NASEO Geothermal Power Accelerator Workshop: Advancing Geothermal Power Through State Collaboration

December 4, 2026
Colorado School of Mines, Room TBD
1500 Illinois Street
Golden, Colorado, 80401

Preliminary Agenda

As of November 17, 2026

Friday, December 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.
States-Only Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Sandy Fazeli, Senior Managing Director, National Association of State Energy Officials
- Bryce Carter, Senior Geothermal Program Manager, Colorado Energy Office
- Joe Chandler, Energy Technology and Engineering Bureau Chief, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department of New Mexico
- Neal Ullman, Energy Resource Professional, Energy Bureau, Montana Department of Environmental Quality

9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

State Roundtable: Geothermal Policy Priorities for 2027

States will share priorities for the year ahead, compare approaches to geothermal permitting, and identify opportunities for collaboration. Discussion will explore experiences pursuing Class V primacy, permitting pathways in states without primacy, technologies and business models that show promise, and how staffing, resources, and interagency coordination shape state approaches.

Moderators:

- Bryce Carter, Senior Geothermal Program Manager, Colorado Energy Office
- Joe Chandler, Energy Technology and Engineering Bureau Chief, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department of New Mexico
- Neal Ullman, Energy Resource Professional, Energy Bureau, Montana Department of Environmental Quality

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – ***Break***

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Update from the Department of Energy's Office of Geothermal

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Geothermal will share updates on federal priorities and activities, including an overview of new and soon to be launched projects supported by DOE, followed by questions and discussion with the states.

Speakers:

- Lauren Boyd, Director, Office of Geothermal, U.S. Department of Energy (*invited*)
- Elisabet Metcalfe, External Affairs Director, Office of Geothermal, U.S. Department of Energy

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Working Lunch: Technical Assistance Discussion with the National Laboratory of the Rockies

Representatives from the National Laboratory of the Rockies will share the proposed Geothermal Power Accelerator technical assistance approach and discuss how it could support the priorities and challenges raised during the morning sessions. This conversation will set the stage for the two technical assistance discussions that follow.

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Technical Assistance Track 1: Policy, Permitting, Finance

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Technical Assistance Track 2: Technology, Resources, and Use Cases

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
States-Only Peer Exchange: Reflections and Priorities for 2027
This informal session will allow state participants to compare notes from the week's geothermal discussions, discuss unresolved questions, and explore opportunities for potential collaboration in 2027.

3:00 p.m.
Wrap-Up and Adjourn