Administration had already begun.
Hurricane Sandy –

In some ways, he provided strong leadership during/after storm.
Hurricane Sandy -

However many examples of faulty leadership also exist:

• lack of transparency in decision making.
• misuse of funds -- overpay friends for debris removal, cut key programs.
• using Sandy as excuse to undermine environmental protections.
• not enough focus on policies to ensure long term resiliency of the Shore and communities given expected sea level rise, as well as frequency and severity of extreme weather events.

Gov. Christie says no time to consider the “esoteric question” of climate change.

- Union Beach 2/5/13
Governor Christie’s Environmental Report Card

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OVERALL GRADE: D

Report Card issued by NJ Environmental Federation May 3, 2012
To view the full report, visit www.cleanwateraction.org/reportcardnj
Sources for direct quotes of then NJ gubernatorial candidate Chris Christie in 2009 in this document:

(1) Candidate Christie’s reply to NJEF's questionnaire in July, 2009 aka “questionnaire”;


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