



Preliminary Agenda

NASEO's 2024 Mid-Atlantic Region State Energy Officials Meeting

Lambertville Station Restaurant and Inn
11 Bridge Street
Lambertville, New Jersey 08530
April 11-12, 2024



April 11, 2024 – Day One

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Breakfast will be provided.

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- *David Terry, President, NASEO*
- *John Williams, Executive Vice President, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority; Chair, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *David Althoff, Jr., Director, Energy Programs Office, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; Regional Representative, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Nick Burger, Deputy Director, District of Columbia Office of Energy and Environment; Regional Representative, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Veronique Oomen, Director of Clean Energy, NJBPU*

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

State Energy Directors Policy and Program Priorities Roundtable

State Energy Directors and senior staff are invited to share policy and program updates and priorities. States are encouraged to highlight major energy policy initiatives or changes within their state, as well as legislative updates, and to also share where their office is with BIL/IRA implementation.

Moderators:

- *David Althoff, Jr., Director, Energy Programs Office, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; Regional Representative, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Nick Burger, Deputy Director, District of Columbia Office of Energy and Environment; Regional Representative, NASEO Board of Directors*

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – **Break**

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Building Decarbonization/Beneficial Electrification

The Mid-Atlantic Region will discuss best practices for beneficial electrification and equitable decarbonization from their states and how to ensure that all customers can benefit from these trends.

Moderator:

- *Stacy Ho-Richardson, Deputy Director, Energy Efficiency, Division of Clean Energy, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*

Speakers:

- *Michael Turns, PNNL*
- *Michael Feldman-Wiencek, Green Building + Housing Affordability Program Analyst, District Department of Energy and Environment*

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

U.S. State Energy Program Update and State Input

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program (SEP) office will provide federal updates on program administration and solicit input from the states. State Energy Offices will be provided to share SEP priorities, and flag items for further discussion with U.S. DOE.

Moderator:

- *Dayna Cobb, Director, Division of Climate, Coastal, and Energy, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control*

Speaker:

- *Michael Li, Deputy Director for Community Energy Programs, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*

12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Clean Energy Workforce and Job Development

Ensuring that state workforces can deploy clean energy technologies is a priority for the entire region. Mid-Atlantic states will share key strategies and ideas for developing skilled workforces that can deploy energy technologies while providing good jobs for the communities in which they are located.

Moderator:

- *David Althoff, Jr., Director, Energy Programs Office, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; Regional Representative, NASEO Board of Directors*

Speakers:

- *Autumn Anderson, Deputy Director, Critical Investments, Office of Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro*
- *Carrie Hearne, Director of Affordability and Competitiveness, State Energy Office, Virginia Department of Energy*

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Innovative Air Source Heat Pumps and Geothermal Technologies: Lessons for the Mid-Atlantic

The Mid-Atlantic Region will discuss the opportunities and challenges for geothermal heating/cooling applications using innovative air source heat pump technologies like in-room heat pumps. The region will hear from other states and cities as to how they are approaching these technologies and discuss ways that State Energy Offices can lead on the deployment of these technologies throughout the region.

Moderator:

- *Nick Burger, Deputy Director, District of Columbia Office of Energy and Environment; Regional Representative, NASEO Board of Directors*

Speakers:

- *Jordan Bonomo, Program Manager, New York City Housing Authority (invited)*
- *Sue Dougherty, Senior Project Manager, Clean Heating and Cooling, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority*
- *Ted Borer, Director, Energy Plants, Princeton University (invited)*

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – **Break**

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Transmission Build Out and Enhancement Opportunities for the Mid-Atlantic

This session will examine inter-regional transmission build out and reconductoring, including how State Energy Offices can support inter-regional planning, what developments at the federal level impact inter-regional planning, and how State Energy Offices can coordinate with their RTO/ISOs.

Moderator:

- *Nicholas Preservati, Director, Office of Energy, West Virginia Department of Economic Development*

Speakers:

- *Evelyn Robinson, Manager, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, PJM Interconnection*
- *Kirsten Verclas, Senior Managing Director, NASEO*

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Federal Energy Program Implementation, Troubleshooting, and Technical Assistance Needs (States-Only)

This states-only session will invite participants to ask questions of their peers related to policy or program implementation and identify potential technical assistance needs of the states.

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Networking Reception

NASEO will host a networking reception, sponsored by XXX, at The Lambertville Restaurant and Inn on April 11th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., immediately following the conclusion of day one of the meeting.

April 12, 2024 – Day Two

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Mid-Atlantic Leadership Meeting (by invitation only)

This session will enable the Mid-Atlantic region leadership the opportunity to discuss strategy and future priorities for the region. Breakfast will be provided.

(All other attendees will have breakfast on their own)

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Update on NASEO Activities and State Priorities

This session will provide the latest on federal energy legislation, regulation, and appropriations, and will feature update on resources and opportunities from NASEO.

Speaker:

- *David Terry, President, NASEO*

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

State and Regional Planning for Energy Security

This session will feature presentations from State Energy Offices on their approaches to updating their State Energy Security Plans (SESP). Specifically, this session will focus on the assessment of state and regional risks and mitigation approaches as well as a comprehensive cybersecurity strategy for the energy sector as part of formal state energy security planning.

Moderator:

- *Carrie Hearne, Associate Director, Virginia Department of Energy*

Speakers:

- *Megan Levy, State, Local, Territorial, and Tribal Project Manager, Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response, U.S. Department of Energy (invited)*
- *Kerry Campbell, Environmental Program Manager, Energy Programs Office, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection*

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – **Break**

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Hydrogen Opportunities for the Mid-Atlantic Region

Across the Mid-Atlantic region, State Energy Offices are leading or supporting efforts to advance clean hydrogen opportunities and determine priority end-uses. This session will provide a look at these different activities and how regional collaboration is helping to move projects forward that reduce emissions and provide economic benefits.

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Speakers:

- *Nicholas Preservati, Director, Office of Energy, West Virginia Department of Economic Development*
- *Greg Dierkers, DOE OCED (invited)*

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Residential Energy Rebates (HOMES and HEEHR): Next Steps and Program Implementation

State Energy Offices will administer nearly \$9 billion in energy efficiency and electrification rebates. State Energy Offices are invited to share their latest thinking on implementation of these rebates and how NASEO and U.S. DOE can support their efforts.

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12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Wrap-Up

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