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## NJMC Announces Startup Meadowlands Solar Array

**LYNDHURST, N.J.** - The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission today announced plans to expedite Phase I of a 5 Mega Watt solar array with a 700 KW solar energy grid on NJMC properties.

"At the forefront of regional policymaking efforts to combat global climate problems is the need to locate clean, renewable energy sources," said Susan Bass Levin, NJMC Chairwoman and Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs. "Today, we take the lead in demonstrating how these technologies are both environmentally responsible and economically beneficial."

The NJMC has selected Epuron, LLC to install photovoltaic panels on property adjacent to the NJMC Administrative Building. The agency and Epuron will negotiate a power purchase agreement to maximize the financial benefits of the system.

Additionally, the new Meadowlands Center for Scientific and Environmental Observation will fulfill much of its daytime power requirements through rooftop solar panels. The Center, a 10,000-square foot classroom and laboratory facility opening in late 2007, will include an energy monitoring kiosk to offer students the opportunity to study the generation and distribution of solar energy.

In April, the NJMC Board authorized assistance to municipalities, school districts and other entities participating in the Meadowlands Regional Renewable Energy District with the preparation of procurement documents for the installation of solar facilities. Through the Office of Economic Growth, the agency will also work to attract hi-technology renewable energy research, development and installation companies to locate in the Meadowlands District.

The NJMC is currently working with Rutgers University to develop a Climate Action Plan for the Meadowlands District which will include a carbon footprint for different

types of land uses, measures to increase energy efficiency, and a strategy to achieve 20 MW of solar, tidal and geothermal energies by the year 2020.

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