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## October Newsletter

Friends—

It's a great relief that Congress averted a needless shutdown of the federal government this weekend; a shutdown always harms people and programs in countless ways.

The last-minute bill to keep the government open was only a temporary solution, however. Before this stopgap measure is up in mid-November, Congress will need to turn to funding for the remainder of the fiscal year. We are advocating for substantial funding for energy efficiency programs in the Department of Energy (DOE) and across the federal government, as Senate lawmakers have proposed. House members have proposed deep cuts.

On a brighter note, Energy Efficiency Day 2023 is this Wednesday! Learn how you can [take action and help spread the word](#) about the benefits of reducing energy waste.

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

Best,

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

Steven Nadel  
Executive Director

## Efficiency Update

- Members of the U.S. Climate Alliance, a bipartisan coalition of 25 governors, [announced](#) a series of commitments to help decarbonize buildings, including an agreement to collectively reach 20 million heat pump installations by 2030. Several states in the group made new pledges to explore the adoption of building performance standards, explore the

development of clean heat standards, and take actions to align buildings-sector utility resource planning and procurement policies with state climate goals.

- Three new DOE [reports](#) identify technology pathways to accelerate industrial decarbonization. In each of the eight industrial sectors analyzed, the reports find that energy efficiency measures should be among the first solutions implemented to cost-effectively reduce emissions. Also vital are low-carbon substitutions for raw materials and electrification of process heat—key focuses of ACEEE’s work on concrete/cement decarbonization and the [Industrial Heat Pump Alliance](#). The reports build on last year’s [Industrial Decarbonization Roadmap](#) and will further help inform DOE’s implementation of recent federal funding.

## Our Latest Research



### [Utilities Need to Prepare the Power Grid for Electric Truck Fleets](#)

A new white paper explores how states and utilities can prepare for electric truck fleets and profiles leading efforts.



### [Calculating Companies' Carbon Handprint to Measure—and Spur—Positive Climate Impacts](#)

Two publications—a report and a white paper—demonstrate carbon handprints, an emerging method to help companies assess the emissions impacts of consumers using their products.



### [Innovative Electricity Rates Can Advance Equity and Electrification](#)

This white paper explores emerging options to design electric rates to accommodate the transition away from fossil fuels and limit utility bills based on income.

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

# ACEEE in Action



*Andrew deLaski, executive director of the Appliance Standards Awareness Project, spoke at a press conference at DOE's headquarters to urge the department to finalize strong efficiency standards for water heaters. (Photo credit: Athel Rogers)*

## What We're Reading

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

- [U.S. News](#) quoted federal policy director Lowell Ungar speaking about how states can administer home energy rebates from the Inflation Reduction Act.
- [Grist](#) quoted senior policy director Mark Kresowik on home electrification getting less expensive with rebates from the Inflation Reduction Act.
- [Yale Climate Connections](#) quoted senior fellow Jennifer Amann discussing ways to improve efficiency to reduce bills amid extreme temperatures.

## News You Can Use

*Resources that may be helpful to community-based organizations and others in the energy efficiency sector:*

- Through the [Communities Local Energy Action Program \(LEAP\) Cohort 2](#), DOE will provide technical assistance services valued at more than \$18 million to support 24–32

communities to develop and advance their own community-driven clean energy transition approaches. Eligible applicants are low-income, energy-burdened communities that are either disadvantaged or experiencing direct economic impacts from a shift away from historical reliance on fossil fuels. Multi-stakeholder applicant teams must include at least one community-based organization and one local government or tribal entity. The application deadline is December 14.

- [Climate Nexus's Energy Equity Grants](#) seek to connect frontline, Black, Indigenous, and people of color-led groups with resources to continue or increase their efforts against gas expansion and to promote building electrification. The grants prioritize groups with an annual budget of \$1 million or less to boost their efforts in racially, ethnically, gender, and culturally diverse communities across the United States. Grants range from \$20,000 to \$40,000. The application deadline is October 11.
- As new guidance is released for federal funding for energy efficiency retrofits, resilience upgrades, and electrification for low- and moderate-income housing, [Residential Retrofits for Energy Equity](#) (R2E2) will post resources to help communities navigate the funding and ensure that the benefits of these funds flow to low-income and marginalized communities. Two recent resources are [Federal Funding FAQs](#) and a [short resource](#) intended for states, local governments, retrofit program administrators, and CBOs looking to support participation in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Green and Resilient Retrofit Program.

## We're Hiring

ACEEE is seeking an [industry program director](#), [IT support specialist](#), [National Energy Codes Collaborative senior manager](#), [building decarbonization analyst](#), and [building decarbonization research assistant](#).

## Upcoming Events



**October 16–18, Philadelphia**



**November 12–15, Sacramento**

## Community News




Join **Elevate** and partners at the [Building Equity Summit](#) on October 19 in Chicago for a day of learning and community building for people in the energy, climate, and housing space. The

keynote speaker is Donna Givens Davidson, a distinguished Detroit leader dedicated to sustainable community development.

To contribute community news items, please email [Mary Robert Carter](mailto:Mary.Robert.Carter).

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