Save the Date: Annual Continuing Education Conference

The Utah Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE-UT) will host the Annual Continuing Education Conference on **Saturday, May 11**, at the University of Utah Warnock Engineering Building. The **full-day event is free to all licensed PEs**.

The conference, cosponsored by University of Utah Engineering Alumni Association and the Utah Department of Occupational and Professional Licensing, will be a great opportunity to learn and earn continuing education hours toward license renewal. A virtual broadcast will be offered again this year for those not able to attend in-person. Stay tuned for registration information and conference details.

UTA Announces Ambitious 30-Year Transit Plan

The Utah Transit Authority (UTA) Board of Trustees formally adopted the agency’s Long-Range Transit Plan, **UTA Moves 2050**.

UTA Moves 2050 lays the groundwork for a future where transit services are more frequent, reliable, accessible and effective at helping Utah achieve sustainable growth and a better quality of life. This comprehensive vision is the result of close collaboration between UTA; regional transportation and planning partners such as the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) and Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG); and local communities to meet the growing public transportation demands of the Wasatch Front during the next 30 years.

Priorities and phasing recommended in UTA Moves 2050 are the result of many sources of data and partnerships, including regional transportation plans, financial assessments and forecasts of population and development growth. It also reflects public feedback from meetings and listening sessions, formal comments, and an online survey. **Read more in Utah Business**.
Utah Energy: What's Here and What's Coming for Consumers

If you remember those front-of-the-store toy claw machines that had all sorts of tantalizing choices, Utah is much like that when it comes to its diverse energy offerings, and the state continues to look to add more options in the future. Yet like that claw machine, different sectors of the public have their eye on a particular "prize" that is most appealing to them.

Maybe it's solar. Or it could be wind. Some are most comfortable with the traditional nature of coal and the increasing abundance of natural gas, which overall remains the dominant option for heating homes, institutions, businesses, and industry.

A report released by the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah looks at Utah's energy sector in 2023 and where it is headed this year, the Deseret News reports. It was authored by Michael D. Vanden Berg, energy and mineral program manager for the Utah Geological Survey, and released earlier this month.

While Utah coal production dropped to its lowest level in over 45 years in 2023 — stemming from the closure of two mines — the analysis says it may increase slightly this year.

Utah coal deliveries to the foreign export market have experienced a modest jump in recent years and potential remains for access to a strong overseas market that could potentially replace falling demand, Vanden Berg noted. Read more.

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NSPE offers a live webinar series free to members—“Workability Wednesdays”—to support members with their professional development goals. The first webinars of the spring season will take place on April 3—NSPE’s Board of Ethical Review Presents: The Duty to Act; April 17—Second Best Protection Against Risk; and May 1—Enhancing Building Safety: Mitigating Risks of Slip, Trips, and Falls (Celebration of National Building Safety Month).

Additional presentations will take place in May and June. Register now at NSPE’s PE Institute and invite a colleague to attend.

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