



## April Newsletter

Hello, friend —

We hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. As we grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, we are tracking its impacts on workers as well as efforts to help them and all consumers. We welcome your stories. We are also adjusting our conference schedule to protect the health and safety of our attendees by postponing our 2020 Hot Water Forum until July and our Finance Forum (likely) until September.

Please keep us informed about your endeavors.

Best,

Steven Nadel  
Executive Director

## Research Spotlight:

### [How Weatherization and Home Improvements Can Help the Elderly](#)

Just as COVID-19 is disproportionately affecting older Americans, so too do many other health problems such as asthma and other respiratory diseases as well as trip and fall accidents. For many of these non-COVID problems, weatherization and home repairs can help keep older adults safely in their homes. Our [new paper](#), which reviews medical

and public health literature, suggests ways to add home repairs to weatherization programs and add weatherization to programs for the elderly. As America rallies to protect the elderly (and others) from COVID, hopefully we can also rally to help meet some of their other health needs.

## Highlights



### [COVID-19 Impacts](#)

Our latest blog series explores how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting workers. We discuss the [latest data on the energy efficiency workforce](#), and share [stories](#) of those facing layoffs. We also explore [long-term COVID-19 impacts](#) and offer [tips for reducing home energy use and utility bills](#). [Utility Dive](#) cited our work.



### [Rollback of fuel efficiency standards will harm U.S. economy and health](#)

The Trump administration's rollback of clean car standards, announced March 31, will increase air pollution and hurt our health and the environment for years to come.



## **Leaders unveil plan to decarbonize industry**

A new peer-reviewed [journal article](#) reveals a sweeping plan by leaders of 28 organizations worldwide, including ACEEE's senior research director Neal Elliott, to decarbonize industry. We will hold a webinar in April on decarbonizing industry, which accounts for a third of global carbon emissions. In U.S. [House testimony](#), we called for robust funding of the Department of Energy's Advanced Manufacturing Office to bolster its efforts to cut industrial emissions.



## **Building energy use in cities declines**

by Mariel Wolfson

[ACEEE's new report](#) explores factors that can influence building energy use, curtail harmful emissions, and mitigate climate change.



## **States step up climate efforts**

Before the COVID-19 pandemic adjourned state legislative sessions, several states took significant climate action this year by leaning on local utilities to ramp up programs that help customers save energy. Their tool of choice? The energy efficiency resource standard.

## ACEEE in the news

- [Washington Post](#) cited our analysis on the emissions reduction of a building codes provision in a Senate energy package.
- Our 2020 Utility Scorecard drew the attention of [Utility Dive](#), [Energy News Network](#), and [Public News Service](#).
- [E&E Energywire](#) and Bloomberg Environment quoted ASAP's Andrew deLaski on industry lawsuits challenging the federal efficiency standard for commercial boilers.
- [Southern Alliance for Clean Energy](#) and [Zora](#) cited our 2016 energy burden report.

## Upcoming Events



### [2020 Hot Water Forum](#)

**July 20-22, 2020, Atlanta, GA**

In more than 25 breakout sessions, this forum will explore the smartest, most cost-effective technologies, programs, and policies to improve the efficiency of hot water.

### [2020 Finance Forum](#)

**September 2020, White Plains, NY**

Our 13th Energy Efficiency Finance Forum will explore cutting-edge initiatives to finance projects that save energy, reduce costs, and create jobs.





## [2020 Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Buildings](#)

August 16-21, 2020, Pacific Grove, CA

Join us to explore how to design and operate energy-efficient buildings to expand clean energy systems and services.

## ACEEE Webinars

[Climate Change in the Time of Coronavirus](#) — April 16, 1:00 pm EST

[Energy Efficiency Can Get Us Halfway to Climate Goals](#) – April 22, 11:00 am EST

How Can We Decarbonize Industry? Leaders Unveil Plan — Details to come

## Community News

The Department of Energy [released](#) a request for information to help design its new competitive funding opportunity to support ongoing work with Connected Communities.

ACEEE's Grid-Interactive Efficient Building (GEB) Utilities [Working Group](#) seeks utilities or program administrators interested or currently involved in designing GEB programs or pilots. Reach out to Chris Perry [cperry@aceee.org](mailto:cperry@aceee.org) and Dan York [dwyork@aceee.org](mailto:dwyork@aceee.org) for details.

NEEP Webinar: [Protocols for Advanced M&V: Helping You See Clearly](#) - April 30, 2020, 1:30 p.m. This webinar will explore various methods and metrics to analyze meter data at the whole building level



## Funder Spotlight



The JPB Foundation, a significant and consistent donor since 2016, awarded ACEEE a multiyear grant this month. The grant will support efforts by utilities, the affordable housing sector, and the workforce development community to scale up energy efficiency investments in low-income communities and communities of color. It will enable us to conduct research, develop best practices, provide technical assistance, and leverage a wide range of partners to ensure these communities benefit from the shift to a clean energy economy.

## Staff Spotlight

**Hannah Tsimmerman** joins us as our new development associate. Previously she worked at David M. Schwarz Architects as the marketing manager. Hannah holds a bachelor of science in architecture & urban planning from the Catholic University of America.



**Emma Pollack** also joins our team. She conducts research and analysis at the intersection of energy efficiency, human health, and the environment. She earned a master's degree in public health from Harvard University, where she focused on sustainability, health, and the global environment, and a bachelor of arts in history from Cornell University.



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