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The Importance of Updating Energy Building Codes for Clean Power Plan Compliance

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Presentation Overview

- Introduction
- How Building Codes Save Energy
- Brief Overview of EE in the Clean Power Plan (CPP)
- Building Codes as a CPP Compliance Option

What is the Alliance to Save Energy?

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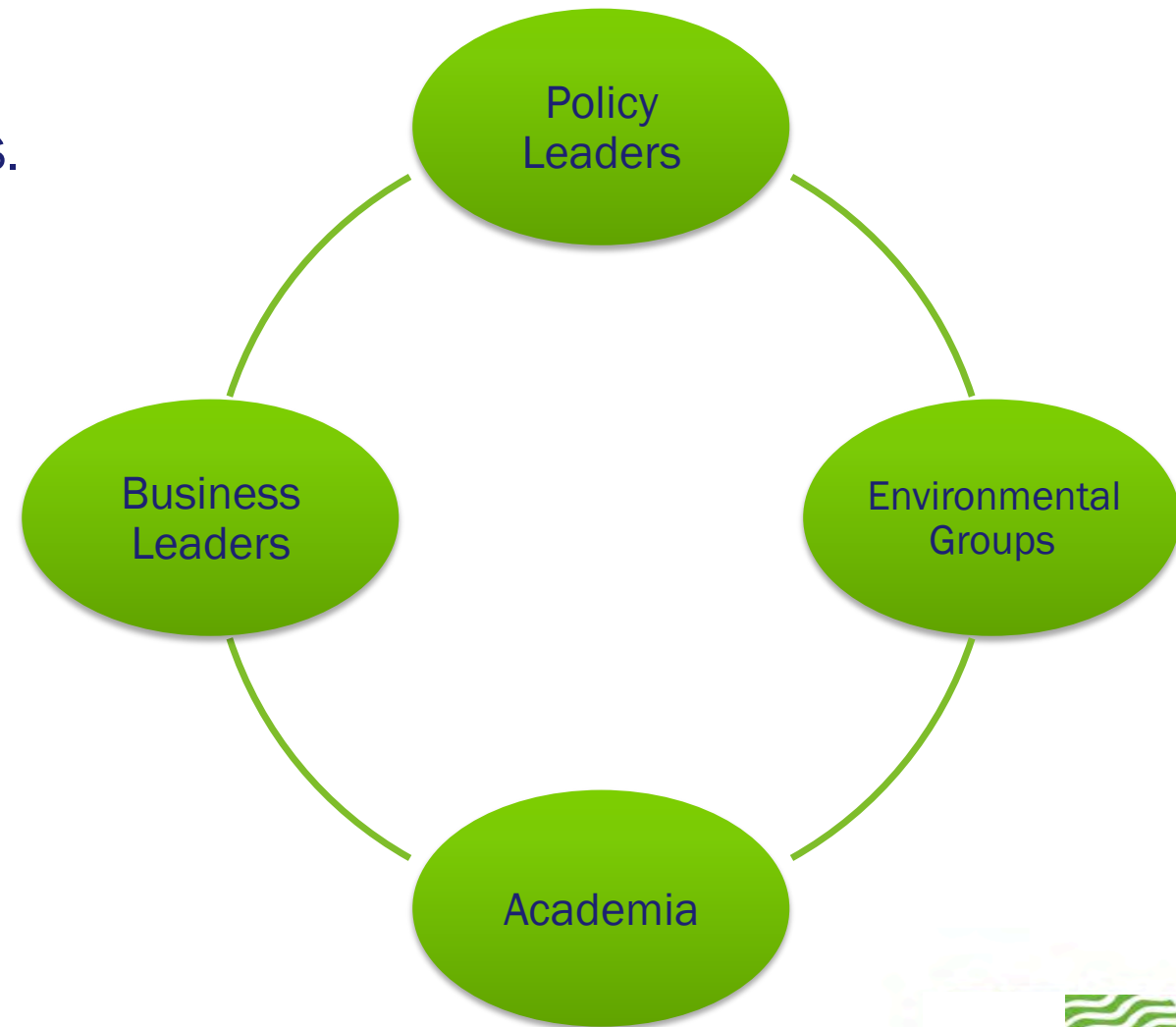
- Nonprofit organization headquartered in U.S.
- International reach

Mission:

- To promote energy efficiency worldwide to achieve a healthier economy, a cleaner environment, and greater energy security.

Organization:

- Staff of 40+ professionals
- 38 years of experience
- \$7 million annual budget
- Recognized as a premier energy efficiency organization



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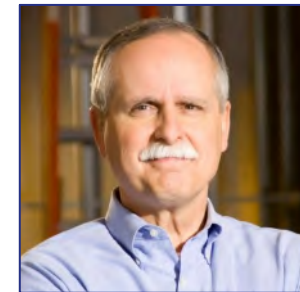
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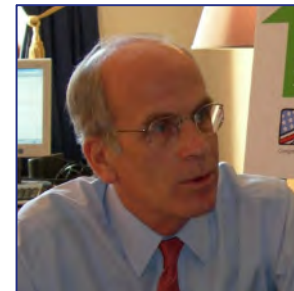
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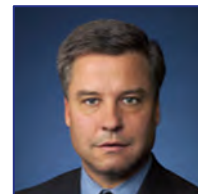
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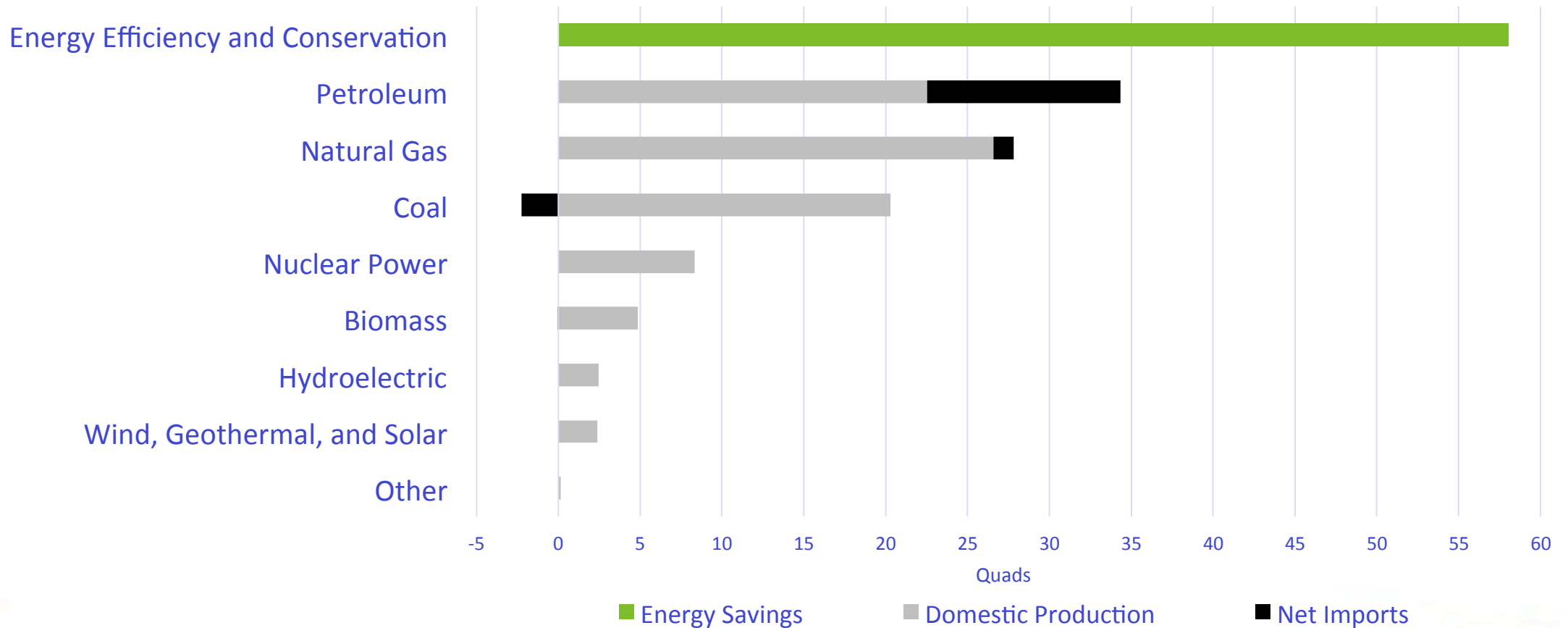
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Energy Efficiency: America's Greatest Resource

A Quiet History of Huge Success!

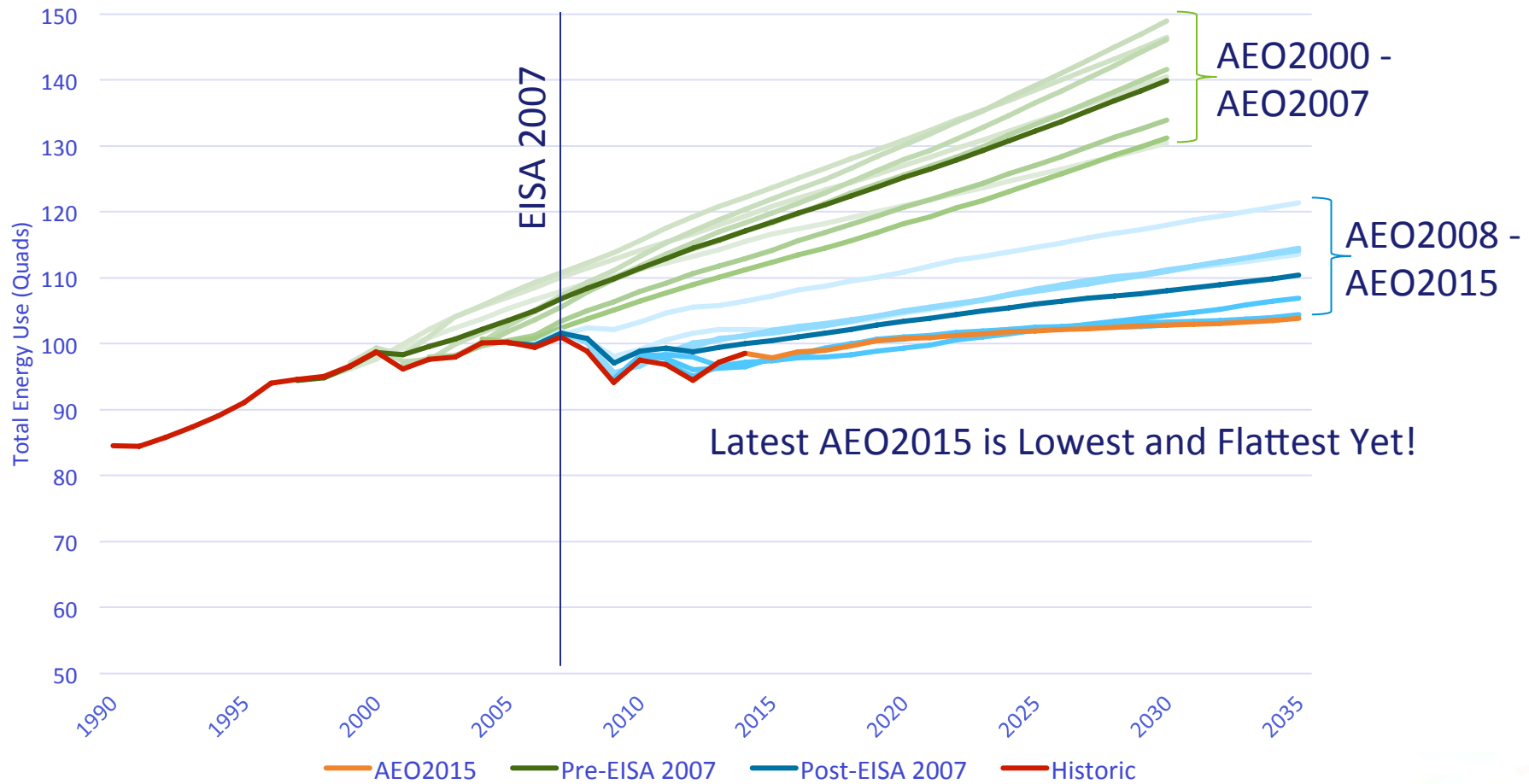
U.S. Energy Resources Used in 2014



Production and Net Imports: EIA 2014 Data
EEC Estimate: ACEEE

U.S. Energy Consumption Projections:

Robust Public Policy is Decreasing Energy Use Over Time



Latest AEO2015 is Lowest and Flattest Yet!

All data from EIA Annual Energy Outlook (AEO).
AEO2000-2005 extrapolated to 2030.

Putting Energy Efficiency Gains into “Dollars and Sense”

REDUCING

energy use by
58 Quads
annually

SAVING

the U.S.
economy
\$800 billion
in avoided
energy costs
each year

AVOIDING

roughly
2.5 billion tons
of CO₂
annually

Building Codes 101

What are Building Codes?

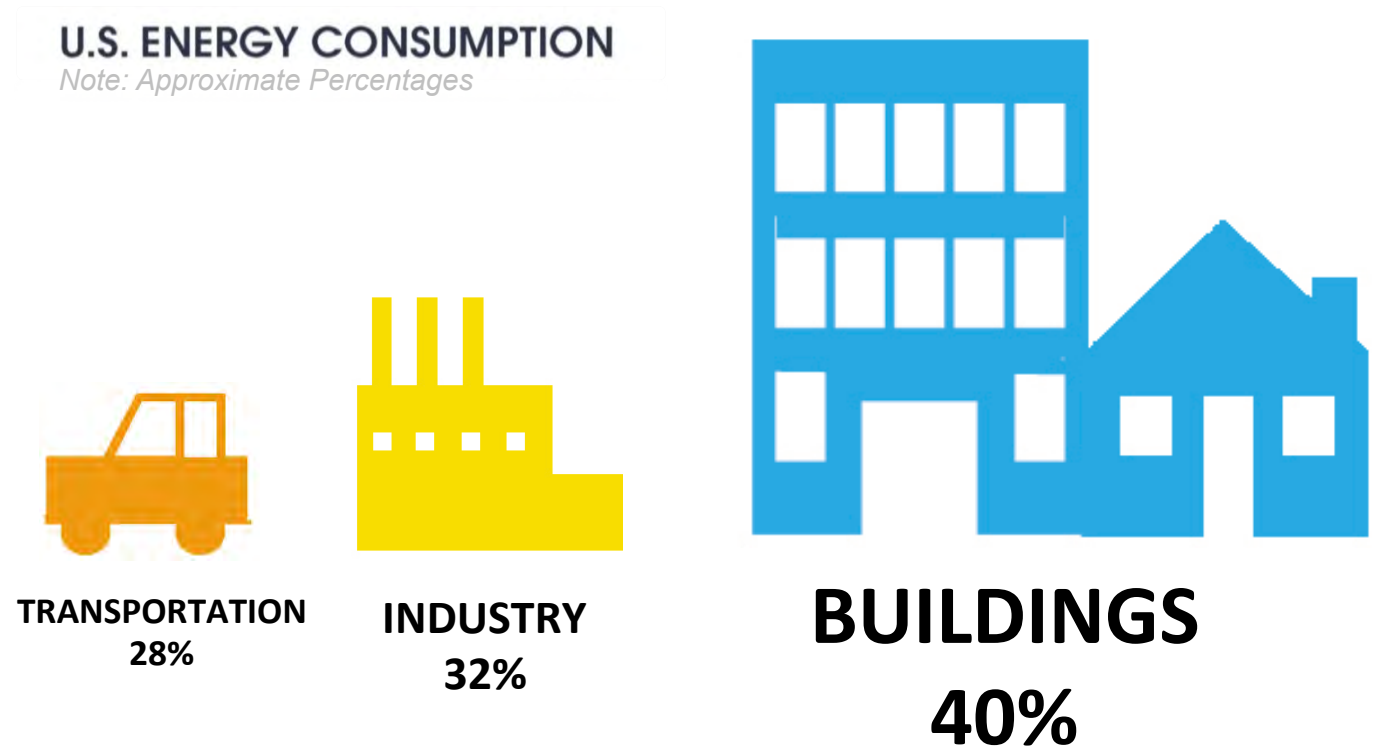
- Building Codes are a set of rules that specify the **minimum standards** for constructed objects such as buildings and non-building structures
- Updated **every 3 years** to accommodate new technologies and new hazards
- Developed by consensus, by experts
- Incorporate hundreds of standards:
 - Electrical
 - Mechanical
 - Structural
 - Installation
 - Safety
 - Fire
 - Building Use
 - **Energy**

What are Energy Codes?

- Energy Codes are the **minimum standards** for energy efficiency in new and renovated residential and commercial buildings.
- **Baseline** energy performance of a building
- Part of overall building codes **adopted by state and local** governments
- Energy codes establish a foundation for energy and green programs:
 - ENERGY STAR, LEED, ASHRAE Standard 189, Building America/federal tax incentive, and Net-zero energy buildings.

Why Do Building Codes Matter?

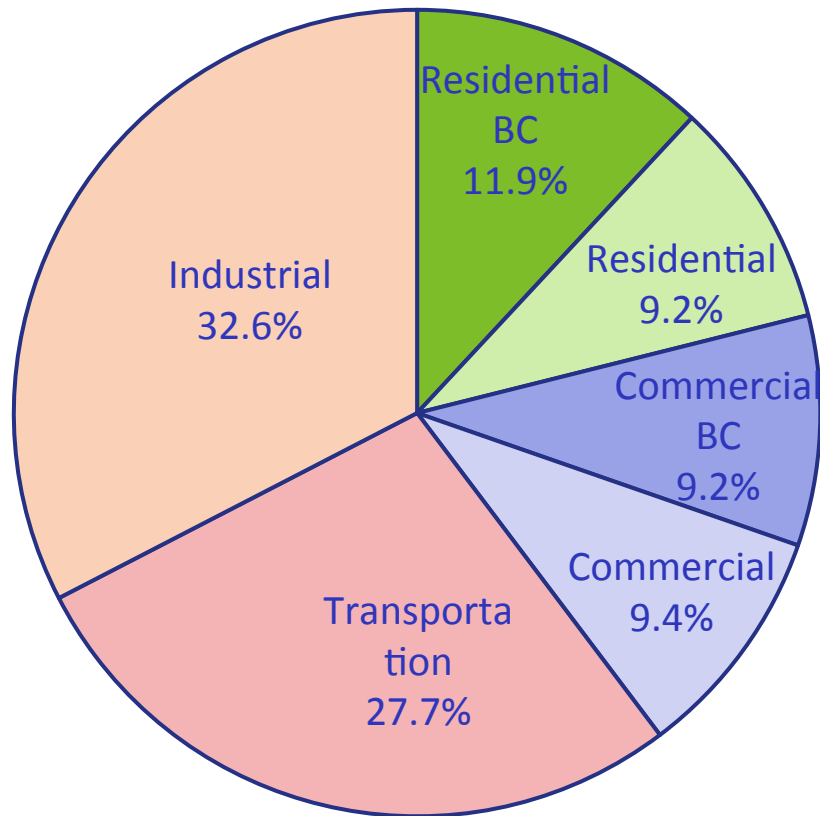
- **40%** of U.S. energy is consumed by the building sector
- **70%** of U.S. electricity demand from buildings
- **40%** of CO₂ emissions attributable to buildings
- Buildings last for decades, so designing them well is **critical** to control future energy use



Energy Codes are Essential to Reducing Waste

56% of Residential and 50% of Commercial Energy Use is Covered by Energy Codes

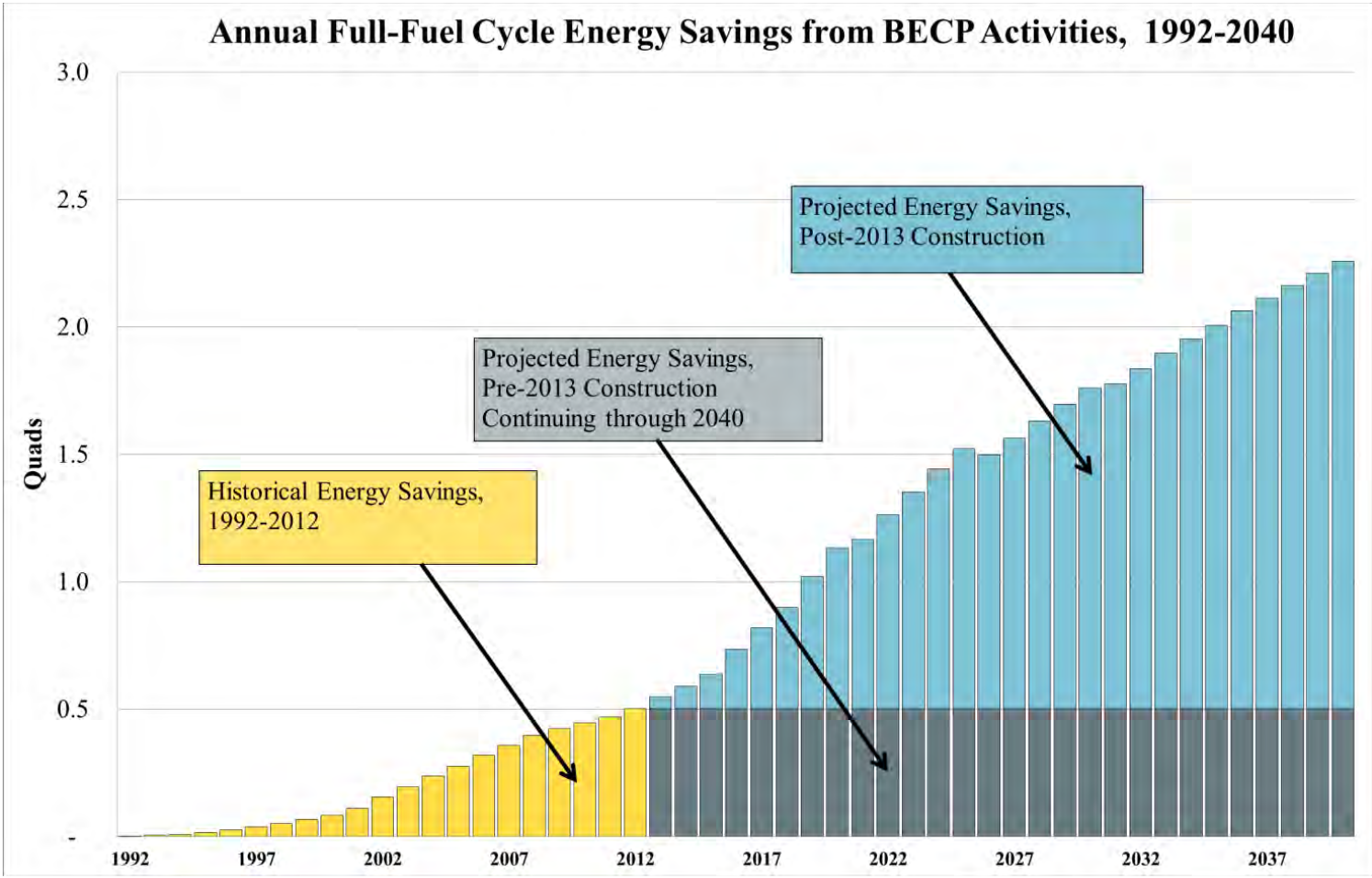
2015 Total Energy by Sector



2015 Res. and Com. Total Energy by End Use

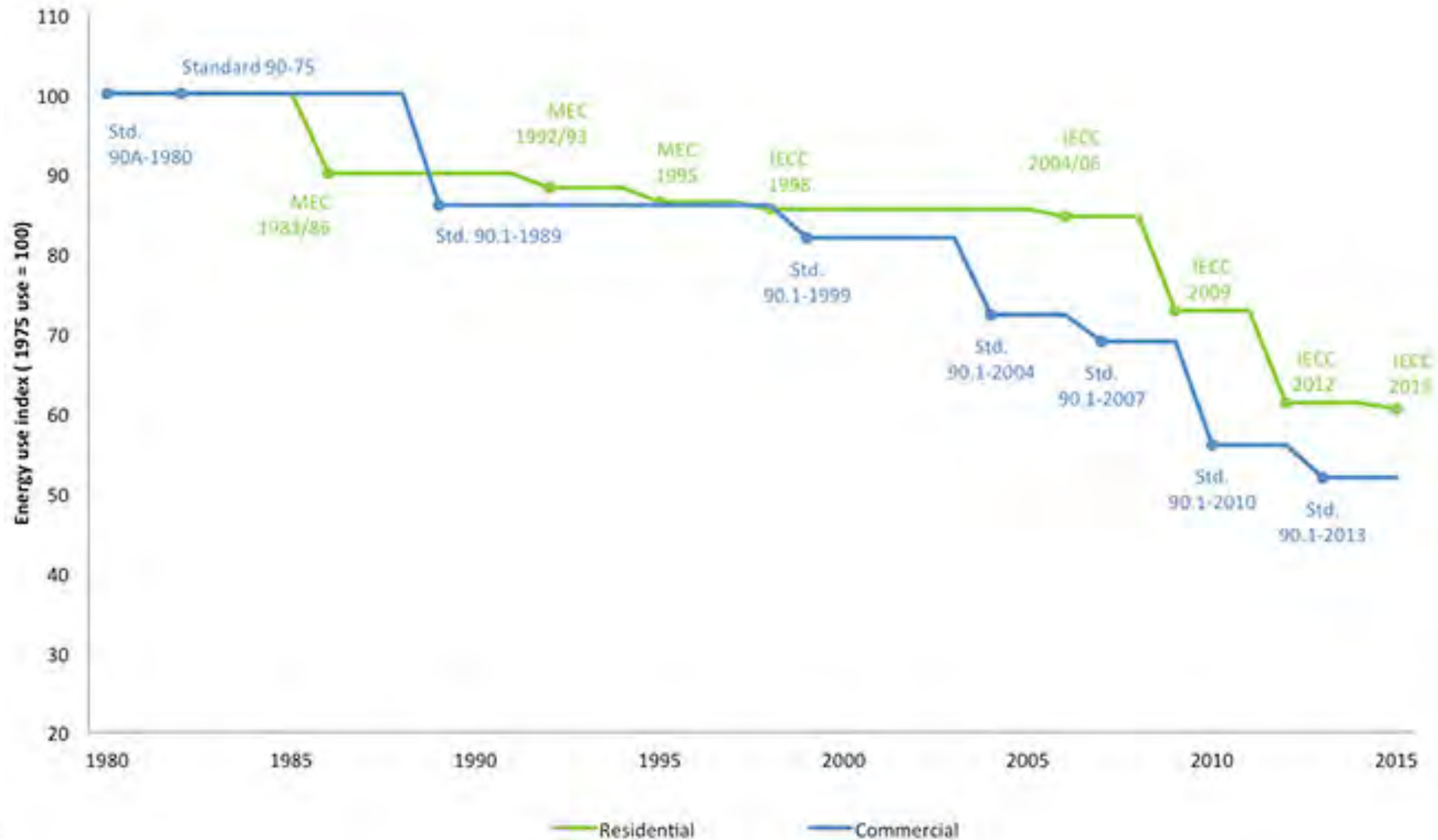


Energy Codes Save Both Energy and Money



Source: Building Codes Assistance Project

Building Code Updates are Critical to Continued Savings



Source: ACEEE

Why Focus on EE in CPP Compliance?

- Efficiency is the **fastest, easiest and most cost effective way** to reduce carbon pollution from power plants.
- The CPP has been **informed by successful state actions** already taking place,
- Companies can **improve their productivity**, and residents and families can **save money** through efficiency
- EE and DR will continue to play a **crucial role in affordability** and **protecting reliability** by easing congestion on the grid.
- The CPP is a **win-win-win** for ratepayers, private industry and the national economy.

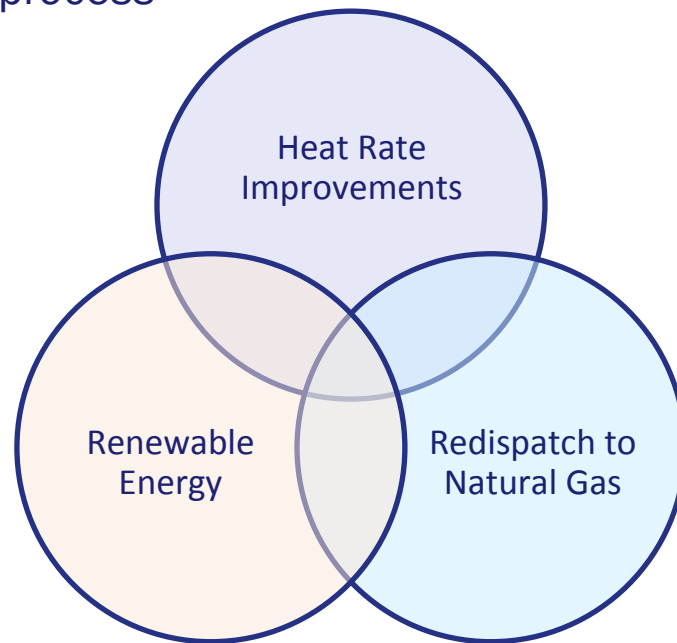
CPP Compliance Basics

- Each state may choose how to meet their goals
- States have **three structural decisions** before deciding on compliance mechanisms
 - Mass v. rate-based plans
 - Emissions standards approach (units only) or state measures plan (e.g., EE)
 - State plan, multi-state regional (e.g. RGGI) or trading-ready (hybrid approach)
- States don't have to use the building blocks
 - **Can use EE** to attain the goals
 - Rate, mass approaches allow for trading between EGUs, other emission reduction sources

CPP Goal setting \neq CPP Compliance!

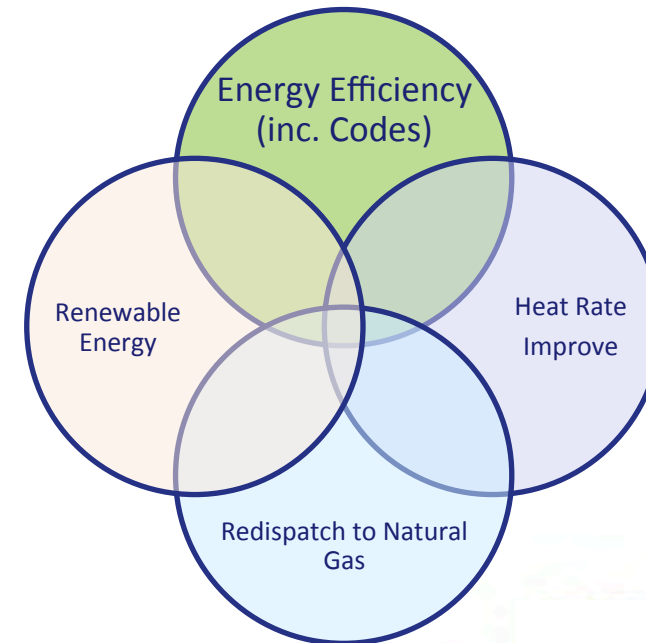
CPP Goal Setting

- EE was initially in Proposed Rule as a Building Block
- EE was **removed from the BSER** in the target setting process



CPP Compliance

- EE is specifically recognized as a compliance option in both mass and rate-based plans
- EE remains the **easiest, fastest, least-cost** way to comply



State Compliance Options

Rate Based Compliance:

lb CO₂/MWh allowed

- Emission Rate Credit (ERC) = zero-emission MWh
- EGUs subject to the CPP can use ERCs to lower their emission rate
- Owners of EGUs can invest in projects to create their ERCs or buy them
- Potential ERC sources
 - Efficiency upgrades at EGU
 - Renewables
 - Increased nuclear generation
 - Energy efficiency

Mass based Compliance:

Total tonnage of CO₂ allowed

- States can distribute their allowances in any manner
- EGUs emitting CO₂ must obtain enough allowances to match emissions
- States may assign EGU-specific mass caps
 - Reduces flexibility
 - May raise costs
- Potential distribution methods:
 - Allocation to historical emitters
 - Auction
 - Allocation to clean sources (EE), which can be sold to EGUs

Compliance: Focus on Building Codes

- EPA has proposed a **presumptively approvable** Model Trading Rule that specifies the **minimum frequency for EM&V** based on EE type:
 - For building codes, EM&V is required at 4-year intervals.
- EPA has proposed **2 major barriers** to use of building codes for CPP compliance:
 - Demand-Side EE is **not eligible** to create ERCs under the proposed rate-based Federal Plan.
 - EPA’s draft EM&V guidance foresees credit only for “adoption of new energy codes with **greater EE requirements** than codes that have already been determined by the federal government [DOE] to be cost effective.”
 - **The Alliance has called for the removal of both of these barriers in formal comments to EPA.**