

Congressional Briefing on Fuel Cells and Hydrogen; *Updates, Challenges and Opportunities*

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In 2003, the United States embarked on a 10-year program to develop fuel cell and hydrogen technology to move the United States away from foreign oil, create energy security and eliminate smog and greenhouse gas emissions.

In that time, U.S. industry, working together with government, has made dramatic progress to bring these products to the marketplace. In total, more than 600 organizations in 42 states engaged in fuel cell or component research, design, development and deployment.

Unfortunately, the FY 2010 budget for the Department of Energy proposes deep cuts to these programs. Without action, vital Research, Development and Early Market Activities will be slowed or eliminated. This would stifle a burgeoning industry at a time we can least afford to yield to overseas competitors.

As we embark on new national effort to revive the economy and create a new energy infrastructure, investments for fuel cells and hydrogen must continue.

Please join us for a timely briefing as four leading experts give their take on the state of the industry.

- **Keith Cole, Director of Advanced Technology Vehicle Strategies and Legislative Affairs, General Motors**
- **Edward Kiczek, Director of Global Business, Hydrogen Energy Systems, Air Products and Chemicals**
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