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Climate Rally Against National Grid Rescheduled After Wildfire Smoke:
Leaders Call For Immediate Climate Action to Address Environmental Justice

A teach-in and art action will call out the need for urgent climate action to address the air quality public health emergency, highlighting gas utilities’ climate hypocrisy throughout the legislative session.

HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK -
Energy Justice Law and Policy Center, the Energy Justice Alliance of the Hudson Valley and other leading New York environmental and community members will gather on Thursday, June 14, at 5:30pm at Brooklyn Borough Hall for a teach-in highlighting the need for immediate action on environmental justice given the urgent public health crisis - including the poor air quality that caused the rally to be canceled last week.

The Brooklyn event will feature Raya Salter, Founder and Director of the Energy Justice Law and Policy Center and member of New York State’s Climate Action Council who will share remarks about successful grassroots efforts to pass climate legislation this session and the need for more urgent action on environmental justice. This action is part of People vs. Fossil Fuels' nation-wide escalation of more than 50 actions across the country.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 14th, 2023, at 5:30 pm
WHERE: Borough Hall Steps (209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn) and National Grid Office (2 Hanson Place)
"We must close NY's dirty power plants and break the hold that fossil fuels have on our buildings and our wallets, as required by our state's Climate Act. We will fight fossil fuel industry misinformation and hold our utilities accountable for both the environmental injustice they cause and any attempts to delay climate action. We are simply out of time to address this climate crisis and public health emergency." Raya Salter, Member, Climate Action Council and Founder and Executive Director of the Energy Justice Law & Policy Center, which convenes the Energy Justice Alliance.

“A just transition starts with seeing the reality of the impact dirty power plants have on the socioeconomic stability of communities throughout the State of New York. The supply chain that currently powers our energy grid places communities of color and low-income communities at a disadvantage in pursuit of their American dream.” Paul Presendieu, Co-founder of the Hudson Valley Energy Justice Alliance.”