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APRIL 2022



## **Solar and Clean Energy Fundamentals Workshop**

The Energy Office will host a virtual Solar and Clean Energy Course. The objective of this course is to review the basics, policy, rates, and procurement options for solar, storage, and electric vehicles.

May 4 - 5, and 11 - 12, 2022  
1 PM - 5 PM each day

[Learn more](#)



## **HVAC Improvement Course**

The Energy Office will host a virtual HVAC Improvement Course. The objective of 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  
8 AM - 4 PM each day

[Learn more](#)

## Energy Office Staff Attend iMAGINE Upstate

Earlier this month, Energy Office staff showcased materials on energy efficiency and renewable energy at the 2022 iMAGINE Upstate Festival in Greenville, SC.

[Learn more](#)



## ASCEM Award Nominations Due August 31

During the 2022 Association of South Carolina Energy Managers Conference on October 5, 2022, awards will be given for Energy Manager of the Year and Energy Project of the Year. Nominations are due August 31, 2022.



## Energy Office Staff Attend Gullah Geechee Energy Day

Last month, Energy Office staff attended the Gullah Geechee energy day where staff shared information about saving energy at St. Helena Elementary School.

[Learn more](#)



## Spring Into Energy Saving!

Spring is here and it's time for a fresh start! As you think about spring cleaning and what needs to be done around your home, remember to keep energy efficiency in mind. The Energy Office's Energy Saver Tool and website can be accessed at [Energy.Saver.SC.GOV](https://Energy.Saver.SC.GOV). 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](#)



## DOE Recognizes Best Practices in Efficient and Healthy Schools



The Department of Energy Efficient and Healthy Schools campaign provides recognition and technical assistance to school districts seeking to implement high-impact air quality and efficiency improvements that will reduce energy and improve student and teacher health. Twenty-six school districts across 16 states have joined or are prepared to join the campaign. Two of those school districts are South Carolina districts, Charleston County School District and Greenville County Schools.

[Learn more](#)

## SolarGen of South Carolina Establishing Operations in Clarendon County

SolarGen of South Carolina is a clean energy development company focused on creating lower-cost, solar-electric generating facilities for South Carolina. Earlier this month, the company announced they are investing \$150 million into solar energy operations in Clarendon County.



[Learn more](#)

## DOE Will Assist 22 Communities With Locally Tailored Pathways to Clean Energy

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced the communities selected as part of the Communities Local Energy Action Program (Communities LEAP), an initiative designed to help energy-overburdened communities take direct control of their clean energy future. Columbia, South Carolina was one of the 22 communities to receive support from DOE to create a community-wide action plan that reduces local air pollution, increases energy resilience, and economic opportunities.



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## Upcoming Events

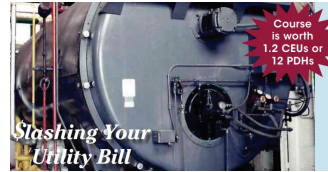


**Earth Day**  
*April 22, 2022*

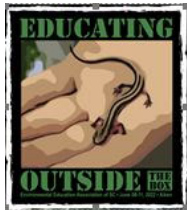
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**Solar and Clean Energy  
Fundamentals Workshop**  
*May 4 - May 12, 2022*



**HVAC Improvement Course**  
*May 18 - May 19, 2022*



**Educating Outside the Box  
Conference**  
*June 8 - June 11, 2022*  
*Aiken, SC*

[Learn more](#)



**Solar Photovoltaic Systems  
(Hybrid) Course**  
*April 22 - June 24, 2022*  
Greenville Technical College

[Learn more](#)

## Additional News & Resources

[2020 RECS Housing Characteristics Data: 2020 RECS Housing Characteristics Tables \(Website\)](#)

[Funding Notice: Deploying Solar with Wildlife and Ecosystem Services Benefits \(Website\)](#)

[The Biden-Harris Administration Announces \\$500 Million Program for Better School Infrastructure \(Website\)](#)

[USDOE Announces Clean Energy Innovator Fellowship Program to Help Build a Diverse U.S. Workforce to Decarbonize the Electricity Sector \(Website\)](#)

**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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