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July Newsletter

Friends—

We're pleased that the U.S. Department of Energy has [selected ACEEE](#) to help jurisdictions across the country implement federally funded projects to cut greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy efficiency, and grow renewable energy projects. It's part of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program, which received \$550 million from the bipartisan infrastructure law signed by President Biden in 2021.

ACEEE will work with state, local, and tribal governments to improve energy efficiency in buildings, deploy community solar energy, electrify municipal transportation fleets, and build EV charging stations. ACEEE will focus on jurisdictions with limited staff or less experience working on energy projects so that more communities can see the benefits of energy efficiency and clean energy.

We're looking forward to the 23rd biennial [Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Buildings](#), coming up August 4–9 in Pacific Grove, CA. This year's theme is *Equity and Climate Action: Time to Deliver*, and we're bringing an equity lens to every panel—plus, don't miss Panel 5, which is all about tracking the equitable energy transition.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve'.

Steven Nadel
Executive Director

Efficiency Update

New York Governor Kathy Hochul indefinitely paused a congestion pricing program that would have assessed a toll for most vehicles entering Midtown or Lower Manhattan, with the proceeds supporting transit improvements. The program, mandated under a 2019 state law, was set to take effect at the end of June and would be the first such effort in the country. The Metropolitan Transportation Administration had to dramatically cut its capital budget for transit system maintenance and improvements because revenues it was expecting will not be available. Several officials and advocates [announced](#) they may sue to try to force implementation.

Our Latest Research



[R2E2 Launches Playbook for Energy Upgrades in Affordable Housing](#)

The Residential Retrofits for Energy Equity (R2E2) Playbook can help communities tap federal funds to address poorly insulated, energy-inefficient homes.



[Study: Environment and Health Top Consumer Reasons to Transition Homes Off Fossil Fuels](#)

We surveyed U.S. homeowners and renters about their interest in electrifying their home heating, hot water, and cooking appliances.



[Philadelphia Home Upgrade Job Training Shows How to Invest in Local Workers](#)

This case study profiles a program that can inspire cities to equitably build and scale their workforce to perform energy upgrades in owner-occupied housing.



[The Industrial Heat Pump Opportunity Goes Beyond Energy Savings](#)

This brief summarizes the many benefits of industrial heat pumps and describes how quantifying those benefits can spur adoption.

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

ACEEE in Action

Too many low- and moderate-income households have not reaped the benefits of past energy efficiency efforts, contributing to high energy bills, housing unaffordability, and poor home conditions.



Ian Becker, R2E2 manager, presented on the need to accelerate home energy upgrades in affordable housing during a webinar launching the R2E2 Playbook.

What We're Reading

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

- ACEEE senior policy director Mark Kresowik was a guest on the [Iowa Public Radio](#) program River to River to discuss the benefits of updating energy efficiency standards for newly built homes.
- [Canary Media](#) quoted behavior program director Reuven Sussman in its story on ACEEE's report about effective home electrification messaging.
- [Public News Service](#) quoted Josh McClenney of the Appliance Standards Awareness Project in a story about Minnesota phasing out the sale of fluorescent lights.

News You Can Use

- Elevate is hosting a [webinar](#) exploring driving market transformation for heat pumps and engaging contractors on July 10.
- A [webinar](#) from American Public Health Association, the National League of Cities, and WEACT for Environmental Justice on July 18 will explore tackling the growing public health threat of extreme heat events.

Staff Update

New ACEEE job posting! ACEEE seeks a [transportation associate](#).

Elizabeth Traynor joins us as buildings decarbonization analyst. Elizabeth previously worked at E3. She holds a master's degree from Columbia University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Oxford.



ACEEE on the road! Senior policy director Mark Kresowik and federal policy director Lowell Ungar will testify at the [Federal Housing Finance Agency's Duty to Serve Listening Sessions](#) on steps that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac can take to deliver energy savings and improved resilience for housing in underserved communities across the country. Transportation director Rachel Aland will speak on a panel on reducing freight emissions at the [USDOT Transportation and Climate Symposium](#) on July 12.

Upcoming Events








August 4–9, Pacific Grove, CA



**December 3, Washington, DC
(Save the date)**

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