



Your Invitation: Energy/National Security Briefing: December 17, 2009, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm, Hart 902

**Energy/National Security Briefing: Reducing Our Oil Imports Over the Next Decade
Hosted by Senator Richard Lugar and
Co-sponsored by the Senate Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus**

Join us for a coffee break, holiday cookies, discussion, and a chance to win a book for your office!!

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The Clean Fuels Foundation and the ***Ethanol Across America*** education campaign will salute the anniversary of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) by hosting a briefing on energy security. The briefing will be held in the Hart Senate Office building December 17, two years after the signing of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA).

Senator Lugar, (R-IN), Co-chairman of the ***Ethanol Across America*** Advisory Committee and an original sponsor of the RFS, will host the briefing. Former Director of Central Intelligence James Woolsey, Anne Korin, author of *Energy Security Challenges For The 21st Century*, and others will discuss national/energy security issues, the role biofuels can play, and advances in food and fuel production technologies.

Come for an informative discussion and complimentary coffee and Christmas Cookies!! In addition, a drawing will be held for free copies of *Energy Security Challenges For The 21st Century*.

Despite the historic and visionary RFS that calls for the U.S. to use 36 billion gallons of renewable fuel over the next decade, US oil imports remain at an all time high. How vulnerable are we to supply disruptions? Can we meet our own fuel needs while feeding -- and thus stabilizing -- other countries? Is energy dependence fueling climate change? Next year Congress will resume work on climate change legislation and continue to address ways to stimulate the economy -- all while looking for ways to reduce our nation's dangerous dependence on foreign sources of oil.

And dangerous it is: with 97% of our transportation fuels still coming from oil, more than 60% of that oil is coming from foreign countries, and the majority of the world's oil reserves are owned by foreign governments. What can public policy makers do to improve our economic, environmental, and national security? We have invited several world-renowned experts to give you their views and discuss your opinions.

U.S. Senator Richard Lugar, (R-IN), Ranking Member, Committee on Foreign Relations. Dick Lugar has championed the need for the U.S. to reduce its dependence on foreign oil for decades. Combining his experiences on the Foreign Relations and Agriculture Committees and recognizing that energy security impacts every aspect of life in the United States, from the cars we drive and how much we pay at the gas pump to our vulnerability to foreign terrorism and our relationships with other countries, Senator Lugar has launched [the Lugar Energy Initiative](#). On January 4, 2008, Senator Lugar offered an answer to the prospect of \$100 per barrel oil in a [speech to the Indiana Renewable Energy Forum at IUPUI](#). "In the absence of revolutionary changes in energy policy, we will be risking multiple hazards for our country that could constrain living standards, undermine our foreign policy goals, and leave us highly vulnerable to economic and political disasters with an almost existential impact," Senator Lugar said. "A credible energy security agenda demands that we break free from partisan divisions. This will require tremendous leadership from the President, who must speak plainly to the American people and special interests."

Presentations:

R. James Woolsey, Founding Member/Set America Free, Co-Chair /Committee on the Present Danger, Honorary Co-Chair/Center for Security Policy. Mr. Woolsey was the Director of Central Intelligence under President Bill Clinton (1993-1995). He speaks and writes extensively on energy and national security issues, and argues that we need to rid ourselves of our dependence on all oil, not just foreign oil. Woolsey is a self-described "Scoop Jackson/Joe Lieberman Democrat" who, despite his official party affiliation, has worked for both Republican and Democratic Administrations."

Anne Korin, co-director of the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security (IAGS) and co-author of Energy Security Challenges for the 21st Century (2009) and Turning Oil into Salt (2009). Ms. Korin chairs the Set America Free Coalition, an alliance of national security, environmental, labor and religious groups promoting ways to strip oil of its strategic status. She appears in the media frequently and has written articles for Foreign Affairs, The American Interest, The National Review, Commentary Magazine, and the Journal of International Security Affairs. In her new book, "Energy Security Challenges for the 21st Century: A Reference Handbook," Anne Korin and her co-author Gal Luft, with the aid of twenty leading experts, provide an overview of the world's energy systems and their vulnerabilities. The book addresses the debate about resource conflicts, the threat of terrorism to the global energy system, the role of multinationals and non-state actors, maritime security, diversification of sources, and the development of alternative energy. It also examines the different approaches state actors and companies have towards producers, consumers, and transit states to ensure secure flows of energy.

Sam Ori, Senior Director of Policy, Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE). Committed to reducing U.S. oil dependence, SAFE is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization committed to reducing America's dependence on oil and improving U.S. energy security in order to bolster our national security and strengthen the economy. SAFE's *Energy Security Leadership Council* brings together some of America's most prominent business and military leaders to support a comprehensive, long-term policy to reduce U.S. oil dependence and improve energy security. The Council is led by Co-Chairmen Frederick W. Smith, Chairman, President, and CEO of FedEx Corporation, and General P.X. Kelley (Ret.), former Marine Corps Commandant and member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Other speakersTBA.

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