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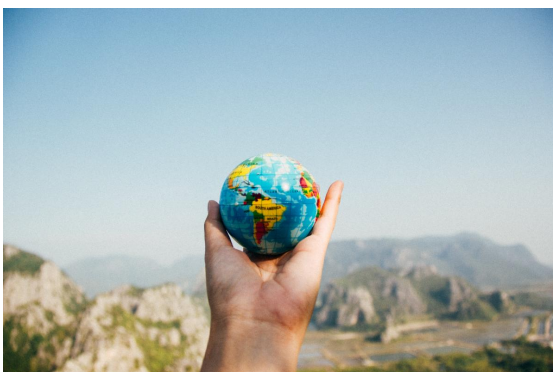


Energy news from around Philadelphia and beyond



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Happy Earth Month!

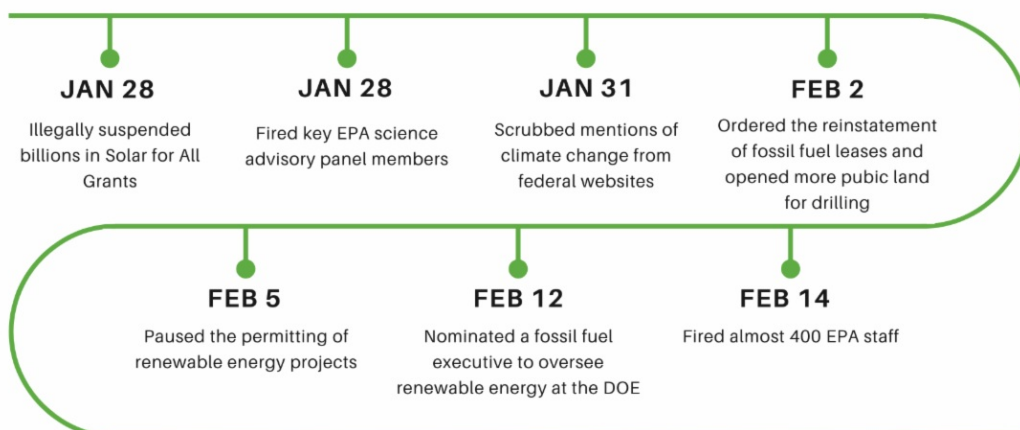
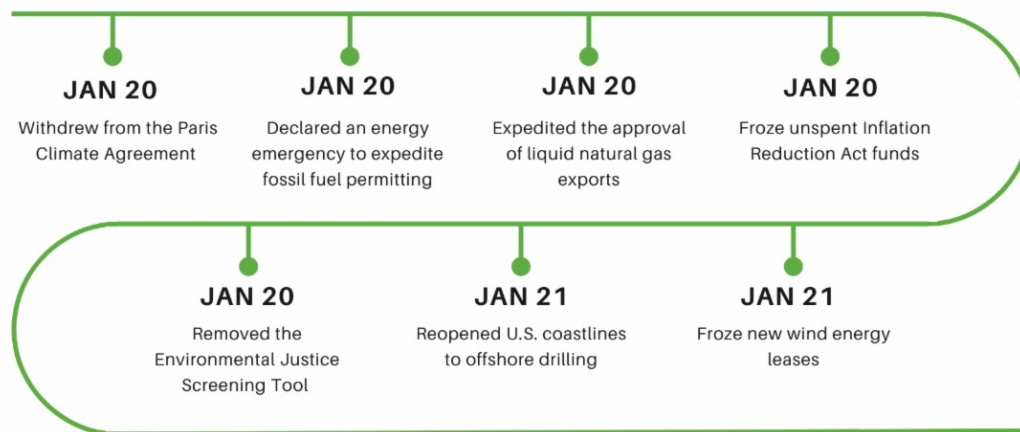
In celebration of Earth Month, we're bringing you a diverse range of content, starting by setting the stage for what's to come. We'll begin by exploring the impact of the new administration on renewable energy and climate change. Each week

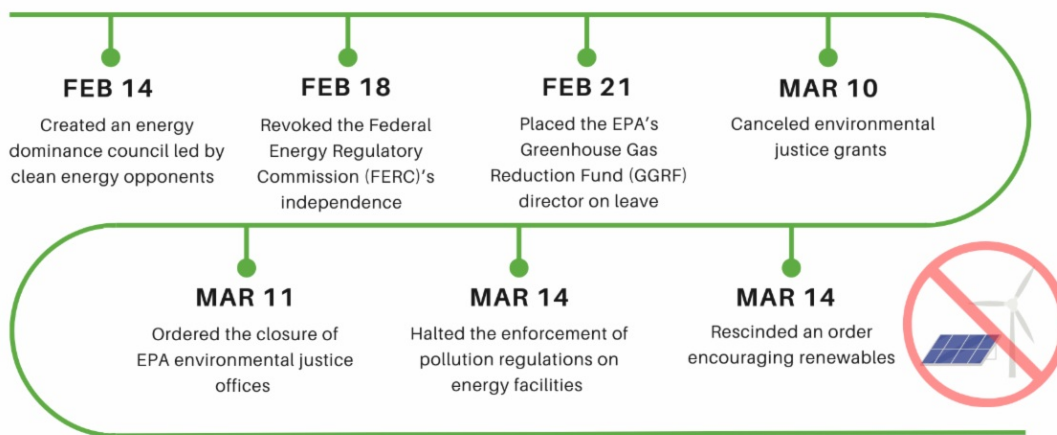
following, we'll dive into the progress being made across the private sector, public sector, and within our PA community. On April 9, we'll be hosting a Market Update/Town Hall for our members, and will also be featuring interviews with organizations that are driving the clean energy movement forward. Stay tuned for all the exciting Earth Month content we have lined up!

Federal Energy Policy Tracker

A lot is happening at the federal level. To keep our membership updated, we're tracking key national energy updates. The federal government has thus far focused on expanding fossil fuel development, stunting clean energy development, and abandoning environmental justice policies. Here is a snapshot of the federal changes impacting climate and clean energy progress:

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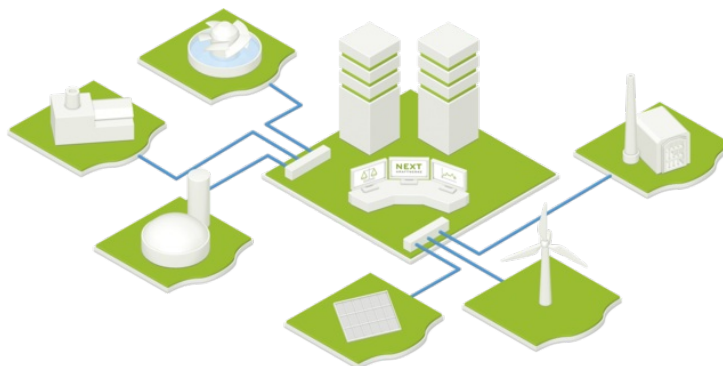


Office of Sustainability Climate Resistance Plan

The Philadelphia Office of Sustainability is employing a citywide engagement strategy led by residents and local leaders to update its [Climate Resistance Plan](#).

Renewable Energy Classroom: VPPs

Virtual Power Plants (VPPs) are decentralized networks of distributed energy resources (DERs) such as solar panels, battery storage, and demand response systems. These resources are aggregated and managed collectively to provide grid services, enhance reliability, and optimize energy use. VPPs can be deployed quickly, unlike traditional power generation, and offer significant cost savings by avoiding large infrastructure investments.



Across the U.S., VPPs are gaining traction, with 105 policy actions in 2024 across 38 states. Notably, states like Colorado, Maryland, and California are integrating VPPs into utility plans, and significant programs are underway in places like Minnesota and North Carolina. As the nation faces growing electricity demand and aging infrastructure, VPPs are seen as a flexible, efficient solution to meeting future energy needs. For more on VPPs, check out [this article](#) on Utility Dive.

Upcoming Events!

Check out our upcoming events below! Also, be on the look out for details on a

Market Update/Town Hall

Register below for our Market Update/Town Hall on **Wednesday, April 9, 2025 from 1pm-2pm** as members of The Energy Co-op staff take you through the current state of the energy market, discuss what to expect in the coming months, and answer your energy questions.

[Register here!](#)

Energy Coordinating Agency Event

Join us **Tuesday, May 6, 2025 from 5:30pm-7pm** at ECA to learn more about their energy efficiency audit, services and training programs, plus a walkthrough of their facility!

[RSVP Here!](#)

Member Survey Reminder

Thank you to all who have opted to take our member survey and enter our raffle! As a reminder, the survey is completely optional and we are committed to protecting member privacy, with all responses remaining anonymous and never shared with external parties. The insights we gather from these surveys help us in many ways such as ensuring services and programs are inclusive and accessible, tailoring communications to meet the specific needs of different groups, and assessing member satisfaction across demographics to improve products, services, and communication. To take the survey, [click here!](#)

What We're Reading

[Climate Change Progress](#)

Sheila Hu, *NRDC*

[Clean Energy Advocates Can Call Trump's Bluff on His Pledge to "Unleash American Energy Dominance"](#)

Danielle Deiseroth, *Data For Progress*

[CONSUMER ALERT: Utility Scam Calls Spoofing PUC Phone Number](#)

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