

SEM Hub Q4 Updates and Resources

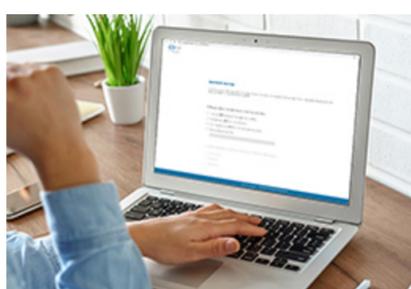
In this issue, we will cover:

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Take the SEMHub Survey Today

Take the SEMHub survey—your feedback will help us make SEMHub more valuable and user-friendly. Please take the short survey, to let us know why and how you are interacting with SEMHub.

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New SEM Learning Modules

Our online learning platform provides training, courses and exams to give you the tools and know-how to identify and implement energy-saving opportunities now, and to maintain savings in the future.

We have added new learning modules to keep the region's SEM skills sharp. Learning modules are perfect for utility customers and SEM coaches—or anyone wanting to learn more about SEM.

The new series “[Step-by-Step Savings Through Operations and Maintenance](#)” includes short, individual topics including Implementing a Compressed Air Leak Program, Minimizing Equipment Run Time, Matching HVAC to Occupancy and Maximizing Free Economizer Cooling.

More new modules are already planned for 2021, so spread the word to customers to take advantage of these great resources.

A Recap of the Fall Workshop

This year's NW SEM Collaborative Fall Workshop brought together a stellar group of utilities, program administrators and practitioners to dig into some of the most pressing topics in the industry. Thanks to a flexible and user-friendly virtual platform, this year's gathering brought our community together, creating space for networking and collaborative thinking.



Highlights included:

- Sergio Dias connecting the dots between global carbon mitigation efforts and the role strategic energy management plays in this work in his keynote address
- Collaborative Action Sessions designed to bring multifunctional teams together to tackle pressing challenges like expanding the reach of SEM programs, M&V strategies, resilience and more
- Encouraging results from the recently published Industrial O&M Persistence study, shared by Ericka Kocielek from Energy Trust of Oregon
- More space-themed jokes than a NASA happy hour

Find links to the keynote and persistence study presentations and learn what's next for the Collaborative and how to get involved on the [SEM Hub NW Collaborative page](#).

O&M Resources

“Another flaw in the human character is that everybody wants to build and nobody wants to do maintenance.” ~ Kurt Vonnegut

One of the most important aspects of SEM is the focus on low- and no-cost opportunities to increase energy efficiency in our building stock by fine-tuning equipment usage. While regular maintenance is not the most headline grabbing of activities, it is fundamental for efficient performance and equipment longevity.



As building systems become more sophisticated, there is an ongoing need for facilities' staff and building operators to expand their knowledge base. With a variety of up-to-date trainings, case studies and tools, the SEM Hub is here to help.

This month we have assembled a collection of O&M resources, including the newly refreshed O&M training—a self-guided training for facilities' staff and others ready to dig into the best practices for day-to-day building operations. Check out the resources below.

1. [Managing Energy Strategically with ENERGY STAR®: Benefits of an Energy Program \(video\)](#)
2. [DOE Operational Controls Checklist](#)
3. [Energy Treasure Hunt Guide: Simple Steps to Finding Energy Savings](#)
4. [Building Operator Certification Trainings](#)
5. [How to Improve Through Operations and Maintenance](#)

Help Us Build a Better Collaborative

In the closing comments at the Fall Workshop, NW SEM Collaborative Leadership Team Vice Chair Sara York challenged the community to take action and build on our workshop experiences and ideas. She encouraged the community to continue to explore and answer these questions:

- What do we need to address in order to grow SEM throughout the region?
- What is going to keep SEM relevant in the current landscape?
- How do we stay better connected?



In November, the NW SEM Collaborative Leadership Team will issue a survey and update about 2021 Working Groups with more information about how to get involved. Watch the [SEMHub NW Collaborative page](#) to learn how to be more engaged in 2021.

The Collaborative Leadership Team is also excited to welcome new member Peter Therkelsen, a research scientist and deputy of the Building and Industrial Applications Department at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. His work focuses on understanding how organizations create and use energy management systems to achieve energy performance, greenhouse gas reductions and other economic objectives.

We are looking forward to great work together in 2021.

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