



CLEAN ENERGY NH

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Free Energy Audits for NH Businesses

WHAT

[A Level II energy audit](#) (ASHRAE-standard, conducted by a qualified energy auditor). This includes a site visit and comprehensive report on current energy use, recommended efficiency improvements, expected savings, cost, and simple payback.

COST

\$0 (*a typical Level II audit can cost several thousand dollars*)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Agricultural producers, small businesses, and co-ops located in “Rural” areas according to USDA (most of NH). Nonprofits and residential properties (including multi-family) are not eligible. If you are uncertain whether your business qualifies you can check the USDA’s eligibility map [here](#), or contact Gabe Chelius (gabriel@cleanenergynh.org).

DEADLINE

Interested businesses should contact Gabe Chelius (gabriel@cleanenergynh.org) at Clean Energy NH **as soon as possible and no later than August 14, 2026**.

PROCESS

1. Contact Gabe Chelius (gabriel@cleanenergynh.org) to express your interest.
2. Gabe will confirm your eligibility and explain next steps.
3. Gabe will connect you with a qualified energy auditor (if you don’t have one in mind already) and you will gather the requested information (e.g. past energy bills) and schedule a site visit with the auditor.
4. Clean Energy NH will execute a contract with the energy auditor to pay for the full cost of the energy audit.
5. Your auditor will complete their analysis and send you an audit report containing an assessment of current energy use, recommended upgrades/improvements, and estimated cost/savings for those improvements.
6. Clean Energy NH and/or your auditor will be available to discuss your audit report and consult on next steps if you wish to move ahead with any of the recommendations.

Email Gabe Chelius TODAY to get started: gabriel@cleanenergynh.org

Frequently Asked Questions

How does payment actually work?

The business never pays a cent. Clean Energy NH will use grant funding to pay the energy auditor directly.

Is there any hidden obligation here?

Getting an energy audit does not commit a business to anything (e.g. future projects, grant applications, contractors). The energy audit simply provides practical, independent information about energy use and opportunities for efficiency. Even if you aren't currently planning energy or equipment upgrades, a Level II Energy Audit can be a helpful road map for planning future investments in your property and energy systems.

After you receive your audit report, Clean Energy NH can meet with you to discuss potential projects and available funding and financing programs.

Why the rushed timeline?

Clean Energy NH only recently received authorization to deploy our USDA funding to pay for energy audits, and our funding will expire after September 30. Therefore, all energy audits we pay for through this new opportunity **must be completed and reports finalized before September 30, 2026**. We will be working with all participating energy auditors to ensure that they complete all work in time. Businesses may be turned away if we cannot find energy auditors able to complete the work by the deadline.

What will be required of participating businesses?

- ☐ Respond promptly to all correspondence from Clean Energy NH and the energy auditor.
- ☐ Provide three years of electric data and heating fuel use.
- ☐ Provide your NAICS Code (commonly found on your tax information).
- ☐ Schedule an on-site audit where a representative of the business is present and the auditor has access to the entire facility/ies.
- ☐ Provide CENH with a copy of the energy audit report, including any photos taken during the audit.