

Biomass CHP and Thermal Systems Short Course

Penn State Bioenergy Short Course Series 2010

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Biomass heat and CHP (Combined Heat & Power)

systems are a tremendous opportunity for providing clean, renewable, affordable energy for buildings and facilities. However, it is necessary for designers and developers to understand the unique aspects of biomass energy systems if they wish to create systems that are efficient, productive, and cost effective.

Engineers, architects, researchers and project developers are encouraged to register for this 1.5 day short course in which national leaders in the research, design, and manufacture of biomass energy present the latest in advanced biomass energy systems. A special breakout session will be held on Day 2 that focuses on the design of commercial and institutional thermal biomass systems.

Speakers:

An extensive group of nationally known experts and practitioners from the fields of engineering, science, and natural resources will provide the newest developments in this fast-developing field.

The current list of speakers includes:

Jim Babcock – Advanced Recycling Corp
Daniel Ciolkosz, Ph.D. – Penn State Ag and Biol. Engineering
John Cuttica – US Department of Energy
Jim Freihut, Ph.D. – Penn State Architectural Engineering
John Karakesh, M.F. – Resource Professionals Group
Larry Klope – Messersmith Manufacturing
Marc McDill, Ph.D. – Penn State Forest Resources
Bruce Miller – Penn State EMS Energy Institute
Joe Orlando, Ph.D, P.E. – Mid Atlantic CHP Application Center
Steven Rendos – Cannon Boiler Works Inc.
Paul Roth, PA Dept of Conservation & Natural Resources
Rich Sweetser – Exergy Partners
Tom Wilson – Wilson Engineering

Topics include:

- Feedstock availability and sustainability
- Effective fuel storage and handling systems
- Combustion and gasification systems
- Steam turbine systems and Organic Rankine Cycles
- Carbon footprint and emissions
- Opportunities for cofiring
- Market and economic aspects
- CHP vs SHP
- Overcoming barriers to biomass development
- Design configurations for commercial biomass systems
- Cost effective design for biomass systems

Registration Information:

Online registration opens on Oct. 1, 2009. Program and registration information, including driving directions and lodging, will be available online at:

<http://www.bioenergy.psu.edu/shortcourses.asp>

Registration includes event admission, informational packet, buffet lunch, coffee, tea and snacks.

If you have questions, please contact:

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