



## March Update

Friends—

Federal energy efficiency programs remain in chaos—like many federal programs—amid a blizzard of presidential executive orders, White House memos, and agency actions. These disruptions will mean more energy waste.

Some funding for weatherizing low-income homes has been frozen in the middle of winter, some states are halting efficiency rebates because federal funds are cut off, and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund recipients are laying off staff because President Trump's administration is taking legal action to freeze their funds. Funding for some programs appears to be flowing again.

At the same time, the administration is aggressively shrinking the federal workforce. Even if funding is restored, the agencies may have reduced capacity to manage contracts.

ACEEE continues to work under federal grants when possible (a portion of our funding) and to work with allies to protect critical funding, cut energy waste, and save money.

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

Best,

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

## Efficiency Update

- The U.S. House of Representatives voted last week to cancel energy efficiency standards for new gas tankless water heaters. The standards, finalized by the Department of Energy (DOE) last year and set to take effect in 2029, will reduce a household's total costs by an average of \$112 over the product's life when compared to purchasing and using less-efficient tankless models, DOE found. More information is available in an ASAP [fact sheet](#).
- Progress continues at the state level:

- The New York State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council [voted to move forward with an updated building code](#), incorporating both the 2024 model codes and the requirements of the All-Electric Buildings Act.
- The Virginia legislature approved a budget [restoring funding](#) from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative for purposes including energy efficiency in affordable housing.
- The Public Utility Commission of Texas [launched a review](#) of energy efficiency programs in the state, with initial comments due March 20.

## Our Latest Research



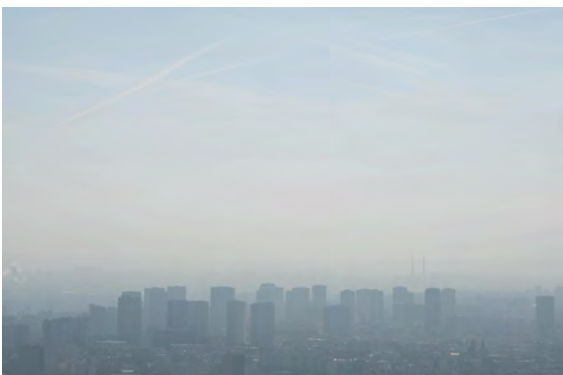
### [Building a Workforce for Energy-Efficient Homes](#)

This report summarizes findings from interviews with 35 workforce experts, provides an overview of common workforce challenges, and profiles programs with demonstrated success in expanding the residential energy retrofit workforce.



### [New Map Shows Industrial Electrification Gaining Momentum in U.S.](#)

This map shows dozens of installed and planned industrial electrification projects in the U.S., demonstrating growing momentum in sectors including food and beverage manufacturing, chemicals, and lumber.



### [Industrial Boilers Keep Burning in Areas Exceeding Air Pollution Limits](#)

We mapped 174 U.S. counties where small industrial boilers contribute to unsafe air quality.



### [Navigating Regulatory Mandates for Utility Program Investments](#)

This brief describes how utilities are uniquely positioned to help states implement federally funded residential retrofit incentive programs in the Inflation Reduction Act.

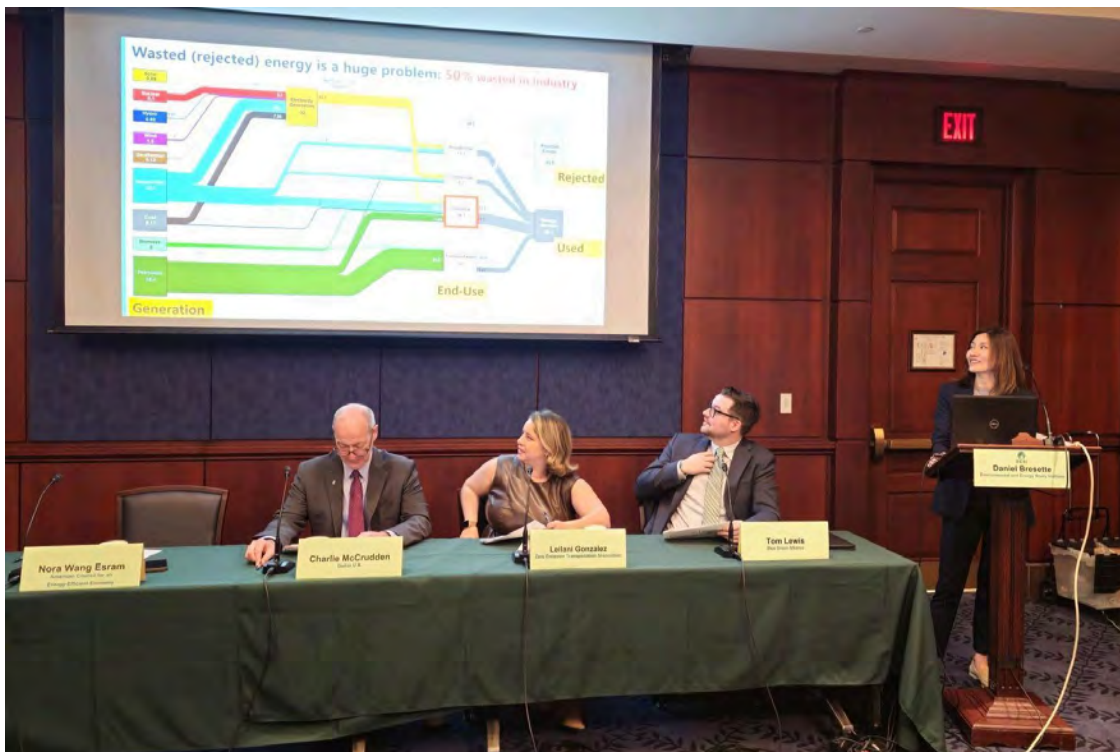


### [Battery Swapping for Truck Electrification in the United States](#)

This brief explores the potential of battery swapping—switching out a battery low on charge with a fully charged battery so a truck can continue its journey—to help electrify medium- and heavy-duty trucks.

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

## ACEEE in Action



*Nora Wang Efram, senior director for research, recently presented on how investments in clean manufacturing increase U.S. competitiveness at a [congressional briefing](#) hosted by the Environmental and Energy Study Institute.*

## What We're Reading

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

- [Inside Climate News](#) published a Q&A with Steve Nadel about his retirement and his decades of work at ACEEE.
- [Semafor](#) quoted ASAP executive director Andrew deLaski in a story about how rolling back appliance efficiency standards would undermine President Trump's promise to reduce household energy bills.
- [Canary Media](#) featured ACEEE's map showing where small industrial boilers contribute to unsafe air quality.

## Opportunities and Resources

- E4TheFuture's [Database of Screening Practices](#) has moved to ACEEE's website. The tool provides information about state cost-effectiveness screening practices for ratepayer-funded electric and natural gas energy efficiency programs for all 50 states, Washington DC, and Puerto Rico.
- The [YBCL Youth Futures Fund](#) provides financial awards to young Black climate leaders who are advocating for and transforming their communities toward racial and climate justice. The application deadline is March 27 for grants of \$2,000–\$10,000.
- The [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) invites eligible nonprofits to apply for a grant to collect, analyze, and use data to address inequities in a place's physical, economic, and social conditions. The application deadline is March 18 for grants of \$50,000 each.

## Staff Update

**ACEEE on the road:** Richard Hart, industry director, will present at the [CEC/EPRI Electrification Summit](#) on March 11. Steve Nadel, executive director, will speak about the future of energy efficiency at a [webinar](#) hosted by Solutions for Energy Efficiency Logistics on March 20.

## Upcoming Events



**WEBINAR**  
**Lower Bills, Warmer Homes: Overcoming Barriers to Heat Pump Adoption**  
March 11, 2 p.m. ET

**WEBINAR**  
**The 2025 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard: Ranking Progress and Opportunities**  
March 18, 1 p.m. ET

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July 16–18, Charlotte, NC  
Save the date

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

Call for abstracts now open

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