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OCTOBER 31ST, 9:40 - 10:55 AM (CONCURRENT SESSIONS)

A Tale of Two Heat Pumps

Heat pump adoption is a priority for the Biden administration, and the technology has long been proven to be safer and more efficient than traditional boilers. However, barriers exist to widespread use. We'll discuss the barriers and opportunities with experts from the NE and SE to address these regions' needs and perspectives.

Speakers: Ian Harris (BlocPower), Maggie Kelley Riggins (SEEA), Louis O'Berry (Rappahannock Electric Co-op), Dan York (ACEEE, MODERATOR)

Using Less to Get More: The Role of EE in Decarbonization

Decarbonization has become a buzz lately with the passage of historic federal laws. During this panel, learn from those implementing successful decarbonization programs with an eye on energy efficiency. Examples include both state- and utility-run programs, including what one of the Commonwealth's gas utilities has in the works.

Speakers: Erich Evans (Columbia Gas), Solome Girma (D.C. Sustainable Energy Utility, MODERATOR), Caterina Hatcher (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency), Shaun Hoyt (Con Edison), Edward Yim (ACEEE)

OCTOBER 31ST, 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM (CONCURRENT SESSIONS)

Efficiency First: Strategies to Improve Municipal Buildings

Local governments and public school systems often face a unique set of challenges when it comes to the comfort, cost, and health of their buildings. This session will focus on inventive ways this sector is improving its buildings through efficient and equitable programs.

Speakers: Joanne Bissetta (Massachusetts Dept. of Energy Resources), Ann Livingston (Southeast Sustainability Directors Network), Kristel Riddervold (City of Charlottesville, VA, MODERATOR), Chris Russell (Maryland Energy Administration)

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Proof of Concept: Approaches to Energy Efficiency

This case study session is designed to provide the value of shared experience and knowledge from those who have successfully navigated new technologies and successful programs. An audience Q&A will be held after each of the two presentations.

Speakers: Robert Hart (Lawrence Berkeley National Lab) & Katie Henderson (Efficient Homes, MODERATOR); Betsy Farrell Garcia (Rural Studio), Mackenzie Stagg (Front Porch Initiative)

NOVEMBER 1ST, 2:15-3:30 PM (PLENARY SESSION)

Preparing for Impact: New Funding Opportunities to Accelerate Energy Efficiency

Between the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, states and localities are receiving an historic investment in clean energy. But what does that mean for Virginia? Hear from experts in state and local governments, industry and policy for a breakdown, and what's next for energy efficiency in the commonwealth.

Speakers: Bettina Bergoo (Virginia Energy), Abby Campbell Singer (Siemens), Rebecca Hui (Virginia Energy Efficiency Council, MODERATOR), John Morrill (Fairfax County), Sabine Rogers (AnnDyl)