

VAEEC's February e-Newsletter

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VAEEC Members Only: Building Codes

Comment Period Webinar, April 4

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development is currently considering upgrades to building codes. The public comment period closes April 21 with a public hearing scheduled for May 15 in Richmond.

VAEEC member representatives are invited to join VAEEC Executive Director Chelsea Harnish for a webinar on Tuesday, April 4 at 12pm that will include:

- Key messaging points to consider for your comments
- Overview of VAEEC's draft comments
- Q&A and on-the-spot feedback

Members, be on the look out for an email with the registration link.

Mid-Atlantic PACE Alliance Off and Running

Sign a Letter by Friday 3/17 Supporting Federal Energy Efficiency Programs

VAEEC Platinum member E4TheFuture is circulating a sign-on letter requesting that Congress continue to support residential energy efficiency, including critical funding for:

- Home Performance with ENERGY STAR
- Home Energy Score
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- State Energy Program

VAEEC has signed the letter and encourages our members to consider doing the same. [Read and sign the letter.](#)



Washington Gas

A WGL Company

Featured Member: Washington Gas

Our March Featured Member is Washington Gas (Platinum level). They offer residential and commercial customers a suite of energy efficiency rebates and recently added to their portfolio of customer-friendly tools an Online

VAEEC is thrilled to be part of the new Mid-Atlantic PACE Alliance (MAPA), the result of an U.S. Department of Energy grant to support the development, implementation, and utilization of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) programs throughout Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

[Read more about MAPA.](#)



Save the Date for (and Sponsor) our Spring Meeting

Registration will open soon for Spring Meeting, scheduled for Friday, May 19 11am-3pm in Richmond.

Thank you to our venue sponsor Henrico County and to Friend of VAEEC sponsor Schneider Electric.

We still have 2 Partner of VAEEC (\$500) and 2 Friend of VAEEC (\$250) sponsorship spots available. If you're interested, please contact chelsea@vaeec.org.

Public Comment Period Open through April 30 on Executive Order 57

The public comment period is now open for Governor McAuliffe's Executive Order 57 (Summer 2016) on the Development of Carbon Reduction Strategies for Electric Power Generation Facilities. VAEEC has testified that model building codes be considered. [Read more about EO-57, building codes and the comment period.](#)

Feedback from Member Survey

Home Energy Audit. [Check out more about Washington Gas.](#)



2017 Webinar Series Schedule

We've mapped out the topics for our 2017 webinars. Stay tuned for specific dates, presenters and registration.

April 4, 2017: Building Codes Comment Period Support (VAEEC members only; see above)

June 14, 2017: Energy Efficiency in the Agricultural Sector

September 2017: PACE

October 2017: Utility Regulation

December 2017: VAEEC Legislative Priorities and Election updates

And if you missed our February webinar, "Opportunities for Industrial Energy Efficiency in the Commonwealth," we've got a [handy recap and recording](#) available.

Thanks again to the Alliance for Industrial Efficiency for sponsoring that webinar. If you would like to sponsor a future webinar, email info@vaeec.org.

Welcome to our newest member!

VAEEC welcomes our newest member, NORESKO (Business Silver).

NORESKO uses design-build and a variety of performance-based contracting vehicles to deliver energy and maintenance savings and significant infrastructure upgrades to existing facilities. NORESKO's customers include

Thank you to all of the members who provided feedback in our survey earlier this year. We heard from you about everything from the length and location of our meetings to our programmatic focus areas. [Check out the top level overview of the survey results.](#)

federal government agencies, universities, state and local governments, school districts, hospitals, and industrial and commercial businesses.



News and Resources

- [Efficiency advocates try again to update Virginia building codes](#) (Southeast Energy News)
- [DOE may be prime target for Trump budget cutters](#) (E&E News)
- [Reports: White House could shutter ENERGY STAR program](#) (Utility Dive)
- [The dawn of the smart store](#) (Greentech Media)
- [Advanced Energy Economy's 2017 Market Report](#)
- [Government and utility energy efficiency spending to spike](#) (Yahoo Finance)

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