



NECA ALASKA CHAPTER

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors & Membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at NECA. The Board will meet at 4:30pm with the Membership meeting following at 5:00pm.

With the end of the year and Board of Director elections coming, please make sure that we have a current Designee and Alternate form on file for you. It is important to review these each year and make changes as necessary. Current forms on file will be sent out soon.

The Chapter Office will be closed November 11, 2021, for Veteran's Day.



INSIDE WASHINGTON

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

NDAA Passes the House

On September 23, 2021, the House passed the [FY22 National Defense Authorization Act](#) (NDAA) with a 316-113 vote. The Senate will need to pass its own version of the bill, and then the two chambers will iron out the differences in the coming months at a conference committee. NECA was able to secure wins during full consideration on the House Floor for its contractors such as:

- [Pramila Jayapal's](#) (D-Wash) amendment that would direct federal agencies to initiate debarment proceedings for federal contractors with repeated or willful violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).
- [Andy Kim's](#) (D-N.J.) amendment on local hiring provisions on Military Construction projects.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/11/21

Veteran's Day

11/17/21

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

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11/25/21

Thanksgiving Day

12/04/21

Annual Board of
Directors / Membership
Meeting & Tentative
Holiday Party

12/25/21

Christmas Day

01/01/22

New Year's Day

NECA's Look Ahead: NECA commends the House on its passage of the NDAA. As the bill proceeds to the Senate for consideration, NECA Government Affairs will closely monitor which provisions remain in the bill.

Surface Transportation Extended as Infrastructure is Delayed

Last week, the House was set to consider the Senate-passed bipartisan infrastructure bill on September 30—the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#) (IIJA). The House was not able to bring the bill to the floor and government funding for surface transportation expired. On October 1, the House passed the [Surface Transportation Extension Act](#) to extend surface transportation funding until the end of October. The House now has a month to try to pass the full infrastructure package. NECA is committed to supporting long-term investment in infrastructure that is responsibly funded.

Senate Passes Debt Ceiling Increase

On September 30, the House and Senate passed a Continuing Resolution to fund the government at its current levels until December 3. Senate consideration of the [Budget Reconciliation](#) package would include a long-term debt limit provision remain in flux. Late Thursday evening, the Senate passed a short-term debt ceiling increase that is now headed to the House for consideration. NECA will continue to monitor both the debt ceiling and government funding in the coming weeks.



NECAPAC

NECAPAC encourages members to utilize secure online donations to ensure safe delivery of contributions. If you have never made an online contribution and would like to utilize this feature, please contact Hadlea Bothe at Hadlea.Bothe@necanet.org or 240-800-5004 for assistance in creating an online NECAPAC profile. You can also let the Chapter know and we can assist.

If you would like to contribute to NECAPAC for 2021, you can do so by [clicking here](#), asking the Chapter for a NECAPAC personal or corporate contribution form, or pick one up at the Chapter. They are also available on the [Chapter's website](#).

If you wish to mail in your NECAPAC contributions, please send to NECA's Capitol Hill office at: NECAPAC- 1201 Pennsylvania Ave. NW - Washington, DC 20004

You can check out NECA's take on key industry issues [here](#).



NECAEVENTS

EVENT UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

Registration is now open for the MEP Innovation Conference!

Three industry-leading trade associations will join forces for this technology-focused conference! MCAA * NECA * SMACNA

A three-day event known as the best technology conference for mechanical, electrical, plumbing, service and sheet metal contractors, the **MEP Innovation Conference** provides educational sessions at all levels of experience, and opportunities to learn about the latest industry innovations in software, tools, and technologies. As part of the joint partnership, conference attendance is open to all members of MCAA, NECA and SMACNA and their union counterparts for the second consecutive year.

Sessions at this year's conference will be led by contractors from all three trade associations and include roundtable discussions, exhibitor demonstrations, breakout sessions and presentations. Sessions will be geared towards operation, VDC, project management, IT, estimating and safety.

The MEP Innovation Conference, January 24-26, 2022, Tampa, Florida

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SAFETYFIRST

SAFETY NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

Is Your company Prepared for OSHA's COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard?

Attend the Safety Leadership Summit to get access to:

What to Expect From OSHA Under A Biden Administration

[OSHA](#) was directed to develop a 2nd COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard requiring

employers with more than 100 employees implement “soft” vaccine mandates and requiring them to provide paid time for employees to get vaccinated and recover from any side effects of the vaccine. This session will discuss hot topics such as which employers will be covered by the rule, who will have to pay for testing and what documentation will be required.

Some Of The Burning Questions That Will Be Discussed:

- What will OSHA’s new COVID-19 emergency rule require?
- Which employers will be covered by the rule?
- Will it be employers or employees who have to pay for weekly testing of unvaccinated workers?
- How do employers count the 100 worker threshold (by establishment or company-wide, how do you count temp, part-time, and seasonal workers, does it count remote/telework staff, etc.)?
- Under a work-required vaccine program, will days away for adverse effects of the vaccine have to be recorded on employers’ 300 Logs?
- Does the rule account in any way for natural antibody immunity for employees who have been infected and recovered from COVID-19?
- What type of test will be acceptable for the testing program?
- What documentation will be required to verify vaccination and testing status, and will employers have to keep those records, as employee medical records, for the life of employment + 30 years?

How will the rule intersect with the ADA/Title VII requests for medical and religious exemptions?

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CODES AND STANDARDS NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

NFPA Releases Static Electricity Incident Review

NFPA 77, Recommended Practice on Static Electricity, provides guidance on identifying, evaluating, and controlling static electric hazards for the purpose of preventing fires and explosions. The purpose of this project is to identify, summarize, and analyze static electricity incidents from 2010 to 2020 and summarize circumstances of each incident and provide an assessment of the current provisions in NFPA 77, Recommended Practice on Static Electricity, and identify the existing knowledge gaps. Several earlier exemplary incidents are included as well as a few from 2021. This report will assist the NFPA 77

Technical Committee on Static Electricity. This project is supported and guided by a project technical panel, the **Fire Protection Research Foundation (FRPF)**.

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