



## June Update

Friends—

ACEEE is expanding our work curbing energy waste with the help of behavioral science. We recently launched the [BEAR Hub \(Behavior | Energy | Action | Research\)](#), an initiative offering tailored assistance in applying behavioral science in energy-saving programs in transportation, buildings, and industry. Applications for this no-cost service are open—[apply by June 13](#) to be considered for the BEAR Hub founding cohort. We look forward to working closely with participants in the months and years ahead.

In federal news, the Trump administration and Congress are continuing their efforts to dismantle popular policies and programs that reduce energy waste and save families money. ENERGY STAR, appliance efficiency standards, and tax credits are threatened, among others. More on this below.

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

Best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Steve'.

## Efficiency Update

- The major tax and budget bill passed in the U.S. House of Representatives last month includes provisions [eliminating tax credits](#) for home energy efficiency improvements, new energy-efficient homes, and electric cars and trucks, among others. ACEEE is advocating for the Senate to keep them in place.

- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recently [proposed](#) revoking existing energy or water efficiency standards for more than a dozen types of appliances and equipment. Each DOE proposal would either revert a product standard to the minimum efficiency levels originally set in statute or eliminate standards entirely where none are set in law. The plan violates the law and court precedent. The Appliance Standards Awareness Project, housed at ACEEE, [found](#) the proposals would cost Americans \$43 billion.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is [considering scrapping](#) ENERGY STAR, which helps consumers and businesses identify efficient appliances, electronics, new homes, and more. When EPA administrator Lee Zeldin claimed there was no legal requirement for the government to run the program, [ACEEE set the record straight](#). We are working with partners, from businesses to efficiency advocates, to encourage EPA and DOE to retain the program and to press Congress to give clear direction to the agency (in funding bills) to continue the program.
- DOE recently proposed delaying the implementation of long-awaited efficiency standards for manufactured homes. Without the 2022 standards, new manufactured homes only have a minimal efficiency requirement from 1994. In [comments](#) ACEEE led last week with 13 partners, we urged DOE to minimize delays and announce a fixed compliance date. DOE also recently [stayed the compliance date](#) for efficiency standards for new or renovated federal buildings.
- DOE [announced](#) that it is terminating \$3.7 billion in [awards supporting innovative industrial projects](#) accelerating the adoption of new technologies in cement, iron and steel, aluminum, chemicals, and other sectors. Canceling the funding will hurt efforts to modernize domestic industrial facilities and help them compete with companies around the world.
- The New York Public Service Commission [approved](#) plans for energy efficiency and electrification programs for the next several years, authorizing approximately \$1 billion per year over five years to be administered by the state's major utilities and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

## Our Latest Research



### [Early Planning Can Help Affordable Housing Developers Overcome EV Charging Challenges](#)

This report identifies strategies to expand EV charging infrastructure in new multifamily affordable housing developments.

### [Split Systems: Coordinating Energy Policies for New and Existing Buildings](#)



This brief outlines how states and cities can better align energy codes and building performance standards.



### **Investing in Workforce Development and Training to Improve Energy Code Implementation**

This brief provides recommendations on attracting and training workers who can deliver energy-efficient buildings that meet or go beyond code requirements.

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

## **ACEEE in Action**



*Senior research analyst Grace Lewallen helped introduce the BEAR Hub, ACEEE's new behavioral science initiative, at last week's [launch webinar](#).*

## What We're Reading

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

- Executive director Steve Nadel was quoted on the EPA's plan to terminate the ENERGY STAR program in the [New York Times](#), [NPR Weekend Edition](#), and the [Associated Press](#).
- [Reuters](#), the [Grand Rapids Press](#), and Toledo's [13 Action News](#) quoted Steve Nadel in stories about the Department of Energy canceling \$3.7 billion in industrial decarbonization awards.
- ASAP executive director Andrew deLaski was quoted on the Trump administration's proposal to undo numerous appliance standards in the [New York Times](#), [NPR's All Things Considered](#), and [The Verge](#).

## Staff Update

**ACEEE on the road:** Jasmine Mah, senior research analyst, will present the links between health and buildings' energy efficiency at [BayREN's Building for Health forum](#) on June 10. Naomi Baum, ACEEE's chief operating officer, will discuss the future of ENERGY STAR at the [Consortium for Energy Efficiency's Summer Program Meeting](#) on June 11. Executive director Steve Nadel will moderate a plenary session on utilities leading change for energy efficiency and affordability on June 12 at the [Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships annual summit](#).

## Upcoming Events



July 16–18, Charlotte, NC  
Register by June 15 to save

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October 7–9, Denver, CO  
Save the date

[Learn more](#)





November 2–5, Sacramento, CA

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