

## EPA Taking Lead to Combat Climate Change

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Flaster Greenberg Environmental Law attorney Marty M. Judge was recently tapped by *The Legal Eagle* reporter Cheryl Baisden for his expert commentary on the Clean Air Act and the factors arising from climate change in the environment.

The article, entitled "EPA Taking Lead to Combat Climate Change," discusses the impact fossil fuels have on the environment and what the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is doing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from power plants.

"Science shows that greenhouse gases function like a blanket; they trap in heat and contribute to global warming, which can cause rising ocean levels, extreme weather and other environmental changes. Some people don't believe global warming exists at all, and others believe in global warming but don't believe greenhouse gases contribute to it," said Judge. He went on to state that "emissions reductions could be made by installing improved technology; switching plants to natural gas, which burns cleaner; closing old plants and replacing them with new, state-of-the-art plants; or establishing a "cap-and-trade" system where plants can buy and sell emission credits."

"For states like New Jersey, with plants that don't use much coal, meeting the standards wouldn't be difficult," said Judge. "In states that rely heavily on coal, particularly cheaper types of coal, like many Midwestern states, there would have to be changes made, and those changes would cost the power plants money, which would end up costing consumers in those states money."

To read the article in its entirety, [click here](#).

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