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Energy Efficiency After COVID-19



DC Sustainable Energy Utility Goals

Electricity Savings



Gas Savings



Green Jobs



Local Economic Development



Low-Income Spending & Savings



Renewables





Context for COVID-19

Impact on Energy Efficiency

- Forced government shutdowns
- Access to properties
- Access to capital
- Energy use patterns shift
- Overseas supply chains for equipment

Benefits of Energy Efficiency

- Increased employment
- Lower energy, operating, and maintenance costs
- Sustained achievement of GHG goals



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2019 DCSEU Workforce
Development Program
Graduate

Consequences

- Greater unemployment
 - Solar industry 17%
 - 400,000+ jobs lost in energy efficiency
 - 2,700 clean energy jobs lost in DC in March/April
- Potential retreat from Clean Energy goals
- Building Energy Performance
 Standards coming will building owners have tenants?

Los Angeles Times

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

Climate change is looming. But America has lost 600,000 clean energy jobs

USTAINABLE ENERGY

'Clean energy' job losses in the U.S. continue to climb as the coronavirus hits the sector hard

POLITICO

ENERGY

Pandemic costs clean energy sector nearly 600,000 jobs

Companies cut 447,200 clean energy jobs in April, more than triple the number it lost in March.



Regarding Buildings, Grid Modernization and Recovery for Greater DC, we must first address making energy efficiency a tool in the recovery from COVID-19.