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# Business & Technology Update

## New Resources and Engagement Opportunities

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### AI Use Case Survey for Co-ops

NRECA is inviting cooperatives to fill out a short survey on their AI use cases currently planned or deployed at their organizations. With this information, we will provide reporting to share knowledge with the co-op community and gain valuable insights to guide the development of new tools and resources for our members. Find the survey link below. Also visit our [AI topic website](#) for more resources, including a new [NRECA Legal Reporting Services editorial on AI Policy](#).

[Survey Link](#)

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### Cleaning Heat Recovery Steam Generators

A heat recovery steam generator (HRSG) is a heat exchanger in a combined-cycle natural gas power plant that captures heat from the gas turbine's exhaust and uses it to generate additional electricity. HRSG performance plays a crucial role in the overall efficiency and output of combined-cycle plants. An important part of maximizing combined-cycle plant performance involves maintaining clean, efficient heat-transfer surfaces in HRSGs. This new Surveillance article discusses HRSG cleaning methods, the industry trends that are increasing the importance of cleaning strategies, and considerations when selecting a cleaning approach.

[Article](#)

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### Strengthen Your Cyber Readiness

Last call for “Liberty Eclipse,” the U.S. Department of Energy’s annual full-scale cybersecurity exercise. This year, DOE is offering its first ever “co-op week” exercise specific to co-ops and municipal energy companies on **September 29 – October 2**. Contact our NRECA cybersecurity team at [membersecurity@nreca.coop](mailto:membersecurity@nreca.coop) for information on signing up.

Also, during Cybersecurity Awareness Month, NRECA has two free webinars to help electric cooperatives stay ahead of evolving cyber threats:

### **Demystifying Information Sharing – October 1 at 2-3 p.m. ET**

In this joint webinar from NRECA and the E-ISAC, learn why information sharing is critical to electric cooperative cybersecurity. Walk away with practical guidance you can use to improve your co-op's cyber posture, including what information to share, and how and when to share it.

[Register](#)

### **Guardian: Under Siege "Cold Call" – October 15 at 1-3:30 p.m. ET**

In this facilitated cybersecurity tabletop exercise (TTX) for electric cooperatives, you will be guided through a realistic cyber incident with decision-driven conversation. This interactive event will allow you to actively work through a cybersecurity scenario in real time, as you would in your own co-op environment.

[Register](#)

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## **Large Loads Learning Hub New Resource on Data Center Tax and Capital Credit Considerations**

NRECA's Large Loads and Data Centers Learning Hub is a central location for resources to guide co-ops on key areas pertaining to the challenges and opportunities around serving large loads. The information is intended as a knowledge toolkit to provide a sound decision framework on serving large loads. Key topic areas are highlighted, as well as listings of related publications. New to the site is an editorial from NRECA's Legal Reporting Service on [Data Center Tax and Capital Credit Considerations](#). Visit our website to learn more.

[Learning Hub Website](#)

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## **DOE Energy Fellows Opportunity**

The U.S. Department of Energy is encouraging rural electric cooperatives to participate in its [Energy Innovator Fellowship](#) program, which matches host institutions nationwide with fellows seeking to advance energy projects. To date, 20 electric cooperatives have participated in the program. Selected hosts will be connected with a pool of qualified recent graduates and energy professionals and have the opportunity to select the best candidate for their project. DOE will provide a stipend for fellows. **The deadline to apply is 3 p.m. ET on October 2.** Rural cooperatives are encouraged to submit a project for consideration within scope of the EIF program's [2026 Topics of Interest](#). The fellow candidate application is expected to open in December with fellows onboarding with their hosts in June 2027.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

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## **2026 NDS Report With More Compensation Data Than Ever Before**

Nearly 6,000 data points from IRS Form 990 filings and direct co-op responses make the 2026 National Directors Survey report the most comprehensive benchmark for board compensation to date and a trusted resource for board governance practices. Purchase the NDS report to make confident, defensible decisions for your board. Compare your co-op with others of similar size or by region.

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