

## Mission:

To establish ASHRAE as a leading source for expertise in the built environment and a resource for policy-makers in the development of legislation and regulations affecting the public, the HVAC&R community, and the engineering profession.

## Government Affairs Update

To connect ASHRAE members and others interested in the built environment with activities within Congress, Federal agencies, and state governments, the Washington office has developed Government Affairs Updates. News and notes on the most recent public policy activities are delivered bi-weekly to your e-mail address. Subscribe today at <http://www.ashrae.org/GAupdate>.

## Letters and Testimony

ASHRAE Government Affairs staff regularly tracks activities within Congress and Federal agencies that are of importance to ASHRAE members. When warranted, letters and testimony are prepared to express ASHRAE's stance on a particular issue. Copies of recent letters are available at <http://www.ashrae.org/advocacy/page/1348>.

Recent topics include:

- National Energy Policy
- Building Energy Codes and Standards
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education
- Federal agency funding
- High-Performance Green Buildings
- Incentives for Energy Efficiency

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## Public Policy Issue Briefs

To translate ASHRAE's positions and activities into easily understood and communicated concepts, the Washington office—with input from ASHRAE's advocacy committee—has developed a series of issue briefs. These fact sheets are distributed to government officials and others with limited technical expertise, but who would benefit from information regarding ASHRAE and its activities. Copies of the briefs are available at <http://www.ashrae.org/advocacy/page/1348>.

### Current briefs include:

- Energy Efficiency for Buildings and HVAC&R Equipment
- Climate Change and Building Energy Efficiency
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education & Competitiveness
- Research and Development Needs to Meet National Goals
- Consensus Standards: Expert Solutions to Meet National Needs



## Congressional Briefings

To inform Members of Congress and congressional staff on topics of interest to ASHRAE members and the engineering community, ASHRAE holds periodic briefings on Capitol Hill. Information on past and future briefings is available at <http://www.ashrae.org/advocacy/page/1253>.

## ASHRAE Washington Fellowship

The ASHRAE Washington Fellowship program enables a selected ASHRAE member to devote a year working within a government office providing engineering and technical advice to policy makers in Congress, a Federal Agency, or the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. This Fellowship is geared to establish and nurture critical links between federal decision-makers and engineering professionals to support public policy that benefits the well-being of the nation and the planet.

ASHRAE's Washington Fellowship provides a valuable public service to the nation while at the same time providing engineers with a unique opportunity to participate directly in the policy making process. This is an exciting, rewarding, and educational period in their professional careers. This enriching experience enables Fellows to bring back to their



employers an insider's perspective on government decision making that can contribute significantly to the mission and vision of the organization.

Fellowship applications are due May 1. Additional information is available at <http://www.ashrae.org/advocacy/page/1227> or by contacting Doug Read, Program Director of Government Affairs, [dread@ashrae.org](mailto:dread@ashrae.org).

## Washington Internship for Students of Engineering (WISE)

The WISE program brings outstanding engineering students entering their final year of study to Washington to learn how government officials make decisions on complex technological issues and how engineers can contribute to legislative and regulatory public policy decisions. Its goal is to groom future leaders of the engineering profession who are aware of and can contribute to the important intersections of technology and public policy.

During the nine week program students examine a public policy issue of concern to ASHRAE and prepare a research paper to address the problem. Meetings also are scheduled with prominent participants in the public policy process. Applications for ASHRAE's WISE internship are due December 31. Details are available at <http://www.wise-intern.org> or by contacting Ryan Colker, Manager of Government Affairs at [rcolker@ashrae.org](mailto:rcolker@ashrae.org).

