



Industry for Energy Efficiency Meeting

September 14-15, 2026

Orange County Convention Center
9800 International Drive
Orlando, Florida

“Industrial Energy Management in Action: From the Essentials to New Frontiers”

AGENDA

Join us for the 2026 Industry for Energy Efficiency Meeting, where leading industrial energy managers will come together for a day-and-a-half to explore both fundamental and advanced energy management strategies through sector-focused discussions and interactive sessions. Attendees will gain practical insights from peer case studies, expert panels, and hands-on “Tech Jam” exchanges, while building connections across industries. From developing robust programs to leveraging tools, tax credits, and emerging technologies, this event offers valuable takeaways for every stage of your energy management journey.

Schedule At-A-Glance

Monday, September 14, 2026, 11:30 am – 8 pm

- Introductory Networking Lunch (11:30 am) in W222B
- Industry Sector Meetings (12:45 pm – 4:45 pm) in W224FGH
- Evening Networking Event (5:30 pm – 8 pm; included in registration fee)

Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 8:30 am – 4:15 pm

- Presentations & Discussion Sessions in W224GH

Wednesday, September 16 – Friday, September 18, 2026

- AEE World

[Register](#) for the IEE Meeting, AEE World, or the full week of industrial energy management!

Monday, September 14, 2026 – Lunch, Sector Meetings & Networking Reception

11:30 am – Registration and Welcome Lunch

12:40 pm Lunch and attendee introductions (Room W222B)

12:45 – Industry Sector Meetings (Rooms W224 F, G, & H)

4:45 pm Sector meetings bring together peers within manufacturing industries to discuss pressing challenges faced today. Participants share experiences, exchange practical solutions, and learn directly from one another. Meetings foster non-confidential, honest dialogue, spark new ideas, and build connections that extend beyond the meeting. Companies from other manufacturing sectors are welcome to attend any sector meeting during off time.

Agendas for industry sector meetings are included in Appendix.

5:30 – 8:00 Evening Networking Event

pm This will be hosted at a restaurant nearby (details distributed to registered attendees). A dinner buffet and beverages are included in the registration.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 – Presentations and Discussion Sessions

8:30 am Welcome (10 min, Room W224GH)

- Dee Spolarics, Volvo
- Betsy Dutrow, retired from EPA

8:40 am What Makes a Good Energy Management Program? (60 min)

From developing a compelling business case and securing executive buy-in to structuring the program, engaging the right cross-functional teams, and maintaining momentum over time, speakers in this session will share practical strategies and real-world insights from their experiences in building and sustaining solid energy management programs.

- Vision, mission, executive buy-in, building a program
 - Sharon Nolen, retired from Eastman
- Using teams
 - Tracy Fialli, RTX
- Reporting up and management awareness
 - Brad Runda, CEM, retired from Southwire

9:40 am Tech Jam: Tools and Tricks for Making Your Job Easier (40 min)

Tech Jam is an interactive, fast-paced session where attendees share the tools, dashboards, A3s, and software that make their work easier and more effective. This is a chance to showcase practical solutions, exchange ideas, and discover new ways to streamline energy management efforts.

10:20 am NETWORKING BREAK (25 min, Room W222B)

10:45 am Report-outs from Monday's Industry Sector Meetings (20 min)

This session gives attendees a broader perspective across industry as groups highlight key insights and takeaways from the sector meetings, with representatives sharing challenges, emerging trends, and innovative solutions discussed within their groups. It's an opportunity to connect the dots, spark new ideas, and bring valuable insights back to your own organization.

- A representative from each session will provide a brief reflection on key topics discussed on Monday.

- 11:05 am Submetering – why you need it and how to fund it (25 min)
- As operations embrace AI, data is more important than ever. Submeters are critical data-collection tools for energy management. A panel of speakers will share real-world approaches for building the business case, securing approval, and demonstrating the value of improved data visibility.
- James Chadwick, Georgia-Pacific
 - Steve Duong, Nissan
- 11:30 am Why Pay Attention to Demand & How to Get Paid for It (30 min)
- Managing energy demand is a critical yet often overlooked component of an effective energy strategy. Presenter will share practical approaches for identifying opportunities, optimizing demand, and getting paid for smart energy management decisions.
- Dave Chamberlain, RTX
- 12:00 pm NETWORKING LUNCH (60 min, Room W222B)
- 1:00 pm Evaluating Incentives (35 min)
- This session will look at how industrial organizations study integration of incentives to support their operations. Attendees will gain insights into sourcing strategies, financial considerations, and real-world experiences navigating the incentives landscape.
- Bill Jerald, CalPortland
- 1:35 pm Enhancing Energy Efficiency with Smart Plant Infrastructure (20 min)
- Integrating plant systems with real-time electrical grid cost data can reduce utility costs. The speaker will discuss use of advanced automation and controls to permit dynamic adjustment of a plant's electrical load.
- BenPaul Gilmore, Lockheed Martin
- 1:55 pm Preparing for AI (20 min)
- The first step to AI is preparation and good data. Learn how Flint Hills is moving forward in its journey toward the use of AI.
- Chip Hilarides, Flint Hills Resources
- 2:15 pm NETWORKING BREAK (20 min, Room W222B)

- 2:35 pm Advancing Sustainability in Capital Project Delivery (25 min)
- Amgen's 2027 Ambition sets the most aggressive sustainability targets to date. This presentation looks at how sustainability can be applied in the delivery of capital projects through design standards, equipment selection and utility strategy.
- Aun Hasnain, Amgen
- 3:00 pm Retro-commissioning and Ongoing Commissioning (20 min)
- Retro-Commissioning (RCx) and Ongoing Commissioning (CCx) are effective strategies for improving building performance and reducing energy use. Attendees will learn the differences between one-time assessment (RCx) and ongoing optimization (CCx) approaches, and how each can deliver value.
- Kyle Corona and Nick Daciuk, BAE Systems
- 3:20 pm Tools to Use Now (50 min)
- This session will highlight key tools and resources that can support industrial energy management efforts.
- Betsy Dutrow, retired from EPA
 - Tom Wenning, ORNL
- 4:10 pm Closing Remarks
- Betsy Dutrow, retired from EPA

APPENDIX: Industry Sector Meeting Agendas, September 14, 2026

SESSION ONE: 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

Asphalt Pavement (Room W224G)

Moderator: Mike Younis; Jean-Paul Fort, NAPA

- Welcome & Introductions
- Round Robin
 - Companies share past year's progress in energy management and related activities. All are encouraged to discuss successes and challenges.
- Special discussion topic: tools and assistance for energy savings in plants
- Future topics for discussion

Motor Vehicles (Room W224F)

Moderator: Betsy Dutrow; Dee Spolarics, Volvo

- Welcome & Introductions
- Round Robin
 - Companies share past year's progress in energy management and related activities. All are encouraged to discuss successes and challenges.
- Discussion topic: new energy technologies under study & tools to help with energy management
- Future topics for discussion

Open Discussion (Room W224H)

Moderator: Brad Runda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Companies are encouraged to come with one thought to discuss: a success, a challenge, or something else.
- This session is literally what you make it! There's no set agenda: all we ask is that each participant come with one thought to discuss. Maybe it's a new problem or management directive you've encountered and want help brainstorming solutions.

Maybe it's a new project or behavior you've adopted and want to show off how creative your team has been. Ideas spark discussion; discussion sparks more ideas.

SESSION TWO: 2:05 pm – 3:20 pm

Consumables and Containers (Room W224G)

(Food, Distilling, Corn Refining, Pharmaceuticals, and Glass Containers)

Moderator: Betsy Dutrow (supported by Sharon Nolen, Brad Runda, and Mike Younis)

- Welcome & Introductions
- Round Robin
 - Companies share past year's progress in energy management and related activities. All are encouraged to discuss successes and challenges.
- Special discussion topic: technical assistance available from DOE
- Future topics for discussion

General Session: Discussion on Successes and Challenges for Any Sector (Room W224F)

Moderator: Bill Allemon, Constellium

- Welcome & Introductions
- Round Robin
 - Companies share past year's progress in energy management and related activities. All are encouraged to discuss successes and challenges.
- Topics for discussion

SESSION THREE: 3:25 pm – 4:45 pm

Aerospace (Room W224F)

Moderator: Dave Chamberlain, RTX

- Welcome & Introductions
- Round Robin
 - Companies share past year's progress in energy management and related activities. All are encouraged to discuss successes and challenges.
- Special discussion topic: Monthly topics/presenters for the remainder of 2026
- Future topics for discussion

Cement (Room W224G)

Moderator: Betsy Dutrow

- Welcome & Introductions
- Round Robin
 - Companies share past year's progress in energy management and related activities. All are encouraged to discuss successes and challenges.
- Discussion: results of benchmarking exercise, success strategies for managing energy in grinding mills
- Future topics for discussion

Chemicals & Refining (Room W224H)

Moderator: Sharon Nolen; Mike Younis

- Welcome & Introductions
- Round Robin
 - Companies share past year's progress in energy management and related activities. All are encouraged to discuss successes and challenges.
- Special discussion topic: how do you justify the cost of converting an existing steam turbine drive to an electric motor drive with either a variable frequency drive or magnetic clutch?
- Future topics for discussion