50x30 Team February 2022 Report

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The “50x30 Team” mission is to educate individuals, and advocate officials at local, state, and national levels to urgently work toward 50% GHG reduction by 2030, and NetZero by 2050. Climate Reality Leaders and all others are welcome to join us. Meets 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 PM.

After our successful December webinar on Building Electrification with heat pumps, we learned that NJ has no clear plans for reducing building emissions before 2030, even though building space heating and fossil-fueled appliances are the 2nd largest emitter of GHGs in NJ. We are joining forces with EmpowerNJ coalition on a new team effort to accelerate Building Electrification (BE) in NJ with a goal of meeting Gov Murphy’s 50x30 target. At our Jan 20 meeting last month, the 50x30 BE Team met and began to develop our work plan, including goals and objectives for meeting BE’s share of the state’s 50x30 and GWRA 80x50 targets. A follow-up meeting to finalize the plan is Feb 3.

On Feb 1 the NJDEP held a hearing on a proposed new rule to limit emissions, as mandated by the GWRA and the NJ Energy Master Plan. EmpowerNJ coordinated a spoken and written response to the rule, which is just awful, riddled with loopholes, and curbs emissions by only 3% of the 2050 target. Pat spoke against the rule at the online hearing, along with about 80 others, most of which were from EmpowerNJ.

**Our 7PM webinar on February 17** will be a panel discussion by homeowners who have installed heat pumps. The lead panelists will be Hap Haven, an energy specialist within the NJ Clean Energy Program, who will present a building electrification roadmap for NJ residents and businesses, and Scott Nelson, an HVAC contractor, owner of Oceanside Services in Allenhurst, NJ, and member of the ACCA board, with a heat pump dealer’s view. Sign-in link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89768891213?pwd=K0o0VVc2YkJPUVNPSWVzZUtwQktYQT09> , Meeting ID: 897 6889 1213, Passcode: 363993, +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)