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## Saving Energy During Cold Months

Winter months can be long and cold, so it is important to look for ways to keep energy costs down and make homes more energy-efficient. The Energy Office's Energy Saver Tool and website can be accessed at [EnergySaver.SC.GOV](https://www.energy.southcarolina.gov/energy-saver). This tool offers an easy way for the public to answer a few simple questions and be shown energy-saving and financing



programs available to them in one central, online location. Users can also search programs by category or by program name to find specific program information.

[Learn more](#)

### **Southeast Hydrogen Energy Alliance to Host Collaborative Working Groups**

The Southeast Hydrogen Energy Alliance (SHEA), an initiative of E4 Carolinas, received funding to organize stakeholders and create the Southeast Clean Hydrogen Energy Economy and Regional Hub. This involves several working group meetings and webinars to be held over the next couple of months.



[Learn more](#)

### **Palmetto Clean Fuels Website Update**

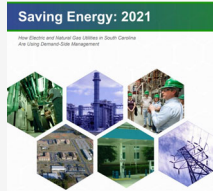
Prior to 2022, Palmetto Clean Fuels Coalition maintained a separate website for content related to alternative fuels. This content has moved to a new location on the [ENERGY.SC.GOV](https://www.energy.sc.gov) website, and the Palmetto Clean Fuels website is no longer active. Please update your active links and other content to the new location on the [ENERGY.SC.GOV](https://www.energy.sc.gov) website.



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### **Energy Office Releases Annual Reports**

The Energy Office submitted two annual reports to the General Assembly:



### **Saving Energy 2021: How Electric and Natural Gas Utilities in SC are Using Demand-Side Management**

This report summarizes demand-side management activities deployed by South Carolina's electric and natural gas utilities as reported in 2021.

[View the report](#)



### **Annual Report on the Implementation of State Government Energy Conservation**

This annual report provides an update of the statewide progress in meeting energy use reduction goals.

[View the report](#)

### **ASCEM Scholarship Nominations Due February 15th**

The Mark A. Martin Association of South Carolina Energy Managers (ASCEM) Scholarship assists ASCEM members with education expenses of their family members. The student must be a graduating senior from a South Carolina school and must plan to continue their education in some form after graduation. Applications for the \$1,000 scholarship are due February 15, 2022.



[Learn more](#)

### **ASCEM Award Nominations**

During the 2022 Tri-Association Conference, awards will be given for [Energy Manager of the Year and Energy Project of the Year](#). Nominations are due February 15, 2022.



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### **Save the Date: HVAC Course – Spring 2022**

The Energy Office will host a virtual HVAC Course. This course is to develop the participants' abilities to recognize cost-saving measures in HVAC equipment/operation and then to implement the necessary changes to realize these savings.



May 18-19, 2022,  
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[Learn more](#)



## US Department of Energy Announces Better Climate Challenge

The US Department of Energy (USDOE) recently announced a new leadership challenge for companies, states, municipalities, multifamily housing owners, and other organizations. Through the Better Climate Challenge, USDOE is partnering with organizations that set portfolio-wide, greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals of 50 percent or more by 2030.

[Learn more](#)

## South Carolina Office of Resilience Developing a Statewide Resilience Plan

The South Carolina Office of Resilience is in the process of developing a state [Resilience Plan](#). The agency is seeking input from citizens around the state about their experiences with flooding in order to better inform the Resilience Plan. Citizens are encouraged to complete [this survey](#) to share details about flooding in their areas and to encourage their communities to complete the survey as well. A printable flyer with links and information about the survey can be accessed on the [South Carolina Office of Resilience](#) website.



[Learn more](#)

## Tri-Association Conference March 12-15, 2022 – Registration Information

The annual Tri-Association of Facility Managers Conference— which includes information for those involved with ASCEM, the Association of State Planning and Construction Officials, and the SC Association of Physical Plant Administrators— will be held March 12-15, 2022 in Myrtle Beach, SC. Registration is open. Vendor booth and sponsorship opportunities also are available. White papers for session topics are also being accepted.



SC Tri Association of Facility Managers

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## Southeast Energy Insecurity Stakeholder Initiative: Final Recommendations Workshop Wrap-Up

The Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University, in partnership with Appalachian Voices and the North Carolina Justice Center, hosted the final meeting of the Southeast Energy Insecurity Stakeholder Initiative on December 7, 2021.

[Learn more](#)

**Southeast Energy Insecurity Stakeholder Initiative**  
**Final Recommendations Workshop**

Six working groups will present recommendations for reducing energy insecurity in the Southeast.

**Keynote Speaker: William Barber**, Founder of The Rural Beacon Initiative

**When:** Tuesday, December 7, 1-4 p.m. EST  
**Details and RSVP:** [bit.ly/seeirecws](https://bit.ly/seeirecws)

Duke University Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions | Appalachian Voices | North Carolina Justice Center

## Employee Spotlight

**ENERGY OFFICE**

“The most rewarding thing about working for the Energy Office is providing resources and information to people. Seeing that lightbulb go off and them realizing that there is information out there for them is a rewarding feeling.”

**Stacey Washington**  
Senior Energy Specialist

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## Upcoming Events





### Building Operator Certification Bundle Course

February 18 - June 24, 2022  
Greenville Technical College

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### 2022 Transportation Association of SC Annual Training Event, Expo & Bus Roadeo

March 3 - 6, 2022  
Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa

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SC Tri Association of Facility Managers

### Tri-Association Conference

March 12 - 15, 2022  
Myrtle Beach, SC

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### Electrification 2022: Collaborating for a Clean-Energy Future

March 14 - 17, 2022  
Charlotte, NC

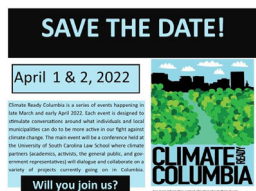
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### Solar Energy Technology Basis (Hybrid) Course

March 4 - April 8, 2022  
Greenville Technical College

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### Climate Ready Columbia Events

April 1- April 2, 2022  
Columbia, SC

### Sustainable Yard Tour

April 3, 2022  
Columbia, SC



### Solar Photovoltaic Systems (Hybrid) Course

April 22 - June 24, 2022  
Greenville Technical College

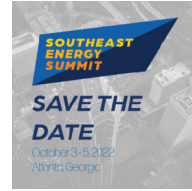
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**National Clean Energy Week**  
September 26 - 30, 2022

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**Southeast Energy Summit**  
October 3 - 5, 2022  
Atlanta, GA

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## Additional News & Resources

[2021 Annual Report on the Implementation of State Government Energy Conservation \(PDF\)](#)

[2021 Demand-Site Management Report \(PDF\)](#)

[USDA REAP Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assistance Program - \\$100 Thousand \(Article\)](#)

### About the South Carolina Energy Office

The Energy Office, housed within the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, serves as the principal energy planning entity for the state. The mission of the Energy Office is to advance South Carolina's energy strategy and policy through education and outreach. The Energy Office promotes the efficient use of all energy sources. In addition, the Energy Office encourages energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation through a broad range of initiatives that include developing the State Energy Plan, providing technical assistance, offering financial assistance, conducting education and outreach, and maintaining an energy data resource.



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