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Working Hard to Protect, Promote & Educate our Profession

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Announcing Safe + Sound Week 2022
August 15-21

Safe + Sound Week is a nationwide event held each August that recognizes the successes of workplace health and safety programs and offers information and ideas on how to keep America's workers safe.

Why Participate?

Successful safety and health programs can proactively identify and manage workplace hazards

Successful safety and health programs can proactively identify and manage workplace hazards before they cause injury or illness, improving sustainability and the bottom line. Participating in Safe + Sound Week can help get your program started, energize an existing one, or provide a chance to recognize your safety successes.

Who Participates?

All organizations looking for an opportunity to recognize their commitment to safety are welcome to participate. Last year, more than 5,300 businesses helped to raise awareness about workers' health and safety!

[See OSHA for more details](#)



PROTECT PEOPLE &
PROMOTE BUSINESS

MIACCA Submits Public Comments on 2021 Part 5 Residential Code

MIACCA submitted the [following comments](#) on Friday, July 15, 2022. We will keep you posted on this matter as information is released. You can also check for updates on LARA's site [here](#).

Construction Codes Commission Denies MIACCA's Request for Declaratory Ruling

MIACCA's Request for Declaratory Ruling for the Construction Code Commission (CCC) to prescribe all permit forms as required by mandatory provisions of [MCL 125.1510](#); which states, in part: "The application shall be on a form prescribed by the commission and shall be accompanied by payment of the fee established by the enforcing agency."

Our request was on the July 20th CCC agenda and Executive Director M.J. D'Smith was in attendance at the meeting. The CCC went into closed session with their Attorney General representative. They returned and announced their denial by stating that this was already the law and that they have been approving permit forms that have been coming in. MIACCA is aware that this has not always been the CCC practice with past approvals. MIACCA has since put in a FOIA request for CCC approved forms in 2021 and 2022. We are also awaiting the written denial explanation that the CCC should be issuing.

MIACCA will keep you posted on our next steps to ensure that all permits our contractors are filling out, are indeed prescribed by the CCC, as the law requires. The next CCC meeting is October 12, 2022.



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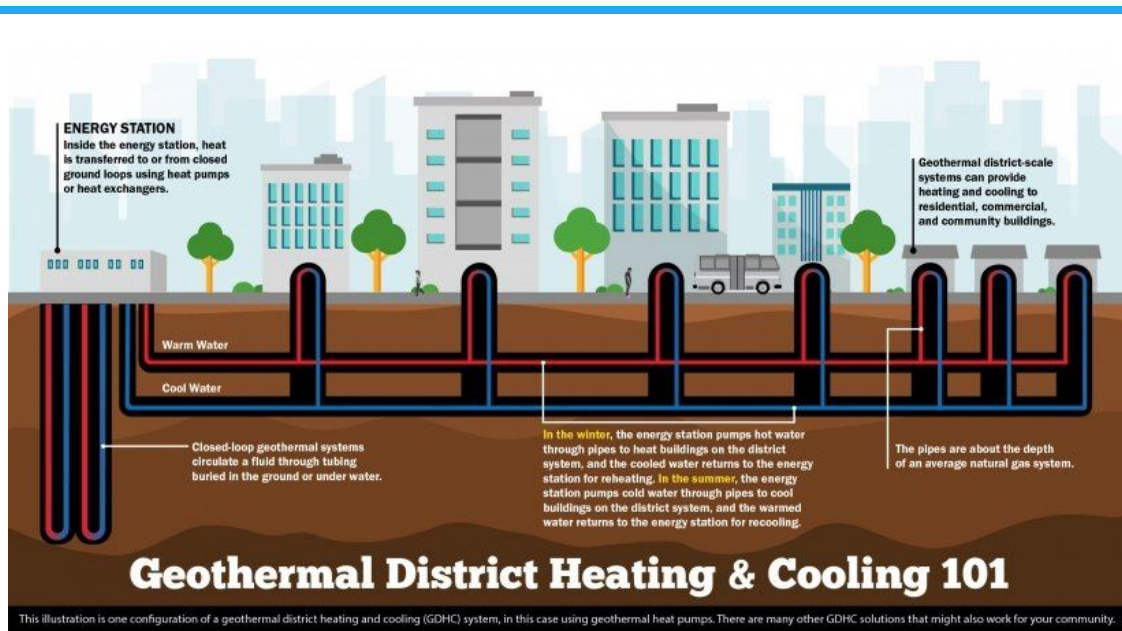
Gov. Whitmer Highlights Bipartisan Budget Investments to Grow Michigan's Economy & Workforce

Governor Gretchen Whitmer highlighted investments in the recently passed bipartisan budget for

Fiscal Year 2023 that will grow the economy, develop Michigan's workforce, and promote tourism, economic development, and small business growth in communities across the state. The fiscally-responsible, balanced budget delivered on the kitchen-table issues, was passed on time, and does not raise taxes by a dime.

"Since day one, I have been focused on growing Michigan's economy, creating good-paying jobs, and lowering costs for working," said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "This budget makes bold investments that will grow our economy, upskill our workforce, and create jobs in communities across Michigan. It will make a difference for small business owners, job-seekers, and workers who want to go back to school to get a postsecondary degree or skills training. It will help us spur investment in every region of Michigan, boost tourism, and ensure that if you can buy it in a farmer's market, it's grown right here in Michigan. This budget is proof of what's possible when we put working families and communities first and stay focused on getting things done."

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Underground Mine Water for Heating and Cooling using Geothermal Heat Pump Systems

A partnership between the mining and geothermal industries could lead both toward a more lucrative and greener future.

Across the United States there are more than [3 million abandoned mining wells](#). Each hole drilled into the ground offers more than just the ghost of minerals never found. There are layers of valuable data waiting for the right audience.

National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Senior Legal and Regulatory Analyst Aaron Levine said he hopes the mining industry becomes that audience.

In his new research, "[Mining G.O.L.D. \(Geothermal Opportunities Leveraged Through Data\): Exploring Synergies Between the Geothermal and Mining Industries](#)," Levine offers a two-pronged strategy of investigating mining data and taking advantage of hidden geothermal renewable energy resources.

"Our goal is really to target the mining industry for this opportunity and really make them understand the potential synergies between the two industries," Levine said.

Geothermal energy is a hidden asset, he said, often located one or two miles underground. It is challenging for the geothermal industry to spend millions in exploration and find nothing.

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HVAC/R EXPO

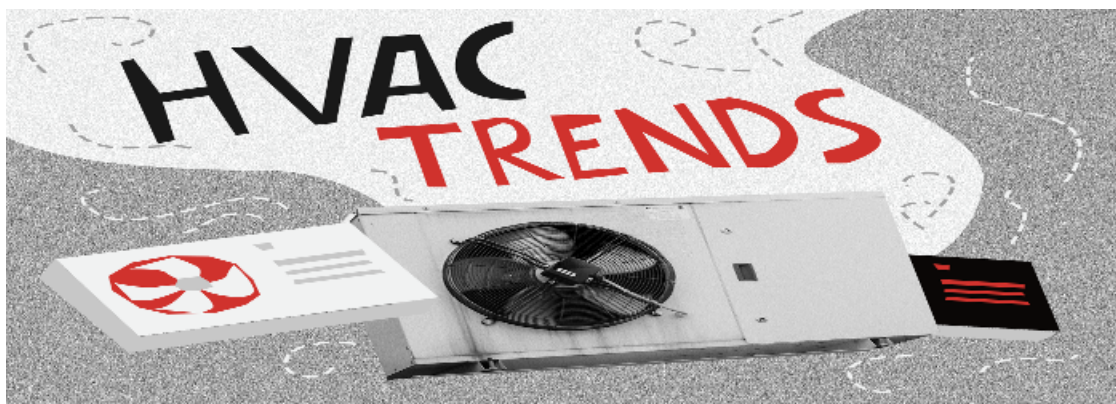
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022
9:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI

Click here to learn more and register early!

We are encouraging all of our members to attend this incredible and free of charge event!

MIACCA's Executive Director, M.J. D'Smith, will be there with our Affiliate Partner Service Roundtable so stop by and say "Hello"!



HVAC Prices Continue to Rise - Air Conditioning Manufacturers Announce Increases and 2020 v 2022 Comparison

Many HVAC manufacturers have already announced price increases going into 2022, making headlines as another round of price increases go into effect.

Across the board, we are already seeing manufacturers raise the cost of equipment, parts, and supplies prices. Many manufacturers have made these announcements public, with increases ranging anywhere from 3% up to close to 20%

The reasons for the increases are due to a multitude of factors, including raw material costs, increased labor rates, fuel and transportation costs, and

changes to processes.

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Discrimination/Harassment Prevention

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 (12:00 PM CST)

60 minutes | Complimentary | Advance registration required

Would your organization benefit from some simple tools to mitigate the risk of discrimination and harassment claims?

Join this webinar to learn more about key steps employers can take today to evaluate their commitment to the prevention and successful resolution of discrimination and harassment claims.

These are steps you can take at no additional cost and that you can put into practice right away.

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ACCA Fights Against Tax Increases for Small Businesses

The Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) joined 192 trade associations in opposing Congress's latest efforts to raise taxes on small, individually, and family-owned businesses as part of the effort to enact a reconciliation bill in 2022.

The letter, signed by ACCA and numerous other trade associations, urges Congress to reject two proposed tax increases that would fall entirely on small businesses, like many ACCA member companies.

The first increase would expand the 3.8% Net Investment Income Tax (NIIT) to individuals and families who actively participate in their business. The second would limit the ability of small businesses to deduct their losses during an economic downturn by expanding and extending the "excess business loss limitation" for "noncorporate taxpayers."

"These increases will do nothing but harm ACCA members that are small, individually, and family-owned businesses, as well as many others in the HVACR industry," said Barton James, ACCA president and CEO. "ACCA will do everything we can to prevent these unfair tax increases and protect these essential businesses that are responsible for keeping our economy moving."

For more information about ACCA, please contact Natalie D'Apolito, ACCA communications coordinator, at natalie.dapolito@acca.org or (703) 824-8873.

ACCA Fall Meetings



The Yacht Party!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



August 10: [Midwest HVAC Industry Expo Show](#)

August 17: [Board of Mechanical Rules](#)

September 11: [ICC Conference Hearings & Expo](#) **CONFERENCE HEARINGS & EXPO**

September 12-15: [ACCA Fall Meetings](#)

October 12: [Behler-Young HVACR Expo](#)

October 12: [Construction Codes Commission](#)

Oct 18-21: [Service World Expo](#)



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