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To Potential Fuel Cells Summit Participants:

This letter is to notify you of the upcoming Fuel Cells Summit VII. An official invitation package and registration brochure will follow early next calendar year.

This year the Summit will not only continue the successful series of working meetings related to codes and standards for fuel cells, but will also expand coverage to include hydrogen codes, standards and safety as well. This change is in response to three issues: 1) the International Code Council voted to include hydrogen in their ICC Family of Codes™, critical for production, storage, and use in fuel cells, 2) the number of planned demonstrations are increasing which necessitates a higher priority on reporting system safety practices, and 3) the coupling of hydrogen with fuel cells parallels the consolidation of related activities in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Summit series, originally begun by Ronald Fiskum in the Office of Power Technologies, is now sponsored by the Office of Hydrogen, Fuel Cells and Infrastructure Technologies in EERE.

Each year the Summits bring the fuel cell development community together to provide industry with information and organizational support in developing performance, installation and operation standards for fuel cell (and now hydrogen) technologies. Additionally, the summits provide an opportunity for developers to monitor the progress of fuel cell and hydrogen technologies, ancillary equipment (inverters, fuel reformers, storage tanks), and to identify issues related to the ready acceptance of their own products in the building code community.

Now in its seventh year, Fuel Cells Summit VII will continue its history of strong support for industry through the following activities, involving both presentations and open discussions:

- Status reports on RD&D in the areas of stationary, portable, and vehicular fuel cell technologies, including international
- Status reports on codes and standards activities related to hydrogen fuels
- Status reports on safety practices and risk mitigation for insurance coverage
- Status reports on remaining institutional issues and possible responses to them
- Identification of action items and formation of voluntary teams to address them.

Please put the Fuel Cells Codes & Standards Summit VII on your calendar for **May 28-29, 2003**. Summit VII will be held at the Inn and Conference Center at the University of Maryland (in College Park, MD, just outside of DC).

Any suggestions for particular topics you would like to see addressed at Summit VII can be directed to Maude Wickline, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, at the email address below, but must be received by February 15th to be considered for incorporation into the program. If you have any questions or want to further discuss any issues, please feel free to write me at neil.rossmeissl@hq.doe.gov or call me at 202-586-8668. I look forward to seeing you next May.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Rossmeissl".

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