

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Environment Committee and Energy Subcommittee Invitation
November 16, 2021, 10:00 am – 11:30 am via Zoom

The new [Climate and Equitable Jobs Act](#) broadly transforms energy policy in Illinois. At this meeting, we will focus on the parts of the law that alter municipal authority and involvement in building energy standards.

This legislation calls for the creation of [a residential and commercial stretch energy code](#) that can be adopted by individual municipalities. The bill also expands the Illinois Energy Code Advisory Council in a way that may allow municipalities a greater voice in energy [codes](#) at the state level.

Finally, as solar energy storage and electrification technologies advance, municipalities will need to permit and inspect these complex systems.

Our 2021 Climate Action Plan for the Region cites all of the above strategies in pursuit of the three mitigation objectives, *Decarbonize Energy Sources, Optimize Building Energy and Implement Clean Energy Policies*.

Partners from Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA), Slipstream, and the New Buildings Institute will update us on these new policies and discuss opportunities for municipal engagement. As these new policies evolve, we'd like to gather your ideas and input about implementation. **Please invite building and code officials and be prepared for discussion.**

[GRC goals](#): Enact policies that support clean energy. Reduce energy consumption. Engage the community in clean energy practices.