From the Lab to the Road: Forty Years of Fuel Cells at DOE National Press Club Briefing

The U.S. Department of Energy's Fuel Cell Technologies Office invites you to attend a National Press Club briefing celebrating the week of National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day on Wednesday, October 5th, 2016.

Date: Wednesday, October 5

Time: 1:00 – 3:30

Location: National Press Club

529 14th St. NW, 13th Floor Washington, DC 20045

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David Friedman, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, will speak on the history and future plans of the DOE's hydrogen and fuel cell program, beginning forty years ago with the national laboratories. Senator Dorgan will also provide opening remarks. With the world's first commercial fuel cell cars now available, automakers and hydrogen infrastructure providers will discuss their latest plans and progress.

AGENDA		
Opening 1:00 – 1:05	Reuben Sarkar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Sustainable Transportation and Sunita Satyapal, Director, Fuel Cell Technologies Office	
Welcome 1:05 – 1:15	David Friedman Assistant Secretary- Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy	
Remarks 1:15 – 1:25	The Honorable Byron Dorgan, US Senate (ret.)	
Remarks 1:25 – 1:35	Joel Ewanick, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, FirstElement	
H2@Scale overview 1:35 – 1:40	Bryan Pivovar, National Renewable Energy Laboratory	
OEM Perspective and Fireside Chat 1:40 – 2:45	 Moderator: Reuben Sarkar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Sustainable Transportation Charlie Freese, Executive Director, Global Fuel Cell Activities, GM and Chair, H2USA Andy Freels, President, Hyundai America Technical Center Steve Center, Vice President, Environmental Business Development Office - Honda Motor Co., Inc Robert Wimmer, Director, Energy & Environmental Research, Toyota North America 	
Press/ Reporter Q&A 2:45	All speakers	

FCEV display	View the Toyota Mirai and the Hydundai Tucson located
Immediately following	outside building

At the end of the briefing, participants will be invited to view two of the world's first commercial fuel cell electric vehicles – the Hyundai Tucson and the Toyota Mirai.

Aptly chosen to represent the atomic weight of hydrogen (1.008), National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day is officially held on Oct. 8th and will include numerous events around the country held by industry and government throughout the week.

In the 1970s, a group of national lab researchers, industry, government, and stakeholders convened to brainstorm ideas that would revolutionize the transportation sector as we know it. Forty years later, we are seeing the results of countless researchers, scientists, and engineers as fuel cell electric vehicles hit the streets.

(Audience: Press, trade magazines, etc.)

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