

North Carolina Cooperative Extension & NC Clean Energy Technology Center Solar Education Forums

The NC Clean Energy Technology Center (NCCETC), in cooperation with NC State University Cooperative Extension, is conducting solar education forums. Up to twenty meetings are planned for 2017. Ranked #2 in the United States for installed solar capacity, the purpose of the North Carolina meetings is to provide information on utility scale photovoltaic (PV) installations that are increasingly visible in many counties across the state.

The forums include a 45-60 minute presentation and provide an opportunity for up to an hour of question and answers. The presentation will explain the technology, construction, regulations, and economics of solar PV systems. In addition to providing an understanding of the development and operation of these solar electricity generating facilities, the presentation will explore what is known about the various impacts of these systems on the community and the environment. Specifically, common questions about PV panel toxicity, EMF/radiation, economic impacts, system decommissioning, and more will be covered. Additionally, the characteristics that make a site most suitable for solar will be provided as well as an overview of solar land leases.

Expert presenters include: Steve Kalland, NCCETC Executive Director, and Tommy Cleveland, Professional Engineer, Advanced Energy, Inc. Unless otherwise noted, the forums are open to anyone interested in learning more about solar energy. For more information about the meetings contact at anne_tazewell@ncsu.edu or call 919- 513-7831

North Carolina County	2017 Date & Time	*Location	Presenter
Dare	Aug 23 6:00-7:00	954 Marshall C Collins Dr (Commissioners Chamber), Manteo, NC	Tommy Cleveland, Steve Kalland
Wilkes County (for Commissioners & staff only)	Aug 28th 5:30-7:30	for Commissioners & staff only	Steve Kalland
Stokes	Aug 29th 6:00-8:00	South Stokes High School Auditorium, 1100 South Stokes High Dr Walnut Cove, NC 27052	Tommy Cleveland, Steve Kalland
Lincoln	Sept 20 6:00-8:00	115 W. Main St. Lincolnton, NC 28092	Tommy Cleveland Steve Kalland
Moore	Sept 26 6:00-8:00	707 Pinehurst Ave, Carthage, NC 28327	Tommy Cleveland Steve Kalland
Cabarrus	Sept 28 6:00-8:00	715 Cabarrus Ave W, Concord, NC 28027	Steve Kalland

Rockingham	Oct 16 6:00-8:00	525 NC-65, Reidsville, NC 27320	Steve Kalland
Randolph	Oct 26 6:00-8:00	1003 S Fayetteville St, Asheboro, NC 27203	Steve Kalland

*indicates NCSU Cooperative Extension offices unless otherwise noted