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**Dear DEER 2003 Conference Participants:**

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy's Freedom Car and Vehicle Technologies, welcome to the 9th Diesel Engine Emissions Reduction (DEER) 2003 Conference in Newport, Rhode Island! This year promises to be very rewarding for you as an attendee. Through the course of the week, you will hear about "cutting edge" research results on both in-cylinder and exhaust aftertreatment emission reduction technologies, diesel combustion analysis, health effects, fuels and lubricants, and waste heat utilization -- all designed to help move the Department's emissions reduction effort forward. You will also have a chance to ride in and drive SUVs and autos equipped with clean diesel engines that comply with Tier 2, 2007 emission standards but require additional work to achieve the required 120,000 miles durability.

I am pretty sure that each of you will want to visit some of the local attractions. You will find information pertaining to area attractions in your conference bag or you may visit the Newport Conventions and Visitors Bureau located next door to the Marriott.

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Your participation in DEER 2003 is very much appreciated. This year's conference is shaping up to be the most informative and successful yet!

Regards,

John Fairbanks, Chair  
Diesel Engine Emissions Reduction Conference