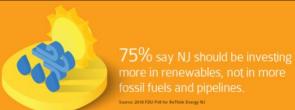


## Poll Shows New Jersey Voters Say Natural Gas Is <u>Not</u> Clean Energy

Voters overwhelmingly favor renewables over more gas and pipelines



The survey also found that three out of four want New Jersey to achieve a goal of 100 percent of energy from renewable sources by 2050. A 2018 survey of over 700 New Jersey voters conducted by The Fairleigh Dickinson University Poll<sup>i</sup> for ReThink Energy NJ found that 66 percent don't consider gas to be "clean" energy, **an astounding** <u>23-point increase</u> since 2016.



## **Other Key Findings:**

- Voters favor renewables over fossil fuels, and are willing to pay more for renewable energy
  - Seventy-five percent of those surveyed said the state should be investing in more renewable energy sources rather than fossil fuels and pipelines. Two out of three (66%) said they are willing to pay \$10 or \$15 more per month for solar or wind energy in order to reduce emissions.
- Voters say renewable energy can't wait
  - More than half of New Jersey voters (58%) say our state is moving too slowly to adopt renewable energy. Solar, more than natural gas (44% to 26%) is viewed as most important to the state's energy future, and 74 percent support the development of offshore wind as a source of energy.
- NJ voters are concerned about new pipelines and federal policies; Two-thirds say pipeline jobs are not worth the risks
  - Regarding new pipelines, eight out of 10 voters said they are concerned about their impact on natural areas and wildlife habitats, seizure of private property by energy companies, risks to air and water quality, and use of protected natural areas like the Pine Barrens.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Fairleigh Dickinson University's PublicMindTM is a full-service survey research center committed to the delivery and analysis of unbiased and methodologically sound data. Topics include, but are not limited to, politics, society, popular culture, consumer and economic trends.