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## US Fuel Cell Council

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### **US Fuel Cell Council Urges Acceleration of Codes & Standards In Remarks for AIChE Topical Conference**

(Washington D.C. – March 10, 2002) The U.S. Fuel Cell Council (USFCC) urged public and private code and standard setting bodies today to accelerate their review of fuel cells to avoid becoming “a barrier to commercial success.” The Council released a paper prepared for the Topical Conference on “Fuel Cell Technology: Opportunities and Challenges,” which will be held at the Spring 2002 National Meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), March 10-14, in New Orleans. The US Fuel Cell Council is a co-sponsor of the Topical Conference.

In their paper, Council staff noted:

- “Fuel Cells are already commercial in some applications and are being developed for virtually every power need.
- “There are encouraging signs that cost barriers are continuing to yield to new materials, methods and ideas.
- “Governments around the world are investing in demonstrations and have recognized the need to stimulate early markets.
- “Regulatory bodies have developed a list of fuel cell ‘things to do,’ and work has begun.”

“Given these factors, and several billion dollars in private investment, fuel cells seem a certain success in some markets,” the staff wrote. “Harmonization of standards ... at the national level as well as the international level would help open systems to competition and bring the benefits of fuel cell technology to the citizens who need them.”

“The major task still undone is revision of the long list of private and governmental product standards, safety codes, best practices recommendations governing the design, installation and use of fuel cells. This work is well under way, but is laborious and new code activities seem to spring up to take the place of those that are completed. This work must be done on an accelerated timetable or codes and standards will become a barrier to commercial success,” the staff wrote.

The USFCC is the trade association for the fuel cell industry, dedicated to fostering the commercialization of fuel cells in the United States. For more information on USFCC, check out our web site at [www.usfcc.com](http://www.usfcc.com).

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