



**Department of Energy**  
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To Potential Hydrogen & Fuel Cells Summit Participants:

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

We have added "Hydrogen" to the previous "Fuel Cells Summit" meeting title to more accurately reflect the scope of our supporting Office of Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies in the Department of Energy. This year, for the first time, the Summit will be conducted outside of the D.C. metropolitan area, relocating to Miami, Florida. This not only provides an exciting change of venue, but allows the Summit to offer an informative seminar on the third day, to be conducted jointly by Dr. Michael Swain of the University of Miami and Dr. Jay Keller of Sandia National Laboratory. The seminar will include lectures and demonstrations of the lean flammability and safety setback projects being used to verify the physical properties of gaseous hydrogen for development of standards.

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 hydrogen and fuel cell 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, refueling stations), and to identify issues related to the ready acceptance of their own products in the building code community.

Now in its eighth year, Hydrogen & Fuel Cells Summit VIII 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 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 VIII on your calendar for **June 15-17, 2004**. Summit VIII will be held at the University of Miami Convocation Center in Coral Gables, Florida.

If you have any questions or want to further discuss any issues, please feel free to write me at [Neil.Rossmeissl@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Neil.Rossmeissl@ee.doe.gov) or call me at 202-586-8668. I look forward to seeing you next June.

Sincerely,

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

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