

APEC—Going Greener in 2009

The IEEE Applied Power Electronics Conference has always promoted efficiency and effectiveness in utilization and processing of power. APEC 2009 will be implementing the following sustainable practices to help promote conservation. We have listed some of the practices below which you may notice during the conference. There are also other sustainable practices implemented which you may not notice. APEC is working hard to make sure we are implementing best practices in these areas.

- Web registration will continue with the hope of reducing paper usage
- The APEC Program will be available at the conference registration area; no advance copies will be mailed. The program will be continually updated on the APEC web site
- Proceedings will only be available on CD—this will reduce not only paper usage but also conserve fuel used to produce and transport the materials (there is an on-site FedEx Kinko's in the hotel if you wish to print a particular paper)
- Biodegradable pens made from corn will be given to all attendees.
- Your conference bag will be made from Non-Woven Polypropylene—we hope that you will take it home and use it for trips to the grocery store
- A water bottle that can be refilled will be given to all attendees, we will have water coolers throughout the hotel—no more bottles of water.
- Badge holders are made from corn sugars, bins will be available to put your badges in so that they can be reused
- APEC signs are used from year to year—if new signage is necessary those signs will be made from recycled materials using soy ink

The Marriott Wardman Park will be complimenting the APEC—Going Greener theme in the following ways:

- On-site water and energy saving laundry facility along with their Linen Reuse Program within all 1,335 guest rooms which contain 2,088 beds
- Energy efficient lighting sources used through out the public spaces
- Compostable PLA cups made from corn used in guest rooms
- USA Today's placed on each Elevator Landing with a recycling bin

- Recycling centers of paper, cardboard, plastic and glass in meeting room foyers
- Paperless communication tools utilized within the hotel
- Bulk displays of condiments and coffee break items
- Wood coffee stirrers

Thank you for your support of the implementation of these practices, if you have any questions regarding our efforts please contact the APEC office.