



## **New Jersey Board of Public Utilities**

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### **MIDDLESEX COUNTY GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATES NJ BPU'S ENERGY AUDIT PROGRAM IN ACTION**

*New Jersey Board of Public Utilities President Jeanne M. Fox Joins County Government Officials and Others on Tour and Demonstration of Local Government Energy Audit Program*

(NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ) – New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) President Jeanne M. Fox, along with Middlesex County government leaders and representatives from Dome-Tech, Inc., today took part in a Local Government Energy Audit, which is a critical component of New Jersey's Clean Energy Program (NJCEP). The audit was conducted in Middlesex County, who has taken a leadership role by their commitment to saving energy and reducing the county's carbon footprint.

During the event, President Fox expressed her appreciation to Middlesex County Freeholder James Polos and his fellow elected officials for their dedication and hard work in positioning Middlesex County as a leader in reducing energy consumption.

“By participating in the Local Government Energy Audit, Middlesex County is taking an important step to identify cost-effective energy saving measures for their facilities,” said President Fox. “Since its launch in 2001, the NJCEP has invested nearly \$1.2 billion to promote energy efficiency and renewable technologies for businesses, local governments and residents. Without dedicated partners like Middlesex County, the NJCEP could never have met with such success.”

During the demonstration, the Middlesex County audit – performed by Dome-Tech, Inc., an energy engineering and consulting firm headquartered in Edison – discovered energy conservation measures that could provide an annual savings of 1,060,730 kilowatt hours, 18,530 therms and over \$170,000. These findings represent a decrease of 10.4 percent in

electricity usage, 0.3 percent of gas usage and 9 percent on the county's utility bills. Additionally, Middlesex County can potentially reduce its annual CO2 emissions by 455 tons – once the recommended audit work is complete.

“We project that implementing the energy conservation measures outlined in the audit will cost \$769,220, with a simple payback of just 4.5 years,” said President Fox. “I invite other local governments across the state to take advantage of our free Local Government Energy Audit program, and join Middlesex County in making a real difference for New Jersey's energy future.”

The Local Government Energy Audit Program allows New Jersey's local governments and municipalities to get reimbursed, up to 100 percent, for an investment grade energy audit conducted by a qualified engineering firm – selected from a pre-approved list of providers. Implementation of results from these audits will provide significant savings on energy bills for participating local governments and their taxpayers.

Middlesex County's Local Government Energy Audit is just the latest step taken by the county to improve its energy conservation in the past several years, but one which they say is definitely not their last. On the horizon, county leaders say they will present the Middlesex County Green Expo Forum, an informative event for local municipalities that will feature President Fox as a keynote speaker in addition to workshops on Solar Leasing, Combined Heat & Power, Energy Audits and more. The event is slated to take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Edison on October 8, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. To learn more about the Middlesex County Green Expo Forum, contact Jeffrey Mayerowitz at (732) 745-5829 or [jeffrey.mayerowitz@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:jeffrey.mayerowitz@co.middlesex.nj.us).

For more information on the Local Government Energy Audit or New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, as well as details on clean energy incentives for local governments, businesses and residents, visit [www.NJCleanEnergy.com/lgea](http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com/lgea) or call 1-866-NJSMART. A summary of applicants in Middlesex County who have submitted applications to the Local Government Energy Audit Program includes the following:

- Borough of Carteret
- Borough of South Plainfield
- Woodbridge Township
- Township of East Brunswick
- Middlesex County College
- Monroe Township
- Borough of Metuchen
- Metuchen Board of Ed.
- Borough of Middlesex
- South Brunswick Board of Ed.
- South Brunswick Fire District
- South Brunswick Township
- Piscataway Board of Education
- Township of Old Bridge

- Borough of South River
- South River Board of Education
- Spotswood Public Schools
- Middlesex County
- New Brunswick Parking Authority
- North Brunswick Township
- North Brunswick Twp Schools

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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](http://www.nj.gov/bpu). <<http://www.bpu.state.nj.us/>>

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](http://www.njcleanenergy.com) . <<http://www.njcleanenergy.com/>> .