

Governor Abigail Spanberger to Deliver Keynote Remarks at 2026 Virginia Clean Energy Summit

Governor's remarks to be followed by a discussion with administration officials on the Virginia Energy Plan

RICHMOND, Va. — October 1, 2026 — The Virginia Alliance for Clean Energy (VACE) is pleased to announce that Governor Abigail Spanberger will deliver keynote remarks at the 2026 Virginia Clean Energy Summit (VACES), taking place October 7–8 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia.

Governor Spanberger will address Summit attendees on Thursday, October 8, one week after the release of the [2026 Virginia Energy Plan](#) – a roadmap for an affordable, reliable, and local clean energy future. Later in the day, Secretary of Commerce and Trade Carrie Chenery, Chief Energy Officer Josephus Allmond, and Virginia Department of Energy Director Vince Maiden will offer attendees a firsthand look at the plan and what it means for our communities, economy, and environment.

“Virginia is at an important moment in determining how we meet growing energy demand while balancing affordability, reliability, economic development, and our long-term energy goals,” said Blayne Barras, Executive Director of the Virginia Alliance for Clean Energy. “We are honored to welcome Governor Spanberger to VACES and to provide our attendees with the opportunity to hear directly from the Governor and her administration about the future of energy in Virginia.”

“Since day one, my administration has made affordability, economic growth, and a reliable, clean energy future a top priority,” **said Governor Abigail Spanberger**. “The 2026 Virginia Energy Plan will advance that commitment with a clear, practical strategy designed to help families thrive and businesses grow while safeguarding the natural resources that sustain our communities. I look forward to sharing that vision at the Virginia Clean Energy Summit and working with the leaders gathered there as we move from developing this plan to putting it into action.”

Now in its eighth year, the Virginia Clean Energy Summit brings together leaders from across Virginia’s energy industry, government, utilities, businesses, nonprofits, academia, and other stakeholder groups for two days of education, collaboration, and discussion.

VACES is designed to bring diverse perspectives together in one room to advance informed conversations about Virginia’s energy future. Through keynote addresses, panel discussions, educational sessions, networking opportunities, and an exhibit hall featuring organizations from across the energy sector, the Summit provides a forum for stakeholders to exchange ideas and better understand the opportunities and challenges facing the Commonwealth.

The 2026 Virginia Clean Energy Summit will take place October 7–8, 2026, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia.

Additional information about the Summit, including registration, the agenda, confirmed speakers, and sponsorship opportunities, is available at the Virginia Clean Energy Summit [website](#).

About the Virginia Alliance for Clean Energy

The Virginia Alliance for Clean Energy (VACE) is a statewide, membership-based organization dedicated to advancing Virginia's clean energy industry through education, collaboration, and stakeholder engagement. VACE serves as a broad-based convener for organizations and professionals representing Virginia's diverse and evolving energy landscape.

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