



Updates and Industry News

Meijer Inc. will install West Michigan's first electric car charging station in a few weeks. The retailer plans to place the charging station at the Holland Meijer store, 746 East 16th St., a few miles from the JCI-Saft and LG Chem plants that will produce lithium batteries for the Chevy Volt and other electric and hybrid vehicles produced by General Motors and Ford Motors Co. Another 10 to 20 will be installed at other Meijer stores through five Midwest states in 2011 -- including one in the Grand Rapids market. The first Meijer charging station was unveiled November 4, 2010 in Warren. The charging stations will be free for customers to use.

The **Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Centers of Energy Excellence Program** gave a \$6 million commitment to Dow Corning, Hemlock Semiconductor Group and several other collaborators to establish the Solar Valley Research Enterprise in the region. The proposed SVRE center would coordinate a cluster of private companies, academic institutions and government labs to focus on solar technology research and development. SVRE's objective would be to accelerate the pace of solar innovation to more quickly make the technology competitive with traditional energy sources such as coal and natural gas. For more information, the article can be found at: http://www.ourmidland.com/news/article_2ccde074-0748-5150-a42d-339fdb96a40f.html

Upcoming Events

Remember, the **Conference on Sustainability: Energy, Economy & Environment** is coming up in Grand Rapids, Michigan on November 12-14th. The conference explores in-depth challenges posed to achieving sustainability by the global economic system. In particular, the conference asks, "How can we keep on track to sustainability even if market bubbles or debt deflation impede our way?" For more information or to register, please visit the link: <http://sustainabilityconference.org/>

Waste to Wheels: Building for Success is a three-day event focused on renewable natural gas (RNG) and successful project development in the emerging market. It will be hosted in Columbus, Ohio November 30 - December 2, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The target audiences include Clean Cities coordinators and industry and government stakeholders throughout the United States. The cost is free. To register or to look at the agenda, please visit this link: <http://cleanfuelsohio.org> and click on events.

State of the Science on the Ecologic Effects of Wind Workshop will be held February 24-25, 2011 at the Indianapolis Government Service Center. There is a call for abstracts about the following topics: Wind turbine research/studies on birds, bats, habitats (aquatic & terrestrial), migratory corridors, fish, aquatic ecosystems, water birds and islands. The abstracts are due by Dec. 3rd. For more information, please visit the link: <http://www.glc.org/energy/wind/sosworkshop/index.html>

Registration is now open for the **Michigan Biomass Waste to Energy Summit** set for Tuesday, Dec. 7th. The one-day conference is sponsored by DELEG in partnership with Michigan State University Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, and Michigan Economic Development Corporation in an effort to help facilitate the transfer of Biomass Waste to Energy technologies to Michigan communities. If you are interested in attending the conference, please register as soon as possible since space is limited. Registration is available at <http://web2.msue.msu.edu/wastetoenergy/registration.cfm>. Please note: only registration by check is available. Cost is \$50 per registrant.