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On February 13, 2007 Governor Corzine signed Executive Order 54 that calls for an aggressive reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions in New Jersey. The goal is a stabilization of greenhouse gas emissions at 1990 levels by 2020 and a further reduction of 80% below 2006 levels by 2050.

In response to the Governor's targets, the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, is hosting a two part series of forums on Climate and Energy Policy in New Jersey.

The first forum will explore the implications of Governor Corzine's greenhouse gas targets, and begin the high-level policy discussion about solutions. The forum will combine the expertise of the faculty and researchers of the Bloustein School with senior state government officials, industry leaders, and leaders of environmental organizations. Through a series of panel discussions the Forum will try to understand the implications for households, workers, businesses, the environment, energy costs, and our economy. Key issues, strategies, and concerns that are raised will be recorded and addressed at the second forum.

The second Forum presents the publication of a major study on energy targets and policies for New Jersey by the New Jersey Sustainable State Institute at the Bloustein School. It will revisit themes from the first forum and present the results of extensive research, and expert and stakeholder deliberations, that attempts to answer the following questions: Are these the right targets for greenhouse gas emissions? Are there other energy sustainability related issues for which we need targets? How effective and practical are the commonly discussed policy solutions? What mix of policies and solutions will be necessary to achieve the 2020 and 2050 targets? What is the impact of these policy solutions on greenhouse gas emissions, economic growth, and energy security?

Location: E.J. Bloustein School, Special Events Forum, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ

Dates: First Forum, Monday March 19, 2007 from 1:30 to 4:00
Second Forum, Late April/Early May - Look for forthcoming announcement

To register for the first Forum only please **RSVP** to Larisa Canastra at LCanastr@rci.rutgers.edu if you have not already done so.