



FEDERAL LEGISLATION WORKING GROUP MEETING 4/13/22

Agenda

1. Administration activities
2. Legislative updates
3. Other updates

Notes

1. Administration Activities

On March 9, EPA reinstated California's authority to enforce its own tailpipe greenhouse gas emissions standards and zero-emission vehicle requirements. Thirteen other states, including Colorado, Oregon and Washington, have adopted California's vehicle GHG emissions limits, while California's ZEV standards are in effect in 10 states. Nevada is due to begin enforcing both in 2025.

On March 7, DOE proposed an efficiency standard for computer room air conditioners that relies on a revised metric but is equivalent to the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers standard.

On March 3, EIA released their [Annual Energy Outlook](#). Renewables will be the fastest-growing energy source in the U.S. through 2050, while domestic gas production will be driven increasingly by export markets.

2. Legislative Updates

On March 10, Congress passed a \$1.5-trillion fiscal year 2022 appropriations package, HR 2471, clearing the way for Biden to sign into law budget legislation with a nearly 7-percent funding increase for the Department of Energy and a 3.5-percent boost for EPA.

CERES (Ellen Zuckerman), in collaboration with EESG and others prepared a [letter](#) from EE businesses in Support of Stimulus Investment to Support EE; the Council is a co-signer.

- They are still discussing the ideal timeline for a letter rollout, likely some time in early or mid-May, to time with the release of the second tranche of funding under ARPA.
- IF you are interested in signing onto the letter, ***please do so as soon as possible by completing the form [here](#).***
- For more information, contact Ellen Zuckerman ellen@zuckermanstrategies.com

3. Other updates

We continue to pursue a collaboration with our sister organizations from around the country in search of a viable and distinct rally cry that we as organizations who represent companies and individuals who actually implement EE can take to various legislators and other funding sources.

EESG monthly meeting on 3/14 (summary below):

- IIJA Implementation
 - EESG shared their most updated [document](#) and status update
 - There will not be “overarching guidance” for things like Davis Bacon, Buy American, historic preservation, Justice40 or NEPA
 - Rather they will be baked into RFPs
 - Meeting status and update
 - There were meetings on Clean Energy (last Thursday 3/10)
 - Upcoming DOE IIJA webinars:
 - Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 4pm-5pm ET: Resilience; [Register Here](#)
 - Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 4pm-5pm ET: Environmental Remediation; [Register Here](#)
 - Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 4pm-5pm ET: Broadband; [Register Here](#)
 - Sharing information about outcomes
 - There was some discussion about the IIJA Buy American requirements (similar to how things were done with ARRA more than a decade ago) e.g., 75% domestic content
 - Link to [Federal Register Notice](#) on Amendments to the FAR Buy American Act Requirements and [Background article](#).
 - Sharing information about organization
 - Anything else on IIJA
- Appropriations – FY22
 - See attached chart with final numbers [FY22 Omnibus DOE Funding](#) (Funding Tables Pg. 128); document was pulled together by EESG
 - Congress was able to get the 2022 \$1.5T omnibus bill passed last week, and DOE got \$44.9B, which is slightly higher than last year but short of the Administration’s original request; EERE got \$3.2B which is higher than last year... which is a good thing!
 - There are 77 earmarks and there are some community specific allocations which means a slight loss of programmatic funds
 - With the recent DOE reorganization, there has been some funding movement but that level of detail is unknown

- Our interests got some pushback from Congress on a few elements of the IIJA money
- Appropriations – FY23
 - Status and input
- Legislation
 - Reconciliation
 - Shaheen Portman update
 - It is likely that some form of a bill will be passed
 - There is also a bunch of stuff on federal energy and the elimination of fossil fuels
 - What else?
 - ASE is shooting for a hearing soon on Main Street Efficiency Act; got a nice shout out from the House Energy Committee; our sign-on letter was well received by the committee and other members
 - DOD got a lot of money in the recent passage of appropriations for EV infrastructure (shiny new object...which is only 8% of the entire federal emissions)

Next Meeting

Our next Federal MWG meeting will be on Wednesday May 11th at 9:15 am (**note the time change again due to overlap with our standing Capitol call**). We will return to our normal call time of 8:15 in June. Call-in coordinates are below.

[Zoom link](#)

Call-in: +13126266799,,83592457581#

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