



## May Update

Friends—

From Biden's industrial investments to Trump's trade policy, the question of how to boost American manufacturing has been at the forefront of U.S. politics in recent years. At ACEEE's [Industry Summer Study](#) this July, we'll explore how today's evolving energy landscape presents enormous opportunities and risks for individual plants, utilities, and the sector at large. I hope you'll join us.

As you may know, earlier this year, I announced my plans to step down as ACEEE's executive director in late 2025. The search for my successor is underway, and we're pleased to share the [position](#) posting. I hope you'll consider sharing it with your networks.

Thank you, as always, for your interest in our work.

Best,

## Take Action

Congress is considering eliminating a [federal tax credit](#) that helps households make energy-saving improvements that lower their utility bills and improve their comfort. ACEEE championed updating and strengthening the tax credit in the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act and is now working to defend it on Capitol Hill. You can easily [send your members of Congress a message](#) urging them not to eliminate the tax credit using a simple page from Consumer Reports. View our recent [blog post](#) to learn more about how households across the country are using the tax credit.

Share Your Support for Energy Efficiency Tax Credits

## Efficiency Update

- The U.S. House voted to repeal the Advanced Clean Cars II, Advanced Clean Trucks, and Heavy-Duty Omnibus waivers that have permitted California to set and enforce strong car and truck emissions standards to reduce pollution and improve air quality. Using a dangerous expansion of the Congressional Review Act that puts many other programs at risk, the House votes aim to strip states of their ability cut tailpipe pollution.
- The U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee advanced a provision imposing a \$250 annual fee on electric vehicle owners. This far exceeds the roughly \$90 the average gasoline-powered vehicle owner pays in gas taxes annually and essentially asks EV owners to subsidize conventional vehicles. The fee is now set to be part of a sweeping tax and energy bill in development that could be passed under provisions avoiding a Senate filibuster.
- In a 3-2 vote following limited public notice, the Louisiana Public Service Commission [canceled](#) plans for long-awaited energy efficiency programs overseen by a statewide administrator. Only a few months ago, the commission had hired a contractor to set up and run the programs, which were slated to launch in 2026. Scrapping them will mean higher energy costs for Louisiana households and businesses.
- The Maine Public Utilities Commission recently [approved](#) the next three-year strategic plan for Efficiency Maine, the independent administrator for the state's energy efficiency programs. The plan forecasts that its programs will result in 38,000 homes heated entirely with heat pumps (including 6,500 low-income homes); 9,900 homes weatherized; and 137 megawatts of summer peak grid-load reductions by 2028.
- The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs recently [adopted](#) an updated energy code for new homes and major renovations. The new residential code, the state's first major update since 2015, is based on the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code and will take effect in August.

## Our Latest Research



### **Report: Electrification Costs Less than Alternative Fuels for Hardest-to-Decarbonize Buildings**

Our latest study analyzes costs and emissions for decarbonizing buildings through electrification versus alternative fuels like biomethane or synthetic gases.



### **Leveraging Federal Investments in Home Energy Rebates for Long-Term Market Transformation**

This brief identifies opportunities for states and utilities to build on federal rebate programs to create a robust market for home energy efficiency and electrification services.



### **Future-Proof AI Data Centers, Grid Reliability, and Affordable Energy: Recommendations for States**

This paper identifies steps states can take to improve the energy efficiency of AI data centers and avoid overinvesting in inefficient facilities.

See all our recent [blog posts](#) and [press releases](#).

## **ACEEE in Action**



*At the 2025 National Home Performance Conference, Maggie Kelley Riggins (left), ACEEE's director of community solutions, presented with fellow panelists on building a workforce for home energy upgrades.*

## What We're Reading

A few of our favorite media highlights from the past month:

- [Floodlight](#) and New Orleans-based [Verite News](#) quoted state and utility program director Forest Bradley-Wright in stories about Louisiana regulators voting to cancel new efficiency programs.
- New York's [The City](#), the Allentown, Pennsylvania [Morning Call](#), and Boston's [CommonWealth Beacon](#) published articles citing ACEEE's energy burden research.
- [Canary Media](#) quoted senior policy director Mark Kresowik in a story on new electric rates in Massachusetts, where all three major regulated utilities have now been approved for or filed plans to reduce winter electric rates for households with heat pumps.

## Opportunities and Resources

- Join Cascade Energy and ACEEE for a [webinar](#) on May 28 at 2 p.m. ET to explore how leveraging energy and emissions data can help industrial companies meet their decarbonization goals. A panel of experts, including ACEEE senior research analyst Andrew Hoffmeister, will discuss where to look in your data to guide strategic, cost-effective decision-making.



- [Powerless: The People's Struggle for Energy](#), a new book coauthored by former ACEEE research advisory board member Diana Hernández, tells the story of energy insecurity in America, a hidden epidemic that impacts 10% of the American population while another 40% are at risk of being unable to meet household energy needs. Use the code POWERLESS at checkout for a discount.

## Staff Update

**ACEEE on the road:** Industry director Richard Hart will speak at the [PLMA Spring Conference](#) on May 5 in Kansas City and at the [California Efficiency + Demand Management Council Spring Symposium](#) on May 14.

## Upcoming Events



July 16–18, Charlotte, NC  
Register early for the best rate

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October 7–9, Denver, CO  
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November 2–5, Sacramento, CA  
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