



Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action

September 2019 Statement on the Governor's Executive Order 43 (E043)

Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action applauds Governor Ralph Northam's Executive Order to place the Commonwealth on track to have 100 percent renewable energy by 2050. All Virginians will benefit from a new, clean, and sustainable energy grid that reduces air pollution and protects public health.

Executive Order 43 (E043) – *Expanding Access to Clean Energy and Growing the Clean Energy Jobs*, issued on September 16, 2019 is a positive step toward the Old Dominion's transition to a brighter, healthier future.

As an organization representing over 300 doctors, nurses and allied health professionals across Virginia, we also appreciate the Governor's highlighting of environmental justice to protect vulnerable communities that are disproportionately affected by the health impacts of climate change.

VCCA continues to oppose the construction of natural gas pipelines. Expansion of natural gas infrastructure would cause negative environmental and health impacts that would eclipse other progress toward a healthy, carbon-neutral energy system in our state.

Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action will continue to fight for the health of patients by advocating for a clean energy future for all Virginians.