



April Update

Friends—

I am pleased to share ACEEE's [2024 Annual Report](#), published today. The report is a high-level tour through our work, celebrating key impacts. From securing federal appliance efficiency standards that will save households nearly \$1 trillion to helping localities build transportation systems that meet community needs, ACEEE initiatives are helping tackle today's energy challenges. We're now defending our hard-won progress while pursuing opportunities for further gains.

Longtime champion of energy efficiency Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) recently [announced](#) she won't be seeking reelection. Senator Shaheen has tirelessly advocated for policies and federal programs that reduce energy waste. She teamed across the aisle with Rob Portman, the former senator from Ohio, to pass a series of energy-saving measures, including helping states ensure new homes and buildings are more efficient and assisting small industrial plants in reducing waste. She and her dedicated staff have advocated relentlessly across administrations for improved standards for appliances and equipment. She will leave big shoes to fill in the Senate.

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 recently passed Congressional Review Act resolutions to cancel efficiency standards for new [gas tankless water heaters](#), [commercial refrigeration equipment](#), and [walk-in coolers](#). The resolutions would lead to costly energy waste for households and businesses. The House also passed a resolution that would [make it more difficult](#) for DOE or other parties to identify products that do not comply with standards. We are working with partners to oppose passage of these in the Senate. Meanwhile, DOE [said](#) it is withdrawing standards for electric motors [finalized in the previous administration](#); the law prohibits weakening finalized standards.
- Many significant federal energy efficiency investments continue to be hindered or stopped. A Department of Housing & Urban Development program for efficiency measures and other improvements in affordable rental housing has been [paused](#) and may be canceled. The Trump administration [laid off](#) the staff running the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Efficiency projects funded through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund remain in [legal limbo](#). Some states have managed to restart their home energy rebate programs, while others have faced challenges accessing federal resources. Still ahead: Under an [executive order](#), federal agencies were due last week to submit to the White House lists of grants and contracts for potential termination or modification.

Our Latest Research



[Scorecard: Energy Efficiency Upgrades Help Struggling Families, but Most States Lagging](#)

The *State Energy Efficiency Scorecard*, now in its 16th edition, ranks the 50 states and DC on their policies and programs to advance energy efficiency.



[Driving Emissions Reduction through Project Prioritization: Insights for State Departments of Transportation](#)

This paper showcases strategies and highlights resources for integrating greenhouse gas reduction into transportation investment decisions.

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

ACEEE in Action



Scenes from our [Hot Water Forum](#) and [Hot Air Forum](#)

What We're Reading

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

- ACEEE's *State Scorecard* was covered by outlets including [Center Square Colorado](#), [WRNJ Radio New Jersey](#), and [Daily Energy Insider](#).
- [American City and County](#) published an op-ed by Roxana Ayala, senior research analyst, on how state and local governments can address energy burdens among low-income families.
- [CNBC](#) quoted Lowell Ungar, federal policy director, in a story about disruptions to federal home energy efficiency and electrification rebates.

Opportunities

- A [funding opportunity](#) from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration aims to enhance community resilience and increase the environmental literacy of community members across the U.S. Gulf Coast states (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida). Applications are due May 21.

Staff Update

New ACEEE job posting! ACEEE seeks an [accounting associate](#).

ACEEE on the road: Several ACEEE team members are presenting at the [2025 National Home Performance Conference](#) from April 7 to 10. Maggie Kelley Riggins, director of community solutions, will speak about building a workforce for home energy upgrades. Jennifer Amann, senior fellow in our buildings program, and Reuven Sussman, director of our behavior, health, and human dimensions program, will speak about conducting energy retrofits in stages to better meet consumers' needs. Rohini Srivastava, senior manager in our buildings program, will speak about approaches to workforce development, highlighting the importance of skills training, financial literacy, and support services.

Upcoming Events



July 16–18, Charlotte, NC
Save the date

[Learn more](#)



October 7–9, Denver, CO
Save the date

[Learn more](#)



November 2–5, Sacramento, CA

Submit an abstract by April 15

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