

November 5th, 2 pm - Recycling and Disposal of Green Energy Components

Speakers



Amanda Cotton, E-Waste Coordinator, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Amanda Cotton is the e-waste coordinator for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Cotton has been involved with toxicity reduction, pollution prevention and product stewardship at the agency for 13 years.



John Gilkeson, Planner Principal, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

John Gilkeson has worked for the MPCA for about 30 years, focusing on pollution prevention, developing policies and programs to identify and use safer alternatives to toxic substances, and establishing collection and management infrastructure for toxic products in use by households and businesses.



Peder Mewis, Western Regional Policy Manager, Clean Grid Alliance

Peder Mewis is the Western Regional Policy Manager for Clean Grid Alliance covering Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota. Peder joined Clean Grid Alliance in 2018 after 12 years of professional experience working for the Minnesota State Senate. Peder comes to Clean Grid Alliance with proficiency in the legislative process, an advanced understanding of energy and utility law, and firmly established relationships with both political parties. During his time working for the Senate Republican Caucus, Peder served in various roles, most recently, as caucus researcher for the Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy Committee. In 2011-12, Peder served as the Administrator for the Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee.

Peder holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in political science and resides in Glenwood City, Wisconsin with his wife and two children.



David Shaffer, Executive Director, Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association

David Shaffer is the Executive Director for the Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association. He is a graduate of Vermont Law School, is authorized to practice law in Minnesota and is a registered lobbyist for MnSEIA. He is also a 2019 recipient of the Midwest Renewable Energy News 40 Under 40 award for his leadership in the clean energy transition. David's work at the state legislative and agency levels has resulted in increases in solar incentive programs, the implementation of successful policy work that helped create over 650MW of community solar throughout Xcel Energy's Minnesota service territory, and many other pro-solar policies.