

VACo Energy Steering Committee

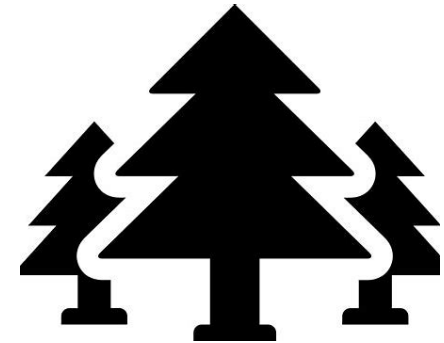
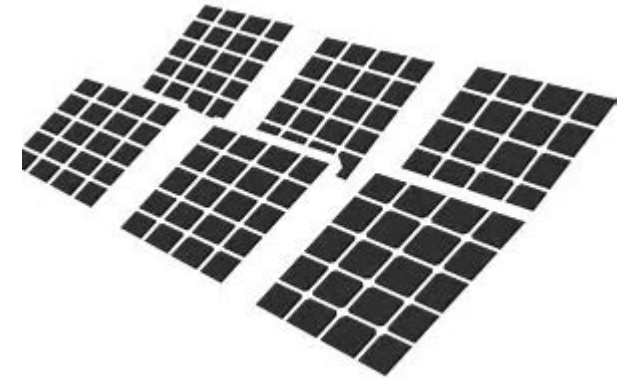
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Update on 2022 General Assembly Actions



2022 Virginia General Assembly Review

- **Partial tax exemption for smaller utility-scale solar projects** – Applies to facilities equal to or less than 5 Megawatts (MW) in generation capacity. Prior to July 1, 2022, state mandated 100% exemption from local taxation for such facilities.
- **Addressing impacts to farm and forest land through DEQ PBR process for solar facilities** - Does not apply to any applications received by DEQ prior to the adoption of regulations to incorporate the additional analysis of impacts to farm and forestlands, or by December 31, 2024, whichever comes first.

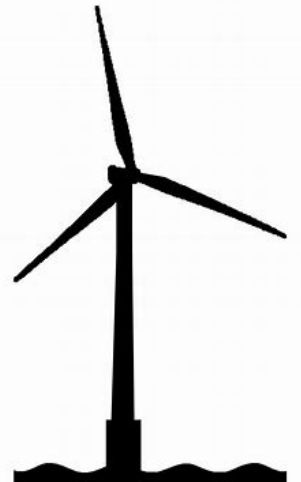
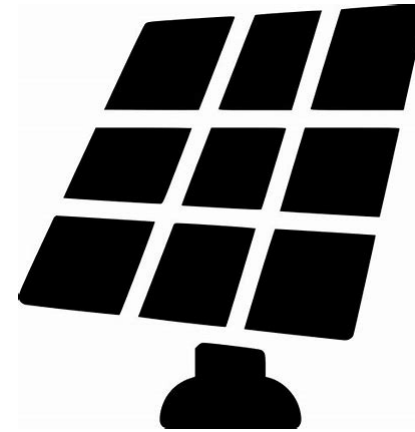
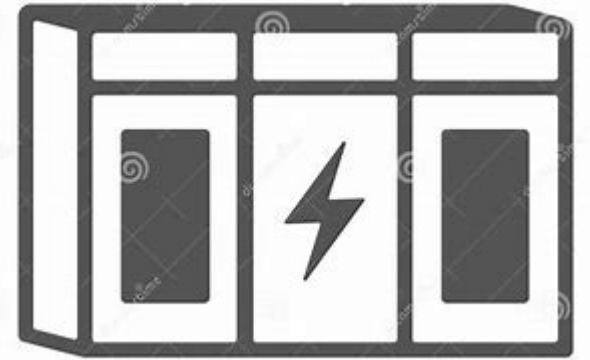


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SCC Study on Life Cycle of Renewable Energy and Battery Storage Facilities – SCC to establish a task force to assess ...

- feasibility, costs, recycling and salvage opportunities, waste strategies, and liability for the decommissioning of materials;
- potential impacts of underground infrastructure post-decommissioning;
- potential impacts of the life cycle on farming, forestry, and sensitive wetlands; and
- potential beneficial economic impact of solar, wind, and battery storage development.

Report due May 1, 2023



2022 Virginia General Assembly Review (cont.)

Virginia Cooperative Extension – Solar Related Resources

- Develop a map or repository of prime farmland in consultation with VDACS, VDOF, DCR and Virginia Department of Energy;
- Enter into agreements with private nonprofit groups for the purpose of gathering additional data to identify land with conservation easements or agricultural potential and land that would be more suitable for development with solar energy collection devices or energy storage devices; and
- Work with Dominion Energy and Appalachian Power to identify relevant distribution and transmission grid information to assist localities in siting determinations regarding solar energy collection devices or energy storage devices. (Such information shall not be subject to the disclosure requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act).

2022 Virginia General Assembly Review (cont.)

Rooftop Solar – Mandatory Local Tax Exemption

- Any solar installation on a roof of a residential building, or structure on agricultural zoned property, serving the electricity needs of the property shall be exempt from local real estate tax;
- The exemption only applies to solar facilities with a generating capacity of 25 kilowatts (kW) or less;
- The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2023.

