UPCOMING (Mostly) FREE AND LOW-COST, IN-PERSON
WASHINGTON DC-AREA ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE EVENTS*

* please see criteria for included events at the end of this calendar

NOTE: In light of current public health concerns related to the COVID-19 virus, virtually all in-person events have been cancelled or postponed. Therefore, while it had been the general policy for this calendar to only list in-person events, for the immediate future the calendar will list events that are being presented on-line ... assuming they originate from a DC-area organization (in most instances) and are events that most probably would otherwise have been available to attend in-person.

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A.) A Talk with Elizabeth Yeampierre, Leading Environmental Justice Lawyer (March 1):

Monday, March 1
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Webinar

Join us for a discussion on environmental and climate justice with Elizabeth Yeampierre, Executive Director of UPROSE. Following prepared remarks by Yeampierre, the event will be guided by an extended Q&A session with questions from Vanderbilt University Law students.
Elizabeth Yeampierre, an internationally-recognized Puerto Rican attorney of African and Indigenous ancestry, is the executive director of UPROSE—Brooklyn's oldest Puerto Rican community-based organization. She also serves as the Co-Chair of the Climate Justice Alliance and co-founder of #OurPowerPRnyc, a community-led initiative of the Puerto Rican diaspora guided by the Jemez Principles of Democratic Organizing.

Yeampierre’s environmental and climate justice work has been featured in numerous books and media outlets, and she was recently featured in the New York Times as a visionary paving the path to climate justice. She was also named to Apolitical’s list of the “Climate 100: The World's Most Influential People in Climate Policy,” and selected as the opening speaker at the Obama Administration’s first White House Forum on Environmental Justice.

To register: https://events.vanderbilt.edu/law/event/32061-elizabeth-yeampierre-leading-environmental-justice

https://www.eli.org/events/talk-elizabeth-yeampierre-leading-environmental-justice-lawyer

B.) U.S. DOE’s Water Power Technologies Office Stakeholder Webinar (March 1):

Monday, March 1
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Webinar

The U.S. Department of Energy’s Water Power Technologies Office is holding its semiannual stakeholder webinar.

Staff will discuss some of the most pressing changes affecting water power research and development in 2021. Led by Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Power and WPTO Director Alejandro Moreno, the webinar will feature program managers and technical leads from across the office. Program representatives will provide an update on the administration transition and FY21 budget, highlight recent announcements and publications, share project updates, and discuss upcoming priorities. The presentation will close with Q&A.

To register: https://nrel.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?nomen=true&siteurl=nrel&service=6& rnd=0.9532824146976275&main_url=https://nrel.webex.com/e c3300/eventcenter/event/eventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26%26%26EMK%3D4832534b000 0002b2ed63583d5a363a098e7773c13f5fd3b57d28fa099540ff70190e69c3613313%26siteurl%3Dnrel %26confViewID%3D185263346149252907%26encryptTicket%3DSkJTSwAAAAKg_phtpIPH84qW mGXg1WE0FjBfe6QXeK3x8XerJZ2KWQ2%26


Tuesday, March 2
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
On-Line Event

Please join the Atlantic Council Global Energy Center for the next episode of EnergySource: Innovation Stream. The series highlights new energy technologies with the potential to reshape the global energy system through discussions with companies and individuals working diligently to bring those innovations to market at scale. The Global Energy Center will host Hanne Storm Edlefsen, vice president of Energinet, who will discuss how Denmark is establishing the world’s first energy islands, marking the beginning of a new era for large-scale offshore wind power.

Ms. Hanne Storm Edlefsen will discuss how the Danish Folketing (Parliament) is preparing for the construction of two energy islands in Denmark—in the North Sea and the Baltic Sea. The islands are to be completed in the early 2030s and are expected to produce 5 GW of power initially, with plans to scale up to 12 GW. The design of these energy islands will enable them to pool power from multiple offshore wind farms to supply Denmark and the neighboring countries with clean energy. Moreover, the surplus green power from the energy islands could be deployed to produce hydrogen and other climate-neutral fuels, which can be used in planes, ships, and in heavy industry.


D.) Advancing the Energy Transition with Innovation & a Clean Energy Standard (March 2):

Tuesday, March 2
10:00 am - 11:15 am

On-Line Event

Please join the Bipartisan Policy Center for a conversation with Reps. David McKinley (R-WV) and Kurt Schrader (D-OR) to discuss their legislative priorities and upcoming opportunities for spurring energy innovation and reducing power sector carbon emissions. Their Clean Energy Future through Innovation Act of 2020 established the first bipartisan proposal to accelerate the development and commercialization of clean energy technologies and establish clear and durable standards for their use in the electric power sector.

Following the discussion with the representatives, a panel of experts will provide their reactions and discuss their perspectives on how CES policies can advance the energy transition, support job creation and economic recovery, and strengthen America’s infrastructure.

Featured remarks by:
**Rep. David McKinley (R-WV), House Energy and Commerce Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee Ranking Member
**Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-OR), House Energy and Commerce Committee

Moderated by:
**Sasha Mackler, Director of the Energy Project, BPC
Panel discussion with:
**Jeff Lyng, Director, Energy and Environmental Policy, Xcel Energy**
**Brad Markell, Executive Director, AFL-CIO Industrial Union Council**

Moderated by:
**Lesley Jantarasami, Associate Director for Energy and Climate, BPC**

To register: http://bpcevents.cloudapp.net/Pages/Home.aspx?eventid={359ACC31-286A-EB11-A812-000D3A8EE95B}


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E.) Conversation About Climate Change Mitigation & Resilience (March 2):

Tuesday, March 2
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

On-Line Event

As a new presidential administration and Congress take office amid compounding historic challenges, Brookings’s Blueprints for American Renewal & Prosperity provides a series of innovative, implementable federal policy ideas to inform a new presidency and Congress. In the essays discussing climate and resilience, Brookings scholars lay out policies that respond to the climate crisis both domestically and abroad. They draw from expertise to suggest federal policies to help the United States achieve its emission reduction goals, strengthen our resilience to the inevitable changes in climate that will occur, and reinvigorate our international efforts to encourage greater climate ambition and learn from our global partners.

Accordingly, Brookings will host the final event in its Blueprints series, focused on addressing climate change mitigation and resilience. A panel of scholars will discuss ideas from Blueprints briefs related to preparing students and workers for emerging job fields, incentivizing resilient businesses, reducing federal climate risk, and managing the federal government’s own exposure to climate-related risks. Underpinning all of these related topics is the imperative to reengage and lead the global community.

Panelists:
**Samantha Gross, Director - Energy Security and Climate Initiative, Fellow - Foreign Policy, Energy Security and Climate Initiative**
**Joseph W. Kane, Senior Research Associate and Associate Fellow - Metropolitan Policy Program**
**Sanjay Patnaik, Director - Center on Regulation and Markets, Bernard L. Schwartz Chair in Economic Policy Development, Fellow - Economic Studies**
**Shalini Vajjhala, Nonresident Senior Fellow - Metropolitan Policy Program**

To register: https://connect.brookings.edu/register-to-watch-blueprint-climate-change-mitigation-resilience

https://www.brookings.edu/events/a-conversation-about-climate-change-mitigation-and-resilience
**F.) Demystifying Environmental Credits (March 2):**

Tuesday, March 2  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
On-Line Event via Zoom

Market-based approaches to climate change are currently being used in 12 states that account for more than a quarter of the US population and a third of GDP. California began operating a cap-and-trade program in 2013. Washington state launched its Clean Air Rule in 2017. Ten states participate in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

Former NCAC-USAEE President and President of Powerhouse, Elaine Levin, will host featured expert Dr. Michael Walsh of Incubex to discuss:

**The basics - How market base incentives to climate change work**  
**REC, LCFS, RINS, CCA & RGGIs - So many acronyms. What are the differences? What kind of impact have these programs had so far? Have they really reduced the use of fossil fuels?**  
**The next step - financial markets. Futures contracts in energy provide a market for producers and consumers to hedge their risk. They also provide price discovery. Environmental credits futures have started trading on the Nodal Exchange based in the Washington, DC area. What are the benefits? How do they work? What is the outlook for participation in these markets?**

Free for NCAC members; Non-Members – $35.00

To register: https://www.ncac-usaee.org/event-4155108/Registration  
https://www.ncac-usaee.org/event-4155108?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=2/22/2021

**G.) Where to Now for the U.S. Nuclear Waste Program? (March 2):**

Tuesday, March 2  
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM  
Zoom Webinar

The federal government has failed in its statutory responsibility to deliver a disposal pathway for commercial spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and the high-level radioactive waste (HLW) generated by the Cold War arms race. A new report by Center on Global Energy Policy research scholar Dr. Matt Bowen explains how the United States reached its current standstill over SNF and HLW disposal, and discusses how the nation might restructure its approach moving forward.

In particular, the report looks at nuclear waste management approaches in other U.S. contexts, as well as the consent-based strategy employed by several countries (Finland, Sweden, and Canada) to site geologic repositories for disposal of SNF. American policy makers could adopt elements of these approaches to improve U.S. management of SNF and HLW.

The Center on Global Energy Policy will host a webinar addressing the U.S. nuclear waste program and
the policy options outlined in the report. Following the report author’s presentation, a panel of experts will discuss various aspects of U.S. SNF and HLW management.

Moderator:
**Dr. Matt Bowen, Research Scholar, Center on Global Energy Policy at Columbia SIPA**

Panelists:
**Dr. Evaristo “Tito” Bonano, Senior Manager of Nuclear Engineering Fuel Cycle, Sandia National Laboratories**
**Dr. Phil Sharp, former U.S. Representative, Indiana’s 2nd & 10th Congressional Districts and former President, Resources for the Future**
**Melanie K. Snyder, Program Manager, Nuclear Waste Transportation and Disposition, Western Interstate Energy Board**

To register: https://columbiauniversity.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_a_BDi5AeS3u87Z_r78hvlA
https://www.energypolicy.columbia.edu/events-calendar/where-now-us-nuclear-waste-program

H.) Senate Environment Committee Hearing on CEQ & EPA Nominees (March 3):

Wednesday, March 3
10:00 AM

Room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) will hold a hearing entitled, “Hearing on the Nominations of Brenda Mallory to serve as chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality and Janet McCabe to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.”


I.) GHG Protocol & SBTi for Forest, Land & Agriculture (March 3):

Wednesday, March 3
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Webinar

This webinar will provide updates on related initiatives under development to help companies set targets and track their progress on reducing climate impacts for the land sector (food, agriculture, forestry, etc.).

The Greenhouse Gas Protocol team will share updates on their upcoming Land Sector and Removals Guidance on accounting for and reporting greenhouse gas impacts for companies in land sector value chains, including guidance for CO2 removals.
The Science Based Targets initiative’s Forest, Land and Agriculture project (SBTi FLAG) will also present on their upcoming guidance to enable companies to incorporate deforestation and land-related emissions into science-based targets.

Agenda:
**Update on the Greenhouse Gas Protocol’s land sector and removals guidance**
**Update on the SBTi Forest, Land, and Agriculture (FLAG) sector development project**
**Q&A session**

Speakers:
**Martha Stevenson, Senior Director, Strategy & Research, Forests, WWF**
**David Rich, Senior Associate, Climate Program, World Resources Institute**
**Amir Safaei, Manager, Natural Climate Solutions Supply, World Business Council for Sustainable Development**
**Christa Anderson, Research Fellow, Global Science, WWF**

To register: https://wwfus.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FmtOTGneR6-7LL-5LggQgw
https://www.wri.org/events/2021/03/ghg-protocol-and-sbti-forest-land-and-agriculture


Wednesday, March 3
12:00 noon

On-Line Event

There is no operating deep geological repository for nuclear fuel waste anywhere in the world. This session will provide an overview of DGR programs in other countries.

To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5c0H6pdbRn2hlt9xUSeMKg

K.) Advancing U.S.-Republic of Korea Cooperation on Nuclear Energy (March 3):

Wednesday, March 3
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

On-Line Event

The United States and the Republic of Korea (ROK) are longstanding civil nuclear partners. However, the domestic nuclear energy industries in both countries are struggling. The new Atlantic Council report, “Advancing US-ROK Cooperation on Nuclear Energy,” examines opportunities for bilateral collaboration to revitalize the nuclear energy industry in each country.

Please join the Atlantic Council Global Energy Center for the launch of the new report and a conversation about how the United States and ROK can leverage their shared interests in nuclear energy
research and development and advanced technology to strengthen bilateral trade and exports to third-party countries.

Please join this timely conversation via the web application Zoom, which is accessible through your web browser, the Zoom desktop or mobile app, and by phone. If you wish to join the question and answer period, you must join by app or web. You must register to receive further information on how to join the virtual audience.

To register: https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/advancing-us-rok-cooperation-on-nuclear-energy

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**L.) Russia in the Time of Climate Change (March 4):**

Thursday, March 4  
9:00 am - 10:00 am  

On-Line Event

Climate change is profoundly reshaping the global landscape - and no country more so than Russia. Permafrost thaw, infrastructure degradation, methane craters, and extreme weather patterns - wildfires, droughts, and floods - exert a growing force on Russian domestic politics and center-region dynamics, as federal and regional officials shift responsibility to one another for managing the consequences of climate change.

Russia is both a climate victim and a carbon emissions perpetrator. As a global effort begins to transition away from hydrocarbon use, Russia’s leadership faces a stark choice: continue unrelenting oil and gas production or begin diversifying into renewables in response to this shift. Russian energy companies and government officials are uncertain how to proceed as their largest energy export markets demand carbon neutrality in the next 30 years.

Please join the CSIS Europe, Russia, and Eurasia Program for a discussion on Russian climate policy and the effects of climate change on Russia’s strategic future with CSIS’s three Russian Visiting Fellows: Angelina Davydova, environmental journalist and Director of the Bureau of Environmental Information, Georgy Safonov, Director of the Center for Environmental and Natural Resource Economics and Associate Professor at the School of World Economy at the Higher School of Economics, and Andrei Semenov, Senior Researcher and Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science at the Perm State University.

https://www.csis.org/events/russia-time-climate-change

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**M.) Senate Energy Committee Hearing on DOE Deputy Secretary Nominee (March 4):**

Thursday, March 4  
10:00 AM

366 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510
The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will convene a hearing to consider the nomination of the David M. Turk to be the Deputy Secretary of Energy.

The hearing will be webcast live on the committee’s website

Witness:
**David M. Turk, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy


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N.) House Natural Resources Committee Hearing on the Insular Area Climate Change Act (March 4):

Thursday, March 4
12:00 PM

On-Line Event

The House Committee on Natural Resources Office of Insular Affairs will hold a remote legislative hearing on Discussion Draft H.R.____, “Insular Area Climate Change Act.”

Presiding: The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva, Chair

The hearing will take place on the Cisco WebEx platform and will be livestreamed on the Committee’s Facebook and YouTube pages.


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O.) IEA’s India Energy Outlook 2021 (March 4):

Thursday, March 4
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

On-Line Event

The CSIS Energy Security & Climate Change Program is pleased to invite you to a discussion of the IEA's India Energy Outlook 2021. The report examines pathways out of the Covid-19 crisis, as well as longer-term trends, exploring how India’s energy sector might evolve to 2040 under a range of scenarios.

The event will begin with a brief overview by Tim Gould on the India Energy Outlook 2021, followed by a presentation of the report's findings by Peter Zeniewski and Siddharth Singh. We will conclude with a panel discussion and a Q&A session, moderated by Neelima Jain (CSIS Wadhwani Chair in U.S.-India Policy Studies).

Featuring:
P.) Amplifying the Sustainability & Biodiversity Benefits of Solar (March 4):

Thursday, March 4
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
On-Line Event

Demand for solar energy continues to accelerate. Signed power purchase agreements exceeding 70 GW will result in more than 500,000 acres of new PV solar by the end of 2024, with millions more acres to follow. But bare ground or turfgrass on solar facilities can contribute to the widespread decline in biodiversity, causing new challenges to the sustainability of ecosystems and agriculture.

How can solar energy align the climate crisis and the biodiversity crisis? PV solar design and land management practices offer the potential to amplify the sustainability and biodiversity benefits of solar.

In this webcast, forward-thinking energy advocates and buyers will tell how they are using procurement to accelerate innovation in the solar industry and realize additional environmental lift for their projects and brands.

Among the things you will learn:
**How the vegetation under and around solar projects can provide numerous system and ecosystem service benefits, including additional sequestered carbon and increased abundance of pollinators
**Why Clif Bar & Company and Bank of America decided to pursue these practices
**How you can ensure responses to your RFPs include projects with amplified sustainability and biodiversity benefits

Moderator:
**Joel Makower, Chairman & Executive Editor, GreenBiz Group

Speakers:
**Elysa Hammond, SVP of Environmental Stewardship, Clif Bar & Company
**Beth Wytiaz, SVP Global Environmental Operations, Bank of America
**Rob Davis, Founder, Center for Pollinators in Energy, Fresh Energy


Q.) Whither International Leadership in Climate Diplomacy (March 4):

Thursday, March 4
As the U.S. rejoins other leading nations in the race to mitigate climate change, the debate is no longer about whether it can be, but about whether we can limit its harms. What will it take to get to Net Zero Emissions by 2050? Fears about a perceived trade-off between climate mitigation and economic development continue, but this webinar series seeks to move beyond that conceptualization and understand how climate change can be dramatically slowed, and the economy “decarbonized,” without economic loss.

What does this reshaping of the world economy mean for climate-polluting nation-states like the U.S., China, India, and those in Europe? For economic sectors, like energy, transportation, and agriculture? What macro-level changes are necessary, and how might these affect the day-to-day lives of citizens and consumers? Join the Center for Environmental Policy this spring as we explore these issues with some of the world’s leading experts.

To register: https://american.swoogo.com/decarbonization/begin

https://american.swoogo.com/decarbonization

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R.) U.S. Power Markets Opportunities & Challenges (March 4):

Thursday, March 4
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

On-Line Event

Economic recovery from a global pandemic, the path towards clean energy, and navigating implications of climate change are only a few examples of the challenges the nation is facing as we enter a new administration.

Join S&P Global Platts and Assef Zobian, Founder and President at Cambridge Energy Solutions, for an insightful discussion examining the opportunities and challenges ahead for U.S. power markets.

To register: https://web.event.com/event/42784333-c030-45da-8f54-aa5518138592/summary?RefId=Event%20Registration


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S.) Expanding Clean Energy Under the Biden-Harris Administration (March 4):

Thursday, March 4
5:45 PM - 7:15 PM

On-Line Event
The Biden-Harris Administration has named climate change and clean energy innovation as signature priorities and promised to build the most diverse Cabinet in American history. Beyond Vice President Kamala Harris’ historic election, President Biden has exceeded records set by Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush in the number of women he has nominated to his Cabinet. Even without gender parity, Biden’s Cabinet picks set records in diversity, including the first woman to serve as Treasury Secretary and, if confirmed, the first Native American Cabinet member.

Please join the Center on Global Energy Policy’s Women in Energy (WIE) program as we host a panel of experts to discuss the policies, finance, and leadership skills that will be needed to drive the energy transition in the United States, and how the leadership of women will shape the transition.

Moderator:
**Amy Myers Jaffe, Managing Director of the Climate Policy Lab & Research Professor at The Fletcher School, Tufts University and Co-Chair, Women in Energy Steering Committee**

Panelists:
**Dr. Barbara Kates-Garnick, Professor of Practice & Senior Research Fellow at The Fletcher School, Tufts University and former Undersecretary of Energy for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Speaker with public office policy experience.**
**Maria Jelescu, CEO and Founder, Ardinall Investment Management, Board Member, Center on Global Energy Policy at Columbia SIPA, and Co-Chair, Women in Energy Steering Committee. Speaker with financial leadership experience.**
**Dr. Angeliki Diane Rigos, Associate Director for Graduate Programs, MIT Energy Initiative. Speaker with science leadership experience.**

To register: https://columbiauniversity.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jamYNhwdSe-WFI0mEGAuww

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**T.) Energy & Utilities (March 5):**

Friday, March 5
10:00 AM
On-Line Event

With the 2020 election now behind us, what can we expect next in Washington, D.C.? As our new and returning elected officials get to work, experts are outlining their top considerations for Congress and the next administration on the chief policy issues facing the United States.

This is the third event in the Duke in DC Beyond Talking Points series, which will gather researchers to discuss the current policy environment, provide recommendations for Congress and President Joe Biden and forecast what to expect from the executive and legislative branches in 2021.

To register: https://duke.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wEeOjwHaQGWxnIfhiLfz3w

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**U. Toward a Climate-Driven Trade Agenda (March 5):**

Friday, March 5  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
On-Line Event 

International trade and climate change have traditionally been considered two distinct issues for the global community to address. However, as the climate crisis gains more attention, policymakers are reaching deeper into their toolboxes to confront the challenge. CSIS research has focused on understanding the relationship between global trade rules and climate policy. 

In a recent report, the CSIS Scholl Chair in International Business explores that relationship, explains its significance for policymakers, and offers actionable recommendations to lay the foundation for a climate-driven trade agenda. The Biden administration has prioritized climate change as a central pillar of its plan to rebuild the U.S. and global economy, and there are unique, new opportunities to push climate and trade issues to the forefront of policymaking decisions. 

Please join CSIS for a public event with keynote remarks from Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and a subsequent panel with David Victor, Professor of International Relations at UC San Diego, and Warren Maruyama, Partner at Hogan Lovells. The conversation will be moderated by Bill Reinsch, CSIS Scholl Chair in International Business and Senior Adviser, and Sarah Ladislaw, Senior Vice President and Director of the CSIS Energy Security and Climate Change Program. We look forward to an engaging, informative event. 

https://www.csis.org/events/toward-climate-driven-trade-agenda

**V. Energy Efficiency Means Business (March 5):**

Friday, March 5  
12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM  
Online at www.eesi.org/livecast 

The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) invites you to a briefing to hear from a panel of experts about how federal energy efficiency programs create jobs and deliver direct meaningful savings to constituent homeowners, consumers, and businesses - all while reducing the stresses and strains on our energy system. Making investments in energy efficiency also encourages productive public-private partnerships and collaboration, improves the sustainability and resilience of our communities, and contributes to meaningful, near-term reductions in pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. 

Welcome remarks:  
**Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio) | @RepMarcyKaptur**  
**Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-Neb.) | @JeffFortenberry**

Speakers:  
**Vicki Hackett, Deputy Commissioner of Energy, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection**
We hope you will join us for this informative briefing.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dan O'Brien at: dobrien@eesi.org or (202) 662-1880.

Please RSVP at: https://www.eesi.org/briefings/view/030521ee#rsvp

https://www.eesi.org/briefings/view/030521ee

W.) Promoting Women in Energy (March 8):

Monday, March 8
9:00 am

Webinar

Please join the United States Energy Association on International Women's Day for our Promoting Women in Energy Webinar.

The webinar speakers will discuss groups supporting women in energy around the world, how the groups formed, their activities, and challenges for women in energy in their respective countries.

Speakers:
**Sheila Hollis, Acting Executive Director, United States Energy Association
**Barbara Tyran, President of the Board of Directors, Women’s Council on Energy & the Environment
**Nicole Mukwindi Uwineza, President, POWERHer
**Shalini Sarin, Co-Chair, South Asia Women in Energy

To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pKGXIwpQQCUt4dIaBcfUQ

https://usea.org/event/webinar-promoting-women-energy-0

X.) U.S. DOE Bioenergy Technologies Office 2021 Project Peer Review (March 8-16):

Monday - Monday, March 8-16
Beginning at 10:00 am

On-Line via Zoom

The U.S. Department of Energy’s Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) is hosting the 2021 Project
Peer Review. Approximately 300 projects in BETO’s research, development, and demonstration portfolio will be presented to the public and systematically reviewed by more than 40 external subject-matter experts from industry, academia, and federal agencies.

The 2021 Project Peer Review will include multiple simultaneous review sessions of projects within 12 technology areas.

The full schedule can be found at: https://imgsvr.eventrebels.com/ERImg/03/57/22/BETOPeerReview2021-Schedule-v5v2.pdf

To register: https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/Registration/StepRegInfo.jsp?ActivityID=35722&StepNumber=1&v=ZWY1YjMzNDAtNTQyNS00YTQxLWE3MmEtMGM3YTJjZWViOWNh

Y.) Energy Efficiency for Equity & Inclusion (March 8):

Monday, March 8
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

Innovative strategies, business models, and technologies can be used to address underserved markets. How can new policies or changes in existing policy eliminate barriers in these areas?

Confirmed Guest Speakers:
**Sen. Mary Washington Senate Health, Education, & Environmental Matters Committee (District 43, MD General Assembly)
**Del. Lorig Charkoudian House Economic Matters Committee (District 20, MD General Assembly)
**Del. Samuel Rosenburg House Health & Government Operations Committee (District 41, MD General Assembly)
**Arjun Makhijani President, Institute for Energy & Environmental Research
**More to be Announced

Cost: $10.00

To register: https://marylandcleanenergycenter11.wildapricot.org/event-4118139/Registration
https://www.mdcleanenergy.org/events/policywatch2021/

Z.) Road to COP26 - Just Transitions & the Climate Agenda (March 9):

Tuesday, March 9
11:30 am - 12:45 pm

On-Line Event

The CSIS Energy Security & Climate Change Program and the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) are
pleased to invite you to Road to COP26: Just Transitions and the Climate Agenda.

The event will examine the role of just transitions in the current international climate agenda, in the run-up to COP26 this November. Speakers will discuss how just transitions can help accelerate climate action and to what extent national climate plans are integrating aspects of inclusive decision-making and the fair distribution of emerging opportunities in the new climate economy. They will also share how they think COP26 can help raise ambitions for achieving just transitions.

This event is made possible by the generous funding from the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) as part of the Just Transition Initiative (JTI). For more information on the JTI, visit justtransitioninitiative.org.

Speakers:
**Kate Hughes, Director of International Climate and Energy, United Kingdom Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)**
**Ajay Mathur, Director, International Solar Alliance (ISA)**
**Samantha Smith, Director, Just Transition Center, International Trade Union Confederation**
**Mafalda Duarte, CEO, the Climate Investment Funds**
**Additional speakers to be announced.**

To register: https://csis.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_d8yB8KUuTJu5bKjUbZOuTg


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i.) A First Look at Biden’s Energy & Climate Policies (March 9):

Tuesday, March 9
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm

Virtual Event

President Biden hit the ground running with a slew of executive actions and commitments on energy and climate change, but what does this agenda mean for everyday Americans?

Featuring:
**Travis Fisher, President & CEO, Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON)**
**Todd Johnston, Vice President and Managing Director, ConservAmerica**
**Shawn Regan, Research Fellow and Vice President of Research, Property and Environment Research Center**

Hosted by:
**Nicolas Loris, Deputy Director, Thomas A. Roe Institute**


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ii.) Advances in the Chemistry of CO2 Capture (March 9):

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Advances in carbon dioxide (CO2) capture technologies are emerging rapidly as the need for climate solutions grows. Existing solutions for capturing CO2 are proving insufficient and are prompting efforts to discover and demonstrate new technologies that are capable of economically concentrating CO2 from both flue gases and the atmosphere.

Traditional methods of carbon capture use regenerable base solutions or materials that require considerable energy to release the captured CO2. New solid adsorbents, such as metal-organic frameworks (MOFs), offer the ability to tailor the structure and bonding of CO2 and thus reduce energy consumption during desorption. Also being investigated are dual function materials that facilitate the simultaneous capture and conversion of CO2, potentially saving processing steps and further improving the economics.

This webinar hosted by the Chemical Sciences Roundtable will review available technologies, explore the chemical and engineering challenges in finding improved capture agents, and describe new technologies under development.

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**iii.) A Hydrogen Future? Exploring Pathways to Decarbonization (March 9):**

Tuesday, March 9
1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Hydrogen has the potential for extensive use as a source of clean fuel and as an industrial feedstock - but it is expensive to produce, and current methods of production are very carbon intensive. Increased use of decarbonized “blue” and “green” hydrogen - hydrogen produced from natural gas with carbon capture technology and from electrolysis with renewable or nuclear energy, respectively - has the potential to greatly reduce emissions from industrial production processes and electricity generation.

Recent research from RFF’s Alan Krupnick and Jay Bartlett identifies cost-effective opportunities for decarbonized hydrogen and examines short-term policy options to make blue and green hydrogen more competitive in the U.S. industrial and power sectors.

Join us as we sit down with a panel of experts to discuss strategies to reduce barriers to deployment for decarbonized hydrogen. We will begin the event with a presentation of Bartlett and Krupnick’s recent report that will outline the technologies and their relative costs, as well as review policy options to incentivize the production and use of decarbonized hydrogen.

Speakers:
iv.) Pathways for Cities to Engage in Wholesale Market Issues (March 9):

Tuesday, March 9
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Webinar

U.S. cities and counties are important leaders when it comes to decarbonizing power at the local level. As more local governments become interested in driving decarbonization in their regions, engaging in energy issues at the wholesale electricity market level presents a new opportunity to expand their influence and impact.

Historically, local governments have not played an active role in conversations that affect wholesale markets due to limited staff, budget or expertise, but this is quickly changing. As large energy purchasers and public institutions, local governments have a stake in the structure and administration of these markets and could play a unique role in addressing barriers to clean energy.

This webinar will highlight findings from WRI’s forthcoming working paper “Local Government Voices in Wholesale Market Issues: Engagement Approaches for Decarbonization,” which explores the ways that cities and counties can engage in their own electricity markets. Guest speakers from the PJM Cities and Communities Coalition and Great Plains Institute will discuss what city engagement is already underway in the PJM and MISO territories.

Speakers:
**Heidi Ratz, U.S. Electricity Markets Manager, World Resources Institute
**Jared Policicchio, Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago
**Matthew Prorok, Senior Policy Manager, Great Plains Institute

To register: https://wri.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUrcOiqrjMoGNWOs0wd9A0jYzb42YMjcclz
https://www.wri.org/events/2021/03/webinar-pathways-cities-engage-wholesale-market-issues

v.) Designing Power System-Friendly Auctions (March 10):

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To RSVP: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TkDvCMZzSSONysB8bdz9_A
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**Jay Bartlett, Resources for the Future
**Linda Dempsey, CF Industries
**Stephen Szymanski, Nel Hydrogen
**Kristine Wiley, Hydrogen Technology Center, Gas Technology Institute

Moderator:
**Alan Krupnick, Resources for the Future
Webinar

Power system stability and reliability become more complex as more shares of variable renewable energy (VRE) are integrated into the electric grid. Auctions enable countries to seek out the most cost-effective renewable energy projects on the market while enhancing dispatchability, promoting the use of utility-scale batteries, lowering emissions, and creating local jobs.

Join USAID’s Scaling Up Renewable Energy (SURE) program as we explore how renewable energy auctions can support VRE integration to the power system and wholesale electricity markets.

We will discuss auction design elements that can help policymakers:
**Reduce system integration costs by procuring renewable energy that is produced when and where it is needed;**
**Increase the use of utility-scale batteries to generate larger proportions of usable grid power from VRE;**
**Enable renewable energy technologies to compete with one another or thermal technologies in auctions; and**
**Incentivize the integration of renewable energy into the wholesale electricity markets through feed-in premiums.**

To register: http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ehkw188naf5dc49&llr=dpgw9fvab

https://www.climatelinks.org/events/designing-power-system-friendly-auctions

vi.) Which Countries Are Stepping Up Climate Action Ahead of COP26? (March 10):

Wednesday, March 10
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

On-Line Event

Under the Paris Agreement, countries agreed to ratchet up their efforts to combat climate change every five years. We have now reached the “ratchet” point, with countries beginning to submit new and updated national climate plans (known as Nationally Determined Contributions, or NDCs) ahead of the COP26 climate negotiations in Glasgow this November. While the COVID-19 crisis has delayed the process of developing and submitting enhanced NDCs for many countries, over 70 countries submitted new or updated NDCs in 2020, many of them with strengthened ambition on mitigation, and many more plans are expected to be unveiled in the months ahead.

How strong or weak are the national climate plans countries released in 2020? Which major emitters haven't unveiled their national climate plans yet – and which are likely to enhance? And how will we know if these new national climate plans collectively put us on a path to limiting dangerous levels of warming?

Join World Resources Institute virtually on March 10 to discuss the state of national climate action
ahead of COP26. Climate Watch will demonstrate tools for policymakers and stakeholders to explore climate commitments and compare them with other countries’ efforts.

Following the demonstration, there will be a Q&A session with experts.

Speakers:
**David Waskow, Director, International Climate Initiative, World Resources Institute**
**Taryn Fransen, Senior Fellow, Climate Program, World Resources Institute**
**Mengpin Ge, Associate II, World Resources Institute**

To register: https://wri.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_a-PJeQeSSAyjBY8IgByFFg
https://www.wri.org/events/2021/03/which-countries-are-stepping-climate-action-ahead-cop26

vi.) A Discussion with BP CEO Bernard Looney (March 11):

Thursday, March 11
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Please join Resources for the Future for a Policy Leadership Series event with BP CEO Bernard Looney. Since stepping into the role of CEO a year ago, Bernard has set a new ambition for BP to get to net-zero by 2050 or sooner and launched a new strategy which will see the company pivot from an international oil company to an integrated energy company. RFF President and CEO Richard G. Newell will discuss a range of energy and climate issues with Bernard, including BP’s recent ambition to help the world achieve decarbonization goals and the role of “greening” companies in the energy transition.

The Policy Leadership Series is RFF’s flagship event series, serving as a public forum on timely environmental, energy, and natural resources topics, and bringing together some of the most influential decision-makers and policy thinkers of our day.

Speakers:
**Bernard Looney, BP**
**Richard G. Newell, Resources for the Future**

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https://www.rff.org/events/pls/bernard-looney

viii.) Utility & Regulatory Possibilities for Empowering Energy Equity with Data (March 11):

Thursday, March 11
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Webinar
Public utility commissions and electric utilities across the country are increasingly incorporating equity considerations in their decision-making processes: ensuring that the costs and benefits of energy infrastructure are fairly distributed among customers without disproportionately impacting any subsets of ratepayers.

For example, following the passage of the Clean Energy Transformation Act in Washington State, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission recently adopted rules requiring regulated utilities to consider equity in purchasing practices and in the state’s transition to clean energy. As equity becomes a key factor in energy decisions, regulators, utilities, and other stakeholders are exploring and considering strategies to leverage data in a way that best serves over-burdened and vulnerable populations. This webinar will explore approaches to the collection, reporting, and analysis of energy sector data to empower energy equity.

The discussion will address questions such as: – How can regulators define and assess equity in the energy sector? – How can we measure equitable progress towards decarbonization? – What are the ramifications of utility data reporting requirements?

Moderator:
**Hon. Ann Rendahl, Washington**

Panelists:
*Subin DeVar, Co-Founder, Initiative for Energy Justice  
**Lauren Ross, Director of Policy, American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy  
**Hassan Shaban, Principal, Empower Dataworks  
**Mariel Fernandez Thuraisingham, Clean Energy Policy Lead, Front and Centered

To register: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4420341720844745486

ix.) Maryland Community Solar Info Session (March 11):

Thursday, March 11  
6:30 pm

Webinar

What if you can't put solar on your roof? Or you don't want to? You can still go solar!

Learn about community solar, also known as shared solar, in Maryland. We'll walk you through what it is, how it works, and what the benefits would be for you.

Join Solar United Neighbors from the comfort of your own home. This will be a live presentation so bring your questions!

To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VzAef_N_ScG2rLEyiafuwg

x.) 7th Annual Clean Energy & Sustainability Extravaganza 'Lite' (March 12):
We invite you to join us at our upcoming 7th Annual Clean Energy and Sustainability Extravaganza 'Lite' which will be held by Leaders in Energy (LE) and the Association of Energy Engineers National Capital Chapter (AEE NCC).

Topics will include highlighting the energy transition under the new Administration, in a panel led by the Chapter's Council on Women in Energy and Environmental Leadership (CWEEL) program, as well as examining how the circular economy is being operationalized in Leaders in Energy's "Building Back Circular" panel. We are calling it 'Lite' this year to reflect that it will be streamlined as a virtual event for 2 hours rather than an all-day event.

Panel 1 – Opportunities for women in the energy transition and the new Administration (AEE NCC – Council on Women in Energy and Environmental Leadership)

Moderator:
**Nikki Mehta, Director, Energy and Sustainability, Honeywell, and CWEEL Lead, AEE NCC

Panel 2 – “Building Back Circular” Panel (Leaders In Energy) – It will focus on larger-scale initiatives that are moving us toward a more circular future, specifically, pertaining to the building sector, city and regional planning, and the broader economy.

Moderator:
**Lara Ilao, Owner and Founder, Plastic Tree and Chair of the Leaders in Energy Circular Economy Working Group.

We are finalizing our speakers and will be announcing them shortly.

Cost: $10.00

To register: https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ehn31v2sf9e00ab0&oseq=&c=&ch=

https://leadersinenergy.org/event/7th-annual-clean-energy-and-sustainability-extravaganza/

xi.) Climate Security Risks in the Arctic (March 12):

Climate change is rapidly changing the Arctic at the same time that security tensions are heightened across the region. How will future climate impacts affect the security environment, operations, and infrastructure of the region? How do Arctic nations understand the changing risk landscape? How can
Arctic nations move forward on a “low tension, high effort” agenda in the climate era?

Join the Wilson Center and the Center for Climate and Security (CCS) for a high-level discussion on the intersection of climate change and security in the Arctic, followed by a dialogue on opportunities to manage future security risks in the region. Panelists will build on the findings and recommendations of two new reports from CCS and its partners: Climate Change and Security in the Arctic and a Climate Security Plan for Canada.

Introductions:
**Michael Sfraga, Director, Polar Institute // Director, Global Risk and Resilience Program**
**Sherri Goodman, Senior Fellow, Polar Institute and Environmental Change & Security Program; Former U.S. Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security)**

Keynote Speaker:
**Ambassador Anniken Ramberg Krutnes, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to the United States of America**

Moderator:
**Kate Guy, Senior Research Fellow, Center for Climate and Security**

Panelists:
**Nina Borgen, Deputy Director General and Head of Section, Security Policy Analysis, Security Policy and Operations Department, Norwegian Ministry of Defense**
**Marisol Maddox, Arctic Analyst, Polar Institute**
**Ole Jacob Sending, Research Professor and Director of Research, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)**
**Shiloh Fetzek, Senior Fellow for International Affairs, the Center for Climate and Security**
**John Conger, Director, the Center for Climate and Security**

To RSVP: https://engage.wilsoncenter.org/a/climate-security-risks-arctic

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**xii.) 2021 Sustainable Energy in America Factbook (March 12):**

Friday, March 12
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Online @ eesi.org/livecast

The ninth edition of the “Sustainable Energy in America Factbook,” published by BloombergNEF (BNEF) and the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE), was released on February 18, 2021, and is available to download at www.bcse.org/factbook. The Factbook provides updates on industry information and trends for the U.S. energy economy, with an in-depth look at the energy efficiency, natural gas, and renewable energy sectors, as well as emerging areas such as digitalization, micro-grids, offshore wind, hydrogen, and renewable natural gas.

This edition will look back on year-on-year dynamics, with a focus on how COVID-19 business conditions impacted U.S. energy markets as well as the trends of the past several years. The speakers
will assess several core benchmarks—deployment, technology innovation, policy, emissions, and jobs. Despite a very volatile period, the clean energy sectors demonstrated the resilience of the energy system overall.

Speakers:
**Ethan Zindler, Head of Americas, BloombergNEF**
**Lisa Jacobson, President, Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE)**
**Charles Hernick, Vice President, Policy and Advocacy, Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES) Forum**
**Emily Duncan, Director of Federal Government Affairs, National Grid**

This event is free and open to the public.

To expedite check-in, please RSVP at: https://www.eesi.org/briefings/view/031221factbook#RSVP

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 b.) be open to the public
 c.) be in-person events (i.e., usually webinars & other on-line events are not listed w. exception of during the current COVID-19 crisis period)
 d.) be free or low-cost (i.e., usually $100 or less)
 e.) usually originate within the Washington, DC area (roughly defined as being within the Beltway but during the pandemic some virtual non-DC events are also being included)
 f.) not be in violation of the SUN DAY Campaign's 501 c-3 tax status (e.g., political candidate fundraisers)