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NWGA Blog



April Is Safe Digging Month: A Critical Reminder from NWGA

Don't be a fool! Before you dig, make the safe call. April is Safe Digging Month, and NWGA's latest blog is a timely reminder that contacting 811 before digging can help avoid dangerous and costly accidents.

Read the full blog: [here](#).

Industry Events

E3 Webinar & Report: Resource Adequacy and the Energy Transition in the Pacific Northwest

In the past year, E3 has been studying the current and future resource adequacy (RA) situation in the Pacific Northwest region on behalf of a large consortium of utilities and independent power producers. The study examines means for maintaining reliability and affordability for Northwest electricity consumers while meeting both state-mandated and voluntary clean energy goals. Topics addressed include anticipated future load growth, generator retirements, clean energy policies, and transmission constraints across the Greater Northwest Region encompassing Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and parts of Montana, Wyoming, and Utah.

Join E3 for their webinar on **April 15, 1 pm PT**, with the study authors to explore the findings in more detail and discuss their implications for reliability and planning in the Pacific Northwest. To register, [click here](#).

Registration is now open for the 2026 Annual Energy Conference!

We've all seen the forecasts: demand is increasing, building new infrastructure takes a long time, and the existing supply and delivery systems are maxed out. Achieving reliability, sustainability, and affordability in a changing energy landscape will require new strategies and concerted efforts.

We need a committed coalition of legislators, regulators, industry professionals, and advocates to agree on the facts and move forward together in an evolving energy landscape. Together, we can ensure reliable, affordable energy essential to Pacific Northwest communities and economies.

June 3 focuses on policy through discussions on the shared energy challenge, unique factors affecting energy demand today, the kitchen table effect, how we can close the gap, and, finally, the Danish transition.

June 4 emphasizes practical understanding of the energy system fundamentals, regional energy coordination, current solutions, the role of technology in forecasting, and collaborative efforts to maintain a reliable and affordable system.



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Newsbits

CPP Is Squeezing Oregon Nurseries and Other Small Businesses

Oregon nurseries are feeling the squeeze as soaring diesel prices drive up the cost of shipping, equipment, and daily operations. For businesses already operating on tight margins, added fuel costs tied to Oregon's Climate Protection Program could make staying competitive even harder. Click to learn how growers say these rising expenses are affecting their bottom line. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

The Oregon Affordability Crunch: Post-Pandemic Prices Hit Households Hard

According to the Common Sense Institute, Oregon faces a post-pandemic affordability squeeze, with households paying more for basics and housing, while incomes have risen but not enough to offset higher prices. Since 2019, Oregonians have spent about \$18,300 more on essentials, and housing, child care, and utilities now consume a larger share of their income, contributing to Oregon's ranking among the least affordable states. Despite income gains of roughly 34%, many families have effectively lost about 2.4% of gross income to higher costs. To read the full report, [click here](#).

Washington State Eyes Targeted Tax to Prevent Coal Plant Restart

Washington state has become the 5th most expensive state in the nation, with costs rising faster than any other state over the past decade. Housing costs have surged by 62%, and annual consumer spending has jumped nearly 55% since 2015, with essentials like housing, healthcare, food, and transportation consuming 59% of household budgets. The crisis extends well beyond Seattle, as all 12 of the state's metropolitan areas rank among the most expensive 25% nationally, driving a net loss of over 55,000 residents between 2021 and 2023 to lower-cost states like Arizona, Idaho, and Texas. [Click here](#) to read the full report.

Waste to Watts: Sunnyside's Dairy-Energy project lights up the valley

Discover how Sunnyside's renewable energy project plans to transform dairy waste into natural gas, cutting emissions and boosting local energy resilience. This innovative approach could redefine waste management and power generation in our community. Read the full story to see what it means for you and the valley. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

Renewable LNG Can Help Decarbonize the Maritime Industry

The maritime industry's energy transition is no longer a distant ambition; it is a present-day reality. What was all too recently framed as a future challenge to tackle with a "silver bullet" solution is now an immediate operational fact, calling for continuing action across the maritime industry. Read the full Op-Ed [here](#).

Kelly Fukai on Her New Role Leading the Northwest Gas Association

In the latest episode of NewsData's People in Power podcast, Kelly Fukai interviews Ayla Burnett about her new role as CEO of the Northwest Gas Association, the significance of a stable resource amid rising demand, and baseball! To listen, [click here](#).



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