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**NJ BPU President Jeanne M. Fox and NJ DEP Commissioner Mark N. Mauriello
Keynote Middlesex County 'Go Green Save Green' Expo**

(EDISON, NJ) – New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) President Jeanne M. Fox and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Mark N. Mauriello delivered keynote speeches at the 2nd Annual Middlesex County "Go Green Save Green" Environmental Expo today, at the Crowne Plaza in Edison.

The theme of this year's expo is "Implementing Green Technology and Sustainability – A Local Model Approach."

In today's remarks, addressed to local and county public officials and residents, President Fox and Commissioner Mauriello provided an overview of some of the major energy and environmental achievements of Governor Corzine's Administration. "I can honestly say that I have never seen a Governor more engaged and concerned with issues surrounding our energy future and our environment as Governor Corzine," stated President Fox.

"Middlesex County's efforts to conserve energy and reduce carbon emissions are not just good for the environment, there are other benefits as well," DEP Commissioner Mauriello said. "These programs and new technologies are improving public health, saving money and creating 'green' jobs."

Among the accomplishments cited in the presentations were:

- Reaching 4000 solar installations this past summer, making New Jersey second only to California in number of installations and capacity, and first in the amount of solar installed per square mile;
- Crossing the 100 megawatt threshold for solar generation supported by the state's Clean Energy Program;
- Completion of the geophysical work and substantial progress on the geotechnical and ecological research required as a prelude to construction of three proposed offshore wind farms;

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- Crossing the 50,000 threshold of customers in the state's Comfort Partners program, a collaboration with the state's utilities to bring energy efficiency to limited-income households;
- Energy efficiency improvements at more than 110,000 homes and 6,000 businesses over the past four years through New Jersey's Clean Energy Program;
- Having almost 18,000 homes – 20 percent of those constructed over the past four years – certified as New Jersey Energy Star Homes.

Speakers also discussed Governor Corzine's Energy Master Plan (EMP), which calls for a 20 percent reduction in the state's energy consumption and for meeting 30 percent of New Jersey's electricity needs with clean, renewable resources by the year 2020.

Through 2020, the EMP is projected to generate \$33 billion worth of investment in energy infrastructure, create 20,000 direct jobs, save consumers nearly \$30 billion in energy savings, spur continued energy efficiency innovation, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the electricity and heating fuel sector to 23 percent below 1990 levels.

The Middlesex County Expo was organized to provide attendees with an overview of state programs to assist local governments and residents green their communities and reduce energy consumption, and save money.

“The BPU is proud of our partnership with Middlesex County and the leadership its officials have shown through the Middlesex County Showroom of Environmental Technology,” added President Fox. “Governor Corzine's vision for our energy future is illustrated through success stories, such as those here in Middlesex County.”

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About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBP):

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is a state agency and regulatory authority mandated to ensure safe, adequate, and proper utility services at reasonable rates for New Jersey customers. Critical services regulated by the NJBP include natural gas, electricity, water, wastewater, telecommunications and cable television. The Board has general oversight responsibility for monitoring utility service, responding to consumer complaints, and investigating utility accidents. To find out more about the NJBP, visit our web site at www.nj.gov/bpu.

About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP):

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, established on January 22, 2003 in accordance with the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (EDECA), provides financial and other incentives to the State's residential customers, businesses and schools that install high-efficiency or renewable energy technologies, thereby reducing energy usage, lowering customers' energy bills and reducing environmental impacts. The program is authorized and overseen by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU), and its website is www.njcleanenergy.com.