

Dear Colleague:

I'm pleased to announce that the Department of Energy's Office of Building Equipment will sponsor the third annual Fuel Cells Summit on April 5-7, 1999, preceding the National Hydrogen Association annual meeting in Northern Virginia. Summit III will take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Arlington/Crystal City, located at 1300 Jefferson Davis Highway. We looked at a number of facilities and believe the Embassy Suites will be an excellent host. We've already made arrangements for a room block; call (703) 979-9799, referring to the DOE fuel cell summit. The room rate is \$155; the rooms are mini suites.

Summit III will build on significant progress made in codes and standards for stationary fuel cell power plants, and delve into some new areas. From Monday at 10:30 (to allow for morning travel) through noon Tuesday, we plan to continue our focus on fuel cell technology commercialization issues related to codes and standards, and have updates from standards organizations and the fuel cell industry.

Tuesday afternoon will be organized in concert with DOE's Office of Transportation Technologies and Office of Utility Technologies; we plan to focus on issues associated with fuel cell vehicles, though still with an emphasis on codes and standards requirements. Wednesday is planned as a half-day session exclusively devoted to grid interconnection (e.g., utility criteria for grid interconnection and power quality; microgrids, etc.), and should build nicely on recent and upcoming efforts by DOE, the U.S. Fuel Cell Council, and the Distributed Power Coalition of America.

Expect a formal registration form by the end of the year. We expect Summit registration to be about \$125 including meals, breaks and a reception. In the interim, I would very much appreciate your thoughts on specific topics and/or speakers related to stationary fuel cell power plants, fuel cells in transportation, implications of the use of fuels such as hydrogen, and grid interconnection. Your thoughts on the breakdown of the 2 ½ day agenda outlined above would also be appreciated. Please relay your thoughts by the end of the year via e-mail at dr_conover@pnl.gov.

Thanks again for your continued interest and support of DOE's efforts to address codes and standards to accelerate commercialization of fuel cell power plant technology.

Sincerely,

David R. Conover