



**April 10, 2015**

## **NASEO Provides Testimony Before U.S. House and Senate in Support of SEP and Other Federal Programs**

NASEO recently provided testimony before the U.S. House and U.S. Senate in support of funding for the U.S. State Energy Program, as well as a suite of other federal programs including ENERGY STAR and the Farm Bill. [Learn More](#)



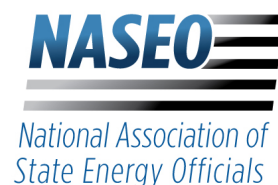
## **U.S. Senators and House Members Sign Letters of Support for SEP and WAP**

On March 18, the final SEP-WAP House Dear Colleague letter with 79 congressional signatories was delivered to the U.S. House Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee. In addition, on March 27, a total of 36 U.S. Senators signed a support letter to Senators on the Senate Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee. [Learn More](#)



## **NASEO and NASCSP Host Briefing on SEP Activities and WAP**

On March 19, NASEO and NASCSP hosted a congressional staff briefing in Washington, DC, in which State Energy Offices (Rhode Island and Tennessee) and a technology provider for WAP discussed the the U.S. State Energy Program and Weatherization Assistance Program. [Learn More](#)



## **Senators Schatz and Heinrich Introduce PREPARE Act - Endorsed by NASEO**

On March 26, U.S. Senators Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Martin

Heinrich (D-NM) introduced the PREPARE Act - legislation to help states modernize energy systems to make them cleaner, more efficient, cost-effective, reliable, and resilient. [Learn More](#)



## Senate Passes Water Heaters, Buildings Bill

On March 27, the U.S. Senate passed an energy efficiency bill - essentially a "mini Shaheen-Portman" - aimed at protecting rural energy-savings programs and encouraging tenants and landlords to work together to reduce their energy use. [Learn More](#)



## House Energy and Power Subcommittee Chairman Whitfield Releases Draft of Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015

Energy and Power Subcommittee Chairman Ed Whitfield recently unveiled a discussion draft of the Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015, which would empower states to protect households and businesses from EPA's proposed rule regulating carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants. [Learn More](#)



## President Obama Orders Cuts in Federal Greenhouse Gas Emissions

President Obama signed an Executive Order to cut the Federal Government's greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent from 2008 levels, saving taxpayers \$18 billion in energy costs. The initiative increases the share of electricity the Federal Government uses from renewable sources to 30 percent by 2025. [Learn More](#)



## NASEO Highlights Energy Efficiency and its Part in State Energy Office Disaster Planning, Mitigation and Recovery

On April 7, NASEO released a new report, "Resiliency through Energy Efficiency: Disaster Mitigation and Residential Rebuilding

Strategies for and by State Energy Offices," which synthesizes research and state experience to inform State Energy Offices about how to strengthen disaster mitigation and resilience in the residential sector. [Learn More](#)



## Utilities Being Affected by Drought, as Governor Brown and California Energy Commission Determine Effects

Governor Jerry Brown made a recent announcement ordering California residents to conserve water, only days after his \$1 billion emergency relief package. In addition, the California Energy Commission will carry out part of the plan as will several other state entities. [Learn More](#)



## Governor Cuomo Announces World-class Research and Development Laboratory for Next Generation Electric Grid

Governor Andrew Cuomo recently announced that the New York Power Authority and SUNY Polytechnic Institute have signed an agreement to create a world-class facility devoted to energy technology innovation and the rapid deployment of smart-grid technology to modernize New York's electric grid. [Learn More](#)



## California Energy Commission Awards Bosch-led Team \$2.8 Million for Commercial-scale Energy Grid

The California Energy Commission recently announced a proposed award to Robert Bosch, LLC, a NASEO affiliate, for \$2,817,566 for a renewable-based microgrid, which will demonstrate the effectiveness of its Direct-Current Building-Scale Microgrid Platform (Bosch DC microgrid) in an American Honda Motor Co., Inc., parts distribution center. [Learn More](#)



## Washington, DC Leads Nation with Most ENERGY STAR Certified Buildings

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently released its 2015 list of U.S. metropolitan areas with the most ENERGY STAR certified buildings and the District of Columbia ranked number one, an achievement which confirms its commitment to technical guidance, best practices, and training needed to make buildings more energy efficient and save money. [Learn More](#)



## U.S. Virgin Islands Reduce Fossil Fuel Use 20% in Five Years

Since setting a goal of reducing fossil fuel use by 60 percent by 2025, the U.S. Virgin Islands are currently on target as its fossil fuel use is down 20 percent. [Learn More](#)



## AFFILIATES CORNER

### NASEO Welcomes Newest Affiliate Member

NASEO is pleased to welcome its newest Affiliate member, Gas Technology Institute.



### Dow to Become One of the Largest Industrial Buyers of Renewable Energy



As a part of Dow's Energy Plan and its Sustainability Goals, The Dow Chemical Company's Energy business has signed a long-term agreement with a new wind farm to be completed in first quarter of 2016, and will span nearly 35,000 acres, supplying Dow's Freeport Texas Manufacturing facility with 200 MW of wind power annually. [Learn More](#)

## SEOs Now Eligible for Complimentary SEPA Memberships



The Solar Electric Power Association, a nonprofit that provides data and insights in the rapidly changing landscape for utilities and solar, is now offering State Energy Offices complimentary memberships, which include access to reports, webinars, and much more. [Learn More](#)

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## MORE NEWS AND UPDATES

[Coal-heavy States Explore Carbon-cutting Options with Support from the National Governors Association](#)

[District of Columbia Among 17 Leading International Cities to Launch Global Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance](#)

[Kentucky Releases Hour-long Documentary about Electricity, Energy Transition](#)

[New Jersey Picks Three Schools for Energy Storage Program](#)

[North Carolina State University to Host Conference on Mapping a Sustainable Energy Future Throughout the State](#)

[The U.S. Department of Energy Announces Competition, "SunShot Prize: Race to 7-Day Solar"](#)

[Washington State University Energy Summit Tackles Critical Smart Grid Challenges](#)

### Upcoming NASEO Events

[NASEO Government Affairs Conference Call: April 16, 2015, 2:30pm-3:30pm ET](#)

[NASEO 2015 Midwest Regional Meeting: April 22-23, 2015, Columbus OH](#)

[U.S. DOE Risk Analysis Workshop: April 28-29, 2015, Denver, CO](#)

[NASEO 2015 Northeast Regional Meeting: May 5-6, 2015, Mystic, CT](#)

[NASEO 2015 West Regional Meeting: May 14-15, 2015, Portland, OR](#)

[NASEO 2015 Southeast Regional Meeting: May 19-20, 2015, Tampa, FL](#)

[NASEO 2015 Central Regional Meeting: June 11-12, 2015, Golden, CO](#)

[NASEO 2015 Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting: June 22-23, 2015, Williamsburg, VA](#)

**NASEO Board of Directors Meeting: July 21-22, 2015, Arlington, VA**

**NASEO 2015 Annual Meeting: September 13-16, 2015, San Diego, CA**

**Other Events**

**A National Town Meeting on Demand Response and Smart Grid: May 26-28, 2015, Washington, DC**

**NEUAC 2015, the National Energy and Utility Affordability Conference: June 22-24, 2015, Baltimore, MD**

**The 12th Renewable Energy Finance Forum - Wall Street: June 24-25, 2015, New York , NY**

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