

## Energy summit coming to Purdue

*Good local news and a bit more balanced than in the previous few years ... nuclear is now an alternative non-polluting energy source!*

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U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar will convene a summit at Purdue University on Aug. 29 to explore solutions to energy-related national security issues.

The Richard G. Lugar-Purdue Summit on Energy Security will focus on the national security and economic policies facing future American energy demands, with special emphasis on liquid fuels and business and governmental strategies required for development, said Lugar, R-Ind.

Lugar, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called energy the engine of economic prosperity, yet also a challenge to our security, society and environment.

"We must make bold decisions, chart a strategic plan and bring alternatives to market," said Lugar. "America can do this. It must do this. We can do it together."

Planners expect up to 1,000 national and state leaders, including state and local government officials, representatives of large and small businesses, and policy-makers, to meet on the Purdue campus in Indiana to discuss national and regional strategies to address the challenges and opportunities. The invitation-only conference is expected to consider national security and economic policies, focus on carbon-neutral and environmentally friendly fuels, and suggest business and government strategies.

"Energy and education top the list of challenges facing this nation and this world," said Purdue President Martin C. Jischke. "At Purdue, we have focused our resources on both.

"Researchers at Purdue are leaders in the development of alternative fuels. Our College of Agriculture has made significant contributions in the area of biofuels, and the College of Engineering is developing new techniques for clean-coal technology. The Energy Center in Discovery Park is bringing an interdisciplinary approach to work in these fields, as well as **other alternative energy sources, including nuclear**, hydrogen, wind and solar. Purdue also has tremendous strengths in the study of energy policy."