



SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON CHAPTER, NECA

SHORT CIRCUIT

WASHINGTON'S COUNTY STATUS

Washington's State Secretary of Health made the following Phase approvals as of 6/1

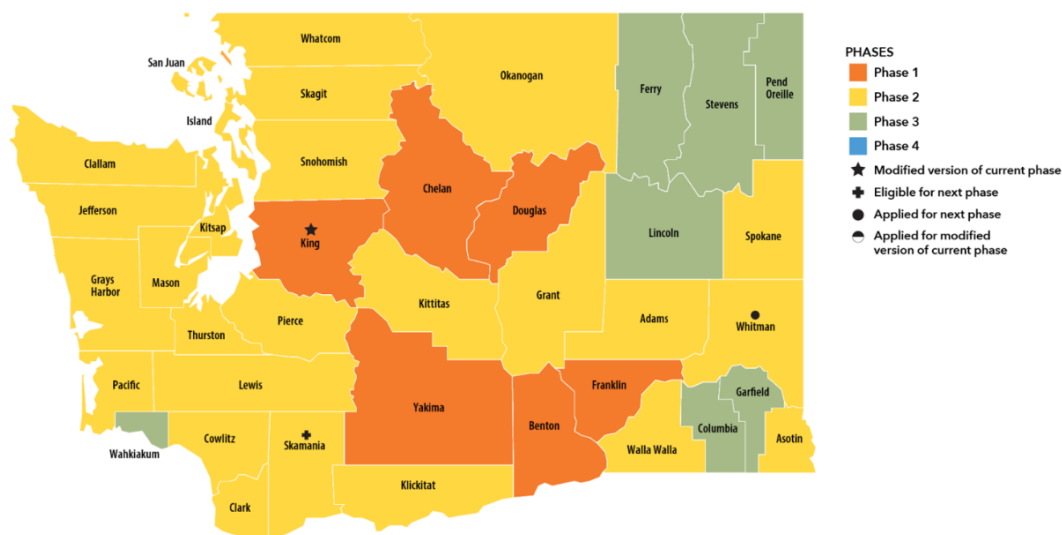
- Approved to move from phase 1 to phase 2 : Clark, Okanogan, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcome counties
- King County approved to move into a modified version of phase 1
- Approved to move from phase 2 to phase 3: Columbia, Ferry, Garfield, Lincoln, Pen Oreille, Stevens and Wahkiakum counties.

All counties in 76 jurisdiction are now approved to move to Phase 2.

For more information on Washington State Phase 2 Construction guidelines please click the link below

[Construction Phase 2 Guidelines](#)

Safe Start Washington: County Status



IBEW LOCAL 76 OPEN JOB CALLS

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RENEWABLES CONSUMPTION SURPASSES COAL, FIRST TIME IN 130 YEARS!

One metric has been consistently used to tally the ongoing push for a green economy. For many years, the market share of coal has stood as a stark contrast to the optimistic progress of renewable power. Now, that contrast may have finally reached a tipping point.

A recent report from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) notes that consumption of renewable energy has surpassed coal for the first time in more than 130 years.

According to the EIA's estimates, the last time a renewable source of power accounted for the majority of U.S. energy consumption was in 1880, when wood slightly surpassed coal. At the time, biomass exceeded the fossil fuel, which had only come onto the scene thirty years earlier, by a measure of about .8 quadrillion British Thermal Units (Btu). Soon after, hydropower emerged, but in 1885 coal became the primary source of fuel consumption and has stayed in the top spot ever since.

It took another 134 years, but renewables have regained the lead. According to the EIA's May 2020 Monthly Energy Review, renewables generated 11.5 quadrillion Btu in 2019, and it surpassed coal by .2 quadrillion Btu. The fossil fuel reached 11.3 quadrillion Btu last year, a 15% decrease from 2018 when it stood at 13.25 quadrillion Btu. According to the EIA, this trend represents a decline in coal consumption for the sixth consecutive year.

Last year's total is the lowest since 1964. Consumption of coal has been on a steady decline since 2008. The concurrent growth of natural gas and renewables have worked to erode at its market share. For their part, renewables have been on an uphill trajectory for several years.

The EIA reports renewable consumption has increased four years in a row. Last year's figure is a new record for the industry.

Most of the growth is attributable to the expanding role of wind and solar in the electricity sector.



6 MONTHS OF UNEMPLOYMENT

	Thurston	Pierce	Grays Harbor	King	WA State
Nov	4.8	5.1	6.8	2.7	4.4
Dec	4.4	4.8	7.0	2.1	4.3
Jan	4.4	4.8	7.0	2.1	4.3
Feb	4.7	5.0	7.1	2.5	3.8
Mar	4.5	4.8	6.8	5.4	5.3
April	14.9	18.2	19.4	14.9	15.8

Unemployment Rates
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

****Due to the Covid-19 situation, all events are subject to change, notification will be sent out**

June 8	JATC Comm & Trust Meeting/Zoom
June 9	LMCC Meeting/TBD
June 22	Future Executive Committee/NECA Office
June 24	Board Of Directors Meeting/NECA Office
July 4	Independence Day
July 13	JATC Comm & Trust Meeting/JATC Office
July TBD	LMCC Meeting/JATC Office
July 22	Board Of Directors Meeting/NECA Office
July 27	Future Executive Committee/NECA Office
Aug 10	JATC Comm & Trust Meeting/JATC Office
Aug 11	LMCC Meeting/JATC Office
Aug 24	Future Executive Committee/NECA Office
Aug 26	Board Of Directors Meeting/NECA Office
Sept 8	LMCC Meeting/JATC Office
Sept 14	JATC Comm & Trust Meeting/JATC Office
Sept 23	Board Of Directors Meeting/NECA Office
Sept 28	Future Executive Committee/NECA Office

NEW SAFETY POSTERS

New safety posters are available for 2020. All posters need to be updated. The chapter office does have posters in stock if you are needing to replace any.

NEED MORE SAFETY EQUIPMENT?

The LMCC has Safety Equipment. If you are in need of more Hardhats, Glasses, Gloves, or Vests let the Chapter Office know. **(253) 584-4095**

FUTURE EVENTS

Oct 3-6, 2020	National Convention/Chicago, IL
Oct 9-12, 2021	National Convention/Nashville, TN
Oct 15-18, 2022	National Convention/Austin, TX