



The Bottom Line: Virginia Energy Efficiency News + Views

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News and Resources

[New ACEEE Scorecard: Virginia moves up from 35 to 31; Maryland called "most improved"](#)

[Clean Power Plan in Virginia](#) (Governor McAuliffe column in Richmond Times-Dispatch)

[Virginia awarded \\$300K from DOE for energy efficiency](#) (VAEEC statement)

[Energy use down, even where the economy is up](#) (Energy Efficiency Markets)

[Virginia set to use finance to fight climate change](#) (NRDC)

[Here are some new tools to support local energy efficiency](#) (ACEEE)

[Controversial paper attacks energy efficiency, but instead generates widespread support for it](#) (VAEEC blog)

[VAEEC statement on federal Clean Power Plan](#)

VAEEC in Action

Last month Governor McAuliffe announced that the state had been awarded a **\$300K grant from the U.S.**

Welcome Chelsea Harnish, VAEEC's New Executive Director

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to VAEEC's new Executive Director, Chelsea Harnish. She officially takes the helm on November 2.

Chelsea brings an extensive network of contacts working on clean energy and energy efficiency in the Commonwealth, a rich history of engaging with state agency staff, industry and utility representatives, and a decade's experience in energy policy and the nonprofit sector. She comes to the VAEEC from the Virginia Conservation Network where she was Policy and Campaigns Manager for Climate and Energy.



You'll have the opportunity to meet Chelsea and hear her vision for the VAEEC at our November 12 meeting. [Register today.](#)

In the meantime, you can reach out to her directly at chelsea@vaeec.org.

Register Now for November 12 Fall Meeting

More than 60 people have already registered for the fall VAEEC meeting which is just 2 weeks away. **[Reserve your spot now!](#)**

Thursday, November 12
10am-2pm
The Branch Museum of Architecture and Design (Richmond)

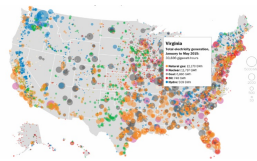
Agenda highlights:

- Welcome and Introduction of new Executive Director Report from Governor's Executive Committee on Energy Efficiency (Hayes Framme, Chief Energy Efficiency Officer)
- Update on the Clean Power Plan (Representative from the Department of Environmental Quality)
- The Impact of Recent Election Results for Virginia's Energy Future
- Innovation from Outside the State (Marisa Uchin, Opower)
- Virginia Energy Industry Census Report
- "Lightning Round" (Utility representatives)
- Commercial PACE and the VA Saves Green Community Loan

Department of Energy to help meet energy efficiency goals. The VAEEC was one of several partners that helped secure the grant and will be integral to its implementation, especially around stakeholder engagement. [Read more about the grant.](#)

Meanwhile, the Department of Environmental Quality held several **listening sessions on the Clean Power Plan**. VAEEC Governance Board members fanned out to speak at these -- [check out their remarks.](#)

Cool Map of the Month



See how each state generates its electricity and where sources like coal, wind, solar and nuclear are most popular. [Check it out.](#)

Program

Lunch will be served, courtesy of our sponsor Community Housing Partners.

The meeting is free and open to all. Non-VAEEC members are asked to make a small donation. We encourage you to invite friends and colleagues.

[View the full agenda.](#)

[Register now.](#)

101: Virginia Saves Green Community Loan Program

In case you missed it, in early September Governor McAuliffe announced the VirginiaSAVES Green Community Program,

a loan program created to lower financing costs for energy efficiency, renewable energy



generation and alternative fuel projects. This low-cost financing tool is available to local government, institutional and commercial and industrial entities in the Commonwealth and is funded through \$20 million in federally-allocated Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (QECBs). [Get the 101 on VirginiaSAVES.](#)

Featured Member of the Month: Arlington County

Arlington County government joined VAEEC in 2014. The Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy (AIRE) helps our community make smart decisions about energy and supports individual actions that improve and sustain Arlington's quality of life. Through rethinking energy, we are committed to energy practices that will make Arlington County a more prosperous, healthful, safe and secure place to live, work and play. [Come join us.](#)

John Morrill of Arlington County (and VAEEC's Governance Board) will give an overview of their program -- including results from their LED lighting work -- at our November 12 meeting. [Register now.](#)



Arlington Initiative to
**Rethink
Energy**

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.