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[Just Transition Working Group Update](#)

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The Just Transition Working Group continues to focus its work on identifying key elements and sectors that will be evolving with the transition to the clean energy economy mandated by the CLCPA. Changing workforce needs and community impacts highlighted the group's discussion.

Two subgroups, one working on the power plant industry inventory, another identifying energy intensive industries, offered reports. For workers in the fossil fuel industry, developing transferrable skills and complementary training, along with direct support for those who may be displaced is the priority. Communities that will be impacted by worker displacement, as well as training for those new to the energy field are another priority. To assess how broad the changes will be, an inventory of public and private utilities is being developed. Metrics including local tax assessments, employment needs and public health impacts of current facilities, especially peaker plants primarily located in disadvantaged communities, are being developed.

The need to balance both workforce and community priorities has been highlighted both by working group members, and in public comments. Good wages, in-state training opportunities such as apprenticeship, mentoring models and K-12 STEM education have been noted. In addition, models for repurposing current power plants are being developed.

Public comments can be submitted @ jtwg@nyserda.ny.gov