



## The Bottom Line: Virginia Energy Efficiency News + Views

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### News and Resources

[UVA creates ambitious plan to be greener](#) (Daily Progress)

[DMV cuts energy bills by a third](#) (Richmond Times Dispatch)

[Southeast cities suffering highest energy burdens](#) (NRDC)

[US used less energy in 2015 with less waste, study shows](#) (Utility Dive)

[Clean Power Plan to get unanticipated en banc review](#) (Washington Post)

[US Senate takes significant step toward modern energy economy](#) (Alliance to Save Energy)

[Obama announces new efforts to increase community resilience through building codes](#) (White House)

[Facebook, Microsoft help form Renewable Energy Buyers Alliance](#) (GreenBiz)

### Vote on our First Webinar Topic

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### Join Us at Next Week's VAEEC Meeting

More than 100 of you have already registered for next week's spring VAEEC meeting on Thursday, May 26th at the University of Richmond.



The agenda includes presentations on the 2016 General Assembly session, the Governor's Executive Committee on Energy Efficiency, the Clean Power Plan and implementation in Virginia, and the multifamily housing coalition.

**[Don't miss out. Register today.](#)** (Registration closes next Monday May 23)

### May Meeting Agenda Highlight

What's happening with local chambers of commerce when it comes to clean energy and innovation? A representative from Chambers for Innovation and Clean Energy (CICE)

(CICE), a national clean energy information hub and network for local chambers, will



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join us at the May 26th meeting to give us an overview. Find out more about CICE [here](#) or [join us](#) next week to get the scoop straight from the source.

### Featured Member of the Month: Pearl National Home Certification

membership survey, many people requested more learning and training opportunities like webinars. So we're kicking off a webinar series in June, and we're letting you choose the topic.

[Vote on the first webinar topic now.](#)

## VAEEC

### Sponsoring Green Drinks in Richmond this Thursday

More feedback from the survey: there's a strong interest in more regional networking opportunities. Join us this Thursday, May 19 for Green Drinks Richmond!

#### [Green Drinks Richmond](#)

Thursday 5/19  
5:30 pm  
Capital Ale House

(please note this is a location change)

## Spring Events

Senator Warner's 2016 Virginia Energy Policy Forum. U.S. Secretary of Energy Dr. Ernest Moniz is the keynote speaker. June 17 in Hampton. [Learn more and register.](#)

NAESCO's [Technology and Financing Workshop](#) June 1-2 in Louisville, Kentucky

Pearl National Home Certification is a Virginia-based startup launched in 2015. Pearl is dedicated to increasing the energy efficiency and comfort of existing homes and will transform the market by helping homeowners capture the value of their home energy upgrades for resale or refinance. [Find out how homeowners, contractors, real estate agents and others can partner with Pearl.](#)



## Update on Utilities' EE Programs

In March the VAEEC provided support for Dominion Virginia Power and Washington Gas Light energy efficiency programs that were being reviewed by the State Corporation Commission.

We've got an [update on how their proposals fared.](#)



## Governance Board Voting at May 26

VAEEC members will be voting to fill 5 slots -- 2 of them new -- at the upcoming meeting. Up for a second term are: Cynthia Adams, Pearl National Home Certification; Bill Beachy, Community Housing Partners; and Bill Greenleaf, Virginia Community Capital. Up for a first term are: Carla Dix, Columbia Gas of Virginia; and Thomas Nicholas, City of Virginia Beach Department of Public Works.

[Meet the candidates.](#)

## Welcome new VAEEC members

If you're joining us at our [spring meeting](#) next week, you'll get a chance to meet representatives from many of our 50+ members. Our ranks keep expanding, and we'd like to welcome our [newest members:](#)





The VAEEC is a broad coalition whose mission is to assess and support programs, innovation, best practices and policies that advance energy efficiency in Virginia and to provide a forum for stakeholder interaction.