NEW TOOL ON ASSESSING EFFICIENCY IN CHEMICAL PLANTS AND REFINERIES AT LOW RUN RATES AVAILABLE FROM TEXAS IOF. The chemical and refining industries are primarily continuous processes that are designed and optimized for maximum production. It is well known that during times of low demand these operations become less energy efficient. Due to historically low fuel prices and the uncertainty associated with the duration of low demand periods, energy efficiency at low demand operating conditions has not been given much consideration. This tool was developed for plant owners, operators and energy managers. The tool provides basic information to help plants improve their energy efficiency in general, with a special focus on low-cost opportunities that can be realized during periods of low demand. It is a collection of Best Practices from the DOE, general industry literature, academia and industry experts. Download it from the Texas IOF website at http://TexasIOF.ces.utexas.edu

UPCOMING TEXAS IOF EVENTS. Go to the Texas IOF website for program and registration information, unless otherwise specified. Registration open one month before the event on the Texas IOF website

- **Steam End User Best Practices Workshop.** Nov. 4, Houston.
- **Improving Cooling and Power Efficiency in Data Centers,** Nov. 10, San Antonio
- **Fundamentals of Compressed Air,** Dec. 1, Houston
- **Texas Industrial Energy Management Forum,** April 7, 2011, Houston

Professional development hours are available for participation in all programs.

TEXAS IOF PROGRAM RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR AN ENERGY-EFFICIENT ECONOMY. Texas IOF received Honorable Mention in the ACEEE’s “States Stepping Forward” program awards. Texas IOF joins other long-recognized state-led programs working on energy efficiency in the residential, commercial and industrial sectors. See http://www.aceee.org/press/2010/09/18-state-led-energy-efficiency-programs-recognized-best

INTERVIEW ON APPLICATION OF SUPERIOR ENERGY PERFORMANCE PROGRAM AT A TEXAS CHEMICAL PLANT. Joe Almaguer, DOW Chemical’s Energy Conservation Lead, talks about the implementation of SEP at the Texas City site as part of the SEP Texas pilot project. You can view the article on SEP implementation at the Texas IOF website under “What’s New”. http://TexasIOF.ces.utexas.edu
NATIONAL CHP PARTNERSHIP MEETING, TEXAS POLICY FORUM &
INDUSTRY TRADE SHOW TO BE HELD NOV. 1-3, AUSTIN. Co-hosted by the
EPA, DOE, and the Texas CHP Initiative, this meeting in Austin will bring together
national and regional experts to discuss CHP policy, best practices, and technology,
offering two plenary sessions, 13 breakout sessions, two awards ceremonies, tours of
Austin’s Mueller Energy Center and UT Austin CHP plants, and an exhibit hall featuring
top CHP equipment manufacturers and services providers. Over 50 speakers will
present the latest national trends, provide perspective on fast-growing Texas CHP
industry, and describe the latest technology and products. The Texas Policy Forum will
consider how CHP and other clean energy technologies might approach the upcoming
82nd Texas Legislature. To register for the event, visit
http://www.epa.gov/chp/events/meeting_nov0210.html

TEXAS PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION ADOPTS NEW RULES ON ENERGY
EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS. Read an analysis of what was adopted at
http://www.goodcompanyassociates.com/files/manager/Summary_PUCT_EE_Rule__8-6-10.pdf

LOOKING FOR A JOB? Check out the job listings at the Texas Renewable Energy
Industry Association at http://www.treia.org/page/jobs. Although primarily focused on
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