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“COLORADO'S NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES” FORUM HOSTED BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

How Will Colorado Respond to Rising Fuel Prices?

DENVER, CO – October 3, 2005 – As part of the Governor's 2005 Tech Week, the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation (OEMC) will hold an afternoon energy forum, “Colorado’s Changing Energy Technologies,” on Wednesday, October 19, at the Colorado State Capitol. The event's topics include discussions on Colorado’s role in alternative fuels, hydrogen production, and fuel cell technology.

The alternative fuels panel will focus on the role of ethanol and biodiesel to help mitigate higher prices at the pump and whether this is an opportunity to create jobs for our state. Representatives from Sterling Ethanol, BBI International, the American Lung Association's Denver Metro Clean Cities, and Blue Sun Biodiesel will share perspectives and implications for use and production, the current gas spike, along with marketing alternative fuels and consumer awareness.

A panel on hydrogen and fuel cell technologies will have speakers from the Colorado Fuel Cell Center, Ft. Collins Utilities, and Xcel Energy. They will address projects involved in hydrogen production, fuel cell applications, and the benefits of this technology for Colorado.

“OEMC is excited to host this energy forum highlighting the excellent efforts of groups in the private and public sector working to increase our energy options,” said Drew Bolin, OEMC director.

Question and answer periods will be encouraged after each session. Exhibits demonstrating emerging energy technologies, such as a 5kW hydrogen powered fuel cell, will be at the west steps of the Capitol.

Event Information:

- Date & Time: Wednesday, October 19, 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm
- Location: Old Supreme Court Chambers, Room 220, North 2nd Floor, Colorado State Capitol Building; Exhibits will be held on the West Steps of Capitol Building
- RSVP by October 14 to Sara.Graf@state.co.us or (303)866-2401
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