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## October Newsletter

Friends—

Tomorrow is [Energy Efficiency Day](#), an excellent opportunity to celebrate this community and spread the word that reducing energy waste saves money, cuts pollution, and creates jobs.

ACEEE staff and our partners have been busy helping deploy transformative efficiency solutions at scale. We were recently selected by the Department of Energy for a [\\$3.6 million award](#) to help six leading states—representing more than a quarter of the U.S. population—strengthen their residential building energy codes. We will lead a coalition helping these and other states to develop and adopt progressively stronger codes, culminating in new homes with no greenhouse gas emissions and far lower utility bills.

The Industrial Heat Pump Alliance, another collaboration with partners, recently launched a [toolkit](#) to support widespread adoption of this vital decarbonization technology. The toolkit will help facilities communicate their project requirements to potential suppliers to simplify the competitive bidding process. It launched on the initiative's [new website](#).

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

Best,

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

Steven Nadel  
Executive Director

## Efficiency Update

- Louisiana [moved one step closer](#) to launching new energy efficiency programs overseen by a statewide administrator, which will be a first in the Southeast. The Public Service Commission voted unanimously to approve a bid led by APTIM to set up and run the programs, slated to launch in 2026. This step follows the Commission's vote last January to expand efficiency programs to the entire state and shift implementation responsibilities from individual utilities to a single statewide administrator.
- The U.S. Department of Transportation recently [awarded](#) \$521 million to projects in 29 states and Washington, DC, to deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure. For example, New York City will receive \$15 million to create the country's largest curbside Level 2 EV charging program, with 700 plugs—at least half in disadvantaged areas and in neighborhoods where low-paid workers live.
- Federal investments are also set to boost public transportation. The Federal Transit Administration recently signed an [\\$893 million grant agreement](#) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to support the construction of a 6.7-mile light rail line in the East San Fernando Valley, a diverse area where one in five households does not own a car.

## Our Latest Research



### [Study: One in Four Households Spend Over 15% of Income on Energy Bills](#)

This study examines household energy burdens in 25 large metro areas, finding that a significant share of low-income households face severe energy burdens.



### [Climate Goals, Not Just Energy Savings, Should Drive Utilities' Efficiency Efforts](#)

This report describes how states and utilities can ensure efficiency programs adopt climate-related impact metrics and track their progress.

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

## ACEEE in Action



*Utilities manager Mike Specian presented research on methods for setting climate goals in energy efficiency programs in a recent [webinar](#).*

## What We're Reading

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

- ACEEE's study of energy burdens was covered by [Virginia Public Media](#), Philadelphia public radio station [WHYY](#), and [Smart Cities Dive](#).
- [Grist](#) quoted federal policy director Lowell Ungar calling for the Federal Housing Finance Agency to adopt minimum energy efficiency standards for new homes with mortgages backed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.

## News You Can Use

- The National Energy Codes Collaborative—led by ACEEE and partners—is accepting applications for its newly launched [Energy Code Implementation Fellows program](#). Each Fellow will take on a long-term project that advances effective building energy code implementation and provide technical assistance to states and local agencies working to implement updated energy codes. This two-year fellowship is a great opportunity to have real-world impact in reducing buildings' energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions.
- [Elemental Impact](#) is accepting proposals for projects that meet Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund requirements for investments ranging from \$3 million to \$10 million. The funding will support entrepreneurs and climate technologies that are ready for commercial scale and poised to deliver greenhouse gas emissions reductions with local community benefits.

## Staff Update

**ACEEE on the road!** Industry program senior researcher Anna Johnson will speak about industrial electrification at the [i3 plenary](#) in Pittsburgh on October 16. Industry director Richard Hart will speak about the momentum for industrial decarbonization at [VERGE](#) in San Jose on October 29. Transportation director Rachel Aland will moderate a panel on electrifying fleets at the [EV Charging Infrastructure US conference](#) in New York City on October 30.

## Upcoming Events



**WEBINAR: Deserts to Oases: Strategic Expansion of EV Charging Accessibility |**  
**October 15, 2:00 p.m. ET**



**ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
POLICY FORUM**

**December 3, Washington, DC**  
**(Register by November 1 for the early bird  
rate)**



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**March 4-6, Portland, OR**  
**(Submit a presentation proposal by  
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