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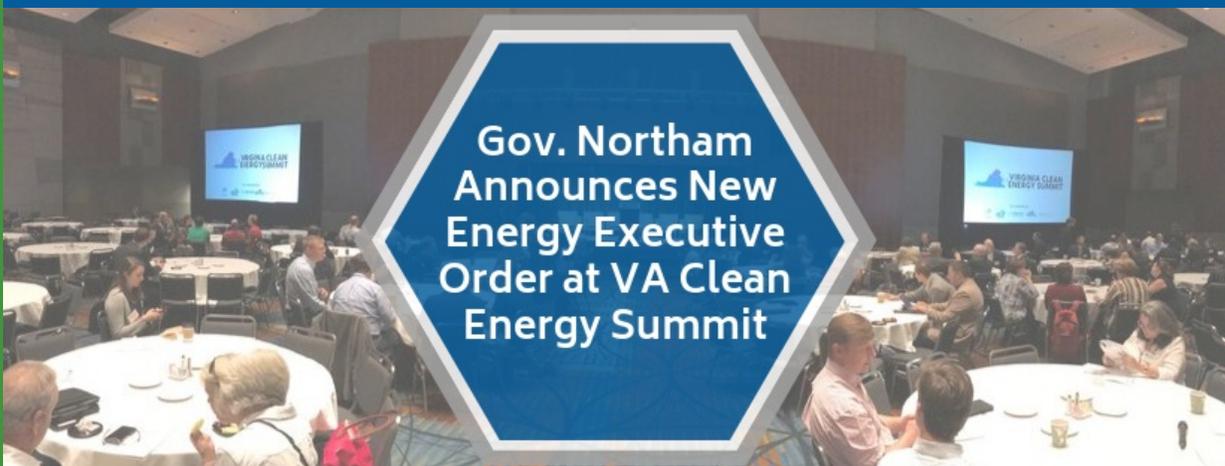
## September Featured Member



VAEEC Gold Member **PEG** is in its 21st year as a diverse energy-efficiency, green building, engineering, and built environment consulting firm headquartered in Fairfax, VA and operating nationally as a service provider in all of their disciplines.

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## Big News Around the Industry



Gov. Northam  
Announces New  
Energy Executive  
Order at VA Clean  
Energy Summit

The inaugural Virginia Clean Energy Summit was a resounding success! Over 400 professionals from all over the state attended. Thank you to **VA-REA**, **MDV-SEIA**, **VA-AEE**, and **Resilient VA** for co-hosting, and a particularly big thank you to Andrew Grigsby and Nicole Duimstra for their incredibly hard work bringing the

event together.

Gov. Northam announced a new energy Executive Order at the Summit, outlining an ambitious clean energy future for Virginia. The Executive Order lays out Virginia's objectives for statewide energy production, including a greater number of jobs in the energy efficiency sector; annual spending targets for energy efficiency in-line with the Grid Transformation & Security Act; a plan for the state government to meet their 10% energy efficiency goal by 2022; and the goal of a 100% carbon-free Virginia by 2050.

[Read the VAEEC Press Statement Here](#)

VIRIDIANT IS HERE TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE ENERGY CODE CHANGES

### new duct leakage requirements

PERMIT DATE	Before September 4, 2019	September 4, 2019 or later
MAX DUCT LEAKAGE (% OF CONDITIONED FLOOR AREA)	6%	4%
VERIFICATION OPTIONS	duct blaster test visual inspection	duct blaster test ducts in conditioned space performance path ERI path

VIRIDIANT CAN VERIFY YOUR PROJECT'S CODE COMPLIANCE THROUGH ANY OPTION:

- DUCT BLASTER TEST RESULTS**  
Test ducts to achieve 4% duct leakage at either rough-in or final. Note that this is tighter than current EarthCraft requirements.
- DUCTS IN CONDITIONED SPACE**  
Adjust your design to bring all ducts into conditioned space. Duct testing is not required.
- PERFORMANCE PATHWAY**  
Adhere to the performance compliance path. Duct testing and an energy model are required, but the 4% threshold won't apply.
- ENERGY RATING INDEX (ERI)**  
Utilize the new ERI compliance path, which is similar to a HERS rating. Duct testing and a blower door are required, but the 4% threshold won't apply.

2015 Virginia Energy Conservation Code is mandatory September 4, 2019 for single family & multifamily low-rise residential projects.

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## VAEEC 2020-2023 STRATEGIC PLAN: READY FOR ACTION

The VAEEC Board of Directors approved our newest Strategic Plan, and we can't wait to share our goals for the future at the Fall 2019 Forum

November 14, 2019

## Building Code Updates

A lot of progress has been made on updating the Uniform Statewide Building Code over the summer. We are pleased to announce that VAEEC and our members were able to successfully reach a compromise with the **Homebuilders Association of Virginia**, and other stakeholders, on blower door testing and other key proposals.

[Read the Full Update](#)

## VAEEC Board Approves Three-Year Strategic Plan

The 2020-2023 Strategic Plan has been approved by our Board of Directors! We are so excited about the new goals and objectives for the organization and can't wait to share them with you.

Our new roadmap for the future will be unveiled at the **Fall 2019 Forum on November 14th**, so make sure you don't miss it.

## Updates and Upcoming Events



VIRGINIA ENERGY EFFICIENCY

# IT'S TIME TO BE RECOGNIZED.

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

**Last Chance! APPLY BY NOON 9/27**

[Last Chance to Apply for the VEEL Awards](#)

By popular demand, we're giving ONE MORE CHANCE to apply for the fourth annual [Virginia Energy Efficiency Leadership Awards](#). All applications must be submitted by **noon on this Friday**. The VEEL Awards showcase how energy efficiency champions across the Commonwealth are helping businesses, governments, homeowners, and schools save money on energy bills while reducing energy consumption – all while stimulating job growth and our economy. This is the **final opportunity** to be recognized for your work, so don't wait to apply!

[Apply Today!](#)



### Early Bird Registration for the Fall 2019 Forum is Now Open

Register today to secure your discount for the Fall 2019 Forum. We have a stellar lineup of speakers and presentations this year, so take advantage of the savings. Early Bird registration ends **October 4th**.

[Register Today!](#)

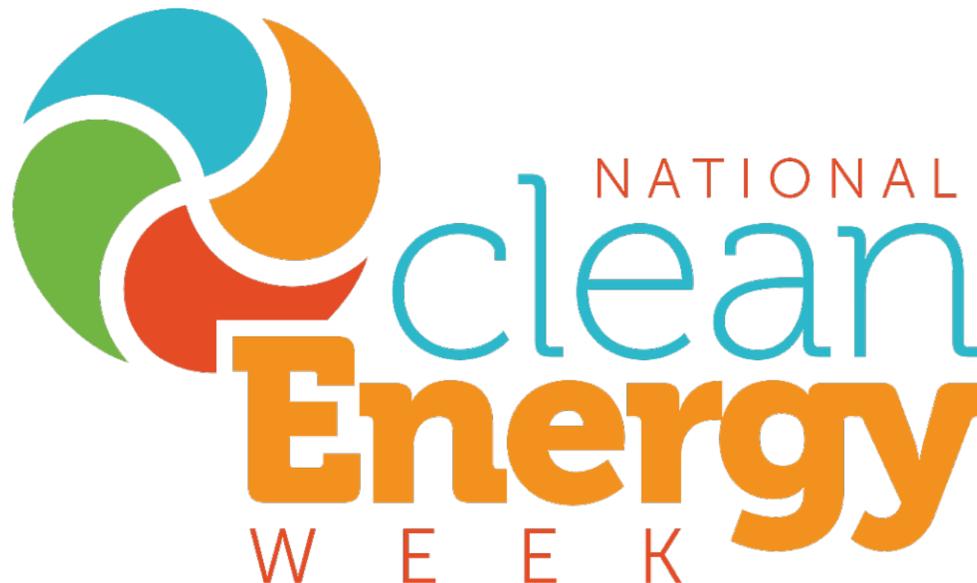


### Become a Fall Forum Sponsor and Gain Great Benefits

Sponsors make VAEEC's premiere events possible. As a sponsor, you'll receive recognition before, during, and after the event, complimentary registrations, and the chance to network with professionals throughout the industry.

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## Blog Posts and More



SEPTEMBER 23 - 27, 2019

## Celebrate National Clean Energy Week with VAEEC

This week is National Clean Energy Week! Established in 2017, NCEW focuses on advancing support of our nation's energy sector through new methods of market development, policy change, and technological innovation. Virginia was the 5th state to formally recognize the event in 2019 in a state proclamation made by Governor Northam. See how you can celebrate NCEW with us [here](#).



### Virginia Leading in Energy Efficiency Jobs Nationwide

The 2019 E4TheFuture Job Report shared valuable insight on how energy efficiency plays a role in our economy, both in the state and across the country. Energy efficiency workers now account for 28% of all U.S. energy jobs, with Virginia ranking 10th in the nation for energy efficiency jobs!

[Read More](#)



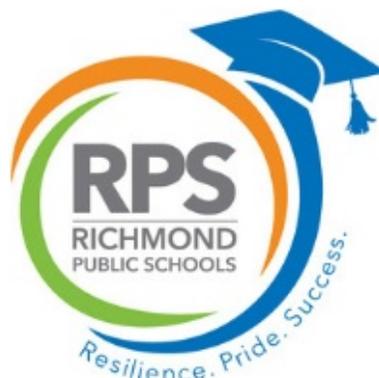
### Incorporating Energy Efficiency into the Classroom

As we enter a new school year now is a great time to incorporate energy-efficient practices and routines into your child's everyday learning! The Virginia Energy Sense third-grade curriculum on energy efficiency won the Committee's Choice award in last year's Virginia Energy Efficiency Leadership Awards.

[Read Our Blog Post](#)

## New Members

The VAEEC Board and staff welcome our newest members!



## Renewing Members

Our work would not be successful without the continued support from our members!



## News and Resources

[Energy-Plus-Health Playbook Released \(E4TheFuture\)](#)  
[In Virginia, local government holdouts slow rollout of clean energy financing tool \(Energy news Network\)](#)



