

Bush Addresses Renewable Energy Conference

United States President George W Bush has addressed the 2008 Washington International Renewable Energy Conference. In his speech, Bush highlights the current situation the US is facing amid world oil supplies, and the need to seek out alternative energy sources. “I’ve set a great goal for our country, and that is to reduce our dependence on oil by investing in technologies that will produce abundant supplies of clean and renewable energy, and at the same time show the world that we’re good stewards of the environments,” says Bush. He adds that the US government has invested US\$21 billion to research, develop and promote alternative energy sources. Bush also notes the Nuclear Power 2010 program, and US participation in the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership. Bush says that since 2001, the US has increased wind energy production by more than 300 per cent, with more than 20 per cent of new electrical generating capacity added last year in the US coming from wind. Bush highlights the importance of international collaboration on clean technology, particularly with developing nations, and says the elimination of tariffs and other trade barriers is key to this.

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