

## News and Resources

[In the Southeast, conservative clean energy group is expanding](#) (Southeast Energy News)

[We knew energy efficiency employs a lot of people, and now we know how many](#) (ACEEE)

[Grid modernization created over 100,000 American jobs in 2016](#) (Greentech Media)

[Looking back on eight years of progress on energy efficiency](#) (Alliance to Save Energy)

## Sponsorship Opportunities

Are you looking for ways you can support smart energy solutions at this critical moment (in addition to your VAEEC membership!)?

Consider sponsoring one of our webinars (just \$50) or an upcoming event.

[Find out more about sponsorship opportunities.](#)

## Member Survey

We're currently out with our (super short) Annual Member Survey. If you're a VAEEC member and didn't receive a link to the survey, please email [jessica@vaeec.org](mailto:jessica@vaeec.org). We

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## Register Today for Industrial Energy Efficiency Webinar, February 28 at 12pm

You asked, we listened. Over the last year we heard repeated requests from members to talk more about industrial energy efficiency. So next up in VAEEC's webinar series is a February 28 session "Opportunities for Industrial Energy Efficiency in the Commonwealth."



Join speakers from the Alliance for Industrial Efficiency, Siemens and Washington Gas to learn more about how Combined Heat and Power (CHP) and Waste Heat to Power (WHP) can make Virginia manufacturers more competitive, save money for all ratepayers, and lower emissions in the state.

[Register now](#), and please share this invitation with colleagues.

## Update on Virginia Energy Efficiency Legislation

All the talk is about federal policy these days, but we're keeping our eyes on three pieces of energy efficiency-related legislation currently being considered in the short 2017 Virginia General Assembly session.

[Get the latest \(including VAEEC's position\)](#) on bills that address tracking energy reduction progress, ESCOs, and benchmarking.



## Voice Your Support for Federal Efficiency Standards

What should we expect from Washington, D.C., under the new administration and Congress? There are concerns that both new and existing energy efficiency standards could be on the chopping block. The Alliance to Save Energy has an online form where you can let your lawmakers know that hasty regulatory changes jeopardize cost savings and economic opportunities for American families and businesses.

Use ASE's simple form to [contact your lawmakers today](#).

## "Consistent Messaging" Working Group on EE Wrapping Up with Six Recommendations

One of the ways VAEEC was tasked with implementing some of the core objectives of Governor McAuliffe's Executive Committee on

value your feedback as we scope out our programs, events and member benefits for the coming year.

## PACE Events

The Virginia Energy Efficiency Council is building a coalition of support for Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing and providing guidance and resources to localities interested in developing PACE programs. To assist with this effort, VAECC has initiated a series of "PACE Lunch + Learns".

**Join us next week (January 31) for the Richmond Area event.**

## Building Codes presentation

VAECC Executive Director Chelsea Harnish and Governance Board member Andrew Grigsby recently advocated for strong building codes to be considered as a way for Virginia to cut carbon pollution. The presentation was to Governor McAuliffe's EO57 Working Group charged with identifying reduction strategies.

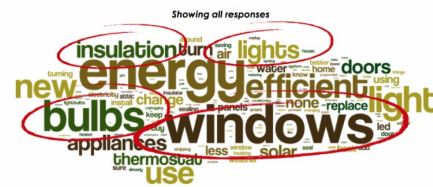
**Read the post and check our presentation.**

Energy Efficiency was convening what we're calling the "Consistent Messaging Working Group." The group has met three times and is finalizing six recommendations to help develop consistent, actionable messaging stakeholders can use to make the energy efficiency education process more effective and to reduce consumer confusion.

**[We've got an update on their work.](#)**

Messages must be practical and offer solutions

What steps are you most likely to take to make your home more energy efficient?



## Welcome to our Newest VAECC Member

Welcome to our newest [VAECC member](#): Town of Blacksburg (Government).

**Blacksburg** TOWN OF Blacksburg, Virginia is a university town in southwest Virginia and home to Virginia Tech. Our community is dedicated to joining with our Virginia colleagues to create a clean energy future for our citizens.

## Shout Out to our Individual Members

In addition to our 50+ membership base of companies, nonprofits, local governments, state agencies, utilities and academic institutions, VAECC is proud to call the following our Individual Members:

- Allen Asbury
- Walt Auburn
- Jill Barker
- Preston Bryant
- Stephen Evanko
- Bill Greenleaf
- Harrison Grubbs
- Abigail Johnson
- James Mascaro
- Teshome Molalenge
- William Prindle
- Saifur Rahman
- Stephen Walz
- Lori Ward Oliver
- Paul Wenner
- Garry Whelan

The Virginia Energy Efficiency Council seeks to provide a forum for stakeholder interaction and to assess and support programs, innovation, best practices, and policies that advance energy efficiency in Virginia.



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