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

December 4, 2026
Ben H. Parker Student Center, Floor 2, Ballroom A
Colorado School of Mines
1516 Maple Street
Golden, Colorado, 80401

Preliminary Agenda

As of November 23, 2026

Friday, December 4, 2026

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

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Discussion Prompts

- 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
- Elisabet Metcalfe, External Affairs Director, Office of Geothermal, U.S. Department of Energy

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 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:

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11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Remarks from the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Geothermal

- Lauren Boyd, Director, Office of Geothermal, U.S. Department of Energy (*pre-recorded remarks*)

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Technical Assistance Discussion with the National Laboratory of the Rockies

NASEO and representatives from the National Laboratory of the Rockies will provide a brief overview of the proposed Geothermal Power Accelerator technical assistance approach and how it could address the priorities and challenges identified during the morning sessions. A facilitated group discussion will then focus on the two technical assistance tracks: Track 1: Policy, Permitting, and Finance; and Track 2: Technology, Resources, and Use Cases. Participants will have an opportunity to share their states' technical assistance needs and provide feedback on how the proposed approach could best support their priorities.

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Discussion of Key Takeaways and Next Steps

This final session of the day will provide an opportunity for participants to share final reflections, identify any outstanding questions, and offer closing thoughts on the day's geothermal discussions.

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3:00 p.m.

Wrap-Up and Adjourn