



The Bottom Line: Virginia Energy Efficiency News + Views

News and Resources

[An opportunity for Virginia to earn a reputation for energy efficiency](#) (Free Lance Star)

[ACEEE releases City Energy Efficiency Scorecard](#) (DC #3, Richmond #37, Virginia Beach #46)

[Obama signs energy efficiency bill](#) (USA Today)

[Who says you can't change people's energy behavior](#) (Energy Efficiency Markets)

[Cutting costs while soaking in summer rays](#) (Roanoke Times op-ed by Bill Beachy of VAEEC Governance Board)

Featured Member of the Month



At [Old Dominion Electric Cooperative](#), we are always exploring and evaluating new ways to operate in harmony with the environment. ODEC's energy innovation

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Spring Meeting Highlights

Another successful VAEEC meeting is in the books. If you missed the action on May 11, we've compiled some of the highlights and the key presentations. We covered topics ranging from Virginia's new PACE legislation to the federal Clean Power Plan to our regular "utilities roundtable" feature.



[Read the meeting recap and get access to the presentations.](#)

The Clean Power Plan and Virginia

The federal Clean Power Plan has been making headlines since it was proposed, and final rules are expected this summer. Energy efficiency has the potential to be a leading solution to meet our goals, and lately we've noticed a dizzying amount of coverage about how the CPP could impact Virginia.

Here are just a few of the recent stories and resources that caught our eye on the subject:

[Modeling EPA's Clean Power Plan: Insights for Cost-Effective Implementation](#) (Center for Climate and Energy Solutions report)

["Why EPA's alleged 'war on coal' might actually be a war on energy waste"](#) (Washington Post story)

["Clean energy in Virginia: Micro or macro?"](#) (Energy Efficiency Markets story)

["What does the Clean Power Plan mean for Virginia?"](#) (Union of Concerned Scientists blog post)

["Energy Efficiency in the Clean Power Plan: Opportunities for Virginia"](#) (ACEEE presentation from VAEEC meeting, available on our Resources page)

["Energy efficiency is cheapest way to meet climate goals under six economic models"](#) (Energy Efficiency Markets)

Governor McAuliffe Names Four VAEEC Board Members to Executive Committee on EE

initiatives are promoted under the slogan "We Put All of Our Energy into Energy" to outline our commitment to conserving energy. [See our latest sustainability report.](#)

2015-2016 Membership

Now is the time to renew your VAEEC membership or join for the first time our coalition of energy efficiency movers and shakers.

[Join now.](#)

VAEEC Receives 501c3 Status

It's nice to get good news in the mail from the IRS! The VAEEC has now received confirmation of our approval as a 501c3 tax-exempt nonprofit.

Governor McAuliffe recently appointed his Executive Committee on Energy Efficiency, and we're thrilled to note that four of the 12 members are also on the VAEEC's Governance Board. Congratulations to Cynthia Adams (LEAP), Bill Greenleaf (Virginia Community Capital), David Koogler (Rappahannock Electric Cooperative) and Saifur Rahman (Virginia Tech), and everyone else on the Committee, which also includes additional VAEEC members. The Committee is tasked with developing strategies to meet the state's longstanding voluntary goal of reducing energy consumption in Virginia by 10% over 2006 levels by 2022 - a deadline that the governor has indicated should be moved up to 2020.

[Read our press release and see the full list of appointees.](#)

Clean energy manufacturing summit

Registration is now open for the federal Clean Energy Manufacturing Initiative's (CEMI) Southeast Regional Summit. The all-day conference, hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), is open to all and free of charge, and will take place on July 9 in Atlanta. Join leaders from industry, academia, and government to focus on competitiveness and innovation in clean energy manufacturing throughout the southeastern United States.

[Learn more and register now.](#)

Virginia's Energy Efficiency Industry Census

The VAEEC conducted its second clean energy industry census in Virginia, and the results are rolling in. Stay tuned for the full report, but for now we're pleased to release the following impressive numbers representing the energy efficiency industry in Virginia (feel free to share):

526: Number of energy efficiency firms

13,685: Jobs in the industry

\$2.2 billion: Annual economic activity

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.