



BUILDING POLICY TEAM

EXPERTISE • COLLABORATION • RESULTS



MEEA's building policy team helps communities adopt and implement common-sense building energy code and benchmarking policies.

With over 50 years of combined experience in the building industry, our technical experts and policy advocates are helping cities & states decrease energy usage, save money and reduce emissions.

WHAT WE DO

ENERGY CODES

- Educate policymakers and building professionals to encourage code adoption that meets state & local needs
- Ensure compliance through focused research and effective training
- Participate in the development of the residential and commercial national model codes

BENCHMARKING

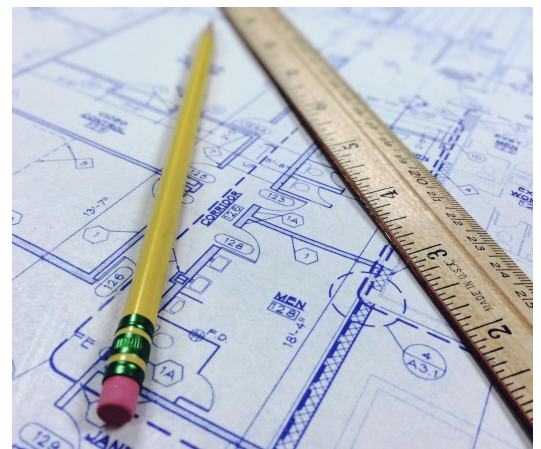
- Provide technical expertise for ordinance adoption and implementation
- Facilitate free trainings to help track and reduce energy use
- Actively engage jurisdictions and municipalities to encourage streamlined data access

RESEARCH

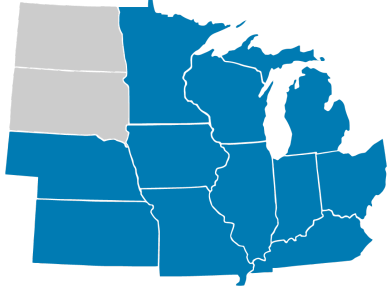
- Gather data on cost-effectiveness, emissions and energy usage
- Analyze data to understand industry trends, identify best practices and make informed recommendations
- Conduct assessments of state energy code compliance

NETWORKING

- Coordinate state-level working groups and collaboratives
- Connect decision-makers and technical experts
- Host an annual conference focused on building energy policy to connect and inform stakeholders in the industry



OUR IMPACT



States where MEEA has helped improve building policy



WHAT CODES CONFERENCE ATTENDEES SAY

"I liked having some really knowledgeable professionals in the room who were willing to engage each other on alternative approaches and understandings"

"Small group, but big reach."

"Fresh information, useful and much appreciated"

Since 2009, building energy codes have saved the Midwest:



\$3.4 billion on utility bills
211 million MMBTUs of energy
24 million tons of CO₂e



STATE SPOTLIGHT: ILLINOIS

- **Outreach:** Our team strengthened existing relationships and forged new partnerships with local leaders and building professionals to highlight the myriad benefits of strong building energy codes
- **Adoption:** We served as a key technical resource and leader in assisting during the statewide adoption of the 2018 model energy code.
- **Research & Compliance:** MEEA conducted new research related to the commercial energy code in existing buildings and is currently managing a statewide residential and commercial baseline study to understand code compliance levels.
- **Benchmarking:** We continued to assist the City of Chicago and City of Evanston during the implementation of their benchmarking ordinances.

MEET THE TEAM



Chris Burgess
Building Program Director

Licensed architect & veteran of the building industry



Alison Lindburg
Building Policy Manager

Green building innovator with 15 years' experience



Nicole Westfall
Sr. Building Policy Associate

Versatile advocate with expertise in health and energy codes



Crystal Egelkamp
Building Policy Associate

Versatile advocate with experience in benchmarking and energy planning