

The Clean Heat Standard

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Climate Change Laws & Policies in MA

A Clean Heat Standard as the Next Step

- 2008 Global Warming Solutions Act
 - 2008 Green Communities Act
 - 2021 Next Generation Climate Law
 - 2022 Clean Energy & Climate Plan
 - Commission on Clean Heat
- ❖ **Goal: Convert all fossil-fueled homes and businesses to electric heat pumps.**



MassDEP Clean Heat Standard (CHS)

- MEMA has been tracking a potential CHS since it was first proposed in **late 2020** in former Gov. Baker's Interim Clean Energy & Climate Plan (CECP).
- The CHS was cited in Baker's **final 2022 CECP**.
- 2022 **Commission on Clean Heat Final Report** cites a CHS as a pathway for reducing carbon emissions in the thermal sector.
- Charlie Uglietto chaired the Commission's work group on the CHS, but **his group recommended a different framework** for a CHS versus MassDEP's current framework.

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- MEMA has been fully engaged in this priority issue since MassDEP issued discussion documents in April.
- **Total of 6 lobbyists working on the CHS:**
 - ❖ Michael Ferrante: MEMA-MA
 - ❖ Bob White: MEMA-MA contract lobbyist
 - ❖ Steve Dodge: Clean Fuels Alliance of America
 - ❖ Two lobbyists employed by two MEMA Board members
 - ❖ Bill Malloy: Propane Gas Association of NE

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- Rallied the industry to issue written comments to MassDEP on CHS "**discussion**" documents back in April.
- Participated in all virtual MassDEP meetings on the CHS.
- **Testified before state lawmakers** on the elements of a CHS and separate CHS legislation.
- Using **Voter Voice & Project Carbon Freedom** to educate lawmakers and heating oil and propane customers on a CHS.
- Met twice with **Governor Maura Healey** to voice industry concerns.
- Met with **Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll**.

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- Steve Dodge spoke with **Energy & Environmental Secretary Rebecca Tepper** to voice concerns.
- Wholesalers **Global & Sprague** have been fully engaged.
- Met with **Beacon Hill lawmakers** on the CHS including Senate President Karen Spilka (D), House Majority Leader Michael Moran (D), Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R), Senator William Brownsberger (D), and Senator Patrick O'Connor (R).
- **Letter sent to MassDEP on 8/30/23 signed by all MEMA Board members.**
- **Letter sent to MassDEP by 4 former members of Commission on Clean Heat.**

Key Concerns: Clean Heat Standard

- Possible mandate on reducing customer base by **3% annually**
- Retail & wholesale fuel supply **reporting requirements**
- **Securing & expanding** biodiesel/biofuel feedstock eligibility
- **Scoring** the carbon intensity of fuels
- Scoring the **electric grid**
- The **GREET** model
- **Credit structure:** LCFS or “yardstick”



MEMA Priorities for 2023-2024

Awaiting **straw proposal** of the Clean Heat Standard regulation from MassDEP.

Ongoing **legislative activity**.

Launch **EnergyChoiceMass.com** to engage & educate the general public and heating oil & propane customers on electrification & the Clean Heat Standard.

The Energy Efficiency Advisory Council and development of the **next 3-year plan for Mass Save** (2025 through 2027).



Thank you for
attending SNEEC.

- **Questions**

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