Energy Justice Alliance files Comments to NY’s Cap and Invest Program

Cap and Invest Must Shut Down Fossil Gas Plants on the CLCPA’s timeline.

[New Rochelle, New York] -- The Energy Justice Alliance filed comments to the NY Department of Environmental Conservation as it considers a “cap and invest” program. The comments remind state officials that as they design a market-based mechanism to control emissions, they must ensure that dirty fossil gas plants and infrastructure are retired on the timeline required by New York’s climate laws. This is the only way to reach New York’s emissions goals and while bringing energy justice to frontline communities.

Quote from Raya Salter, Member of the NYS Climate Action Council, ED of the Energy Justice Law and Policy Center (a Founding Member of EJA):

“No cap and invest scheme can be effective without including a binding rule to ensure emissions reductions and a managed plan to close the polluting fossil fuel plants that are hurting frontline communities the most. Any cap and invest program must comply with the timeline of New York’s climate act and prioritize emissions and co-pollutant reductions in frontline communities without placing a disproportionate burden.”

Also see the Energy Justice Law and Policy Center Statement on Cap and Invest.

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The Energy Justice Alliance is a BIPOC-led and growing coalition of community stakeholders throughout the Hudson Valley and the state of New York, connecting residents in Albany and
Troy to Mount Vernon and Yonkers. We work to ensure a community-based equitable dialogue and economic participation during unprecedented times for environmental remediation and climate justice. The Energy Justice Alliance of the Hudson Valley is a coalition convened by the Energy Justice Law and Policy Center.