

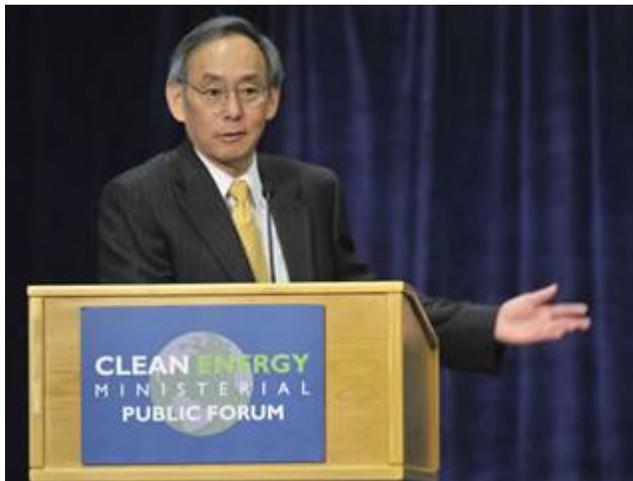
MAKING THINGS BETTER: The DOE announced up to \$2.5 million for research to develop biomass cookstove technology for developing countries recently. The technology will burn wood or crop residues more efficiently and with less smoke than open fires and traditional stoves, helping to save lives and improve livelihoods. Details: <http://go.usa.gov/ycN>



BIRTHSTONES AND MILESTONES: Tom Traceski, the Director of the Office of Environmental Policy and Assistance in HS-24, will retire May 1 after more than 38 years of federal service. After 10 years with the Army Corps of Engineers, Traceski was recruited to help lead the famous DOE “Tiger Teams” and became a leader in greening the DOE complex. In other news, Elizabeth Jacobs in the Office of Science will celebrate a birthday on April 28! Got more? KarissaMarcumPA@Hq.Doe.Gov wants to hear from you.



CHU ON THE MOVE: S1 will co-chair a meeting of energy ministers from 23 big economies in London next week on developing cleaner technologies. Results of the Clean Energy Ministerial will be fed into a United Nations' conference for sustainable development in Rio in June. More @ <http://goo.gl/O9ZPq>



IT'S A PLAN: The Department released its diversity and inclusion strategic plan: <http://go.usa.gov/yc5>

INSIDE TRACK: Construction is under way for the Interdisciplinary Science Building, a future world-class facility for energy research at Brookhaven Lab. Take a video tour of the construction site @ <http://goo.gl/YWlvT>



DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

#1 EARTH DAY LIVE CHAT: S1 will be on hand at 10:45 a.m. on Friday, April 20 for a live chat, so mark your calendars and tune into energy.gov to watch. It's not too late to

submit your questions via an email newmedia@hq.doe.gov, a tweet to @energy with the hashtag #askenergy or post on Facebook.com/energygov.



#2 COMMUNITY DAY: Green exhibitors, a place to recycle electronics, a farmer's market, food and an environmental film series will all be a part of DOE's Earth Day recognition, which goes until April 20 in Forrestal and takes place next week in Germantown. Get the deets @ <http://go.usa.gov/mAy>

#3 TOWNHALL: Secretary Chu is hosting a town hall for all employees from 1:00-2:30 p.m. on April 20 in the Forrestal auditorium. What's on deck? Improving the Department's approach to continual learning and fostering a performance-based culture. So what's a performance-based culture? <http://go.usa.gov/ycn> Can't make it to HQ? The town hall will be streamed via VTC to DOE field sites and labs.

APPLE OF MY EYE: Apple has plans to build a 4.8-megawatt fuel cell project in North Carolina, adding to their planned 20-megawatt solar farm: <http://goo.gl/U4qd3>



WALKING NEAR MEMPHIS...: S2 visited the five megawatt West Tennessee Solar Farm (which has 21,000 panels) recently: <http://goo.gl/80UdK>



MILITARY: 3 GW OF RENEWABLES BY 2025: That's one gigawatt each for the Air Force, Army and Navy. *Bloomberg* has more: <http://goo.gl/0KX8W>

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FUN FACT: The Defense Department operates 2.2 billion square feet in about 300,000 buildings, or three times as much as Wal-Mart stores – so they have a big stake in efficiency and new, clean energy solutions.

TIME TO GET ON THE TREADMILL: Ford wants to trim the fat, setting a goal of cutting 750 pounds off the weight of every car by the end of the decade. The average car weighs about 4,000 pounds, so that's a big chunk. Find out why they think they can do it @ <http://goo.gl/35sgZ>



AND FINALLY: <http://goo.gl/GEvRV>

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