

## UPCOMING EVENTS ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY

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The Department's Technology Assessment Division promotes and supports the efficient, environmentally responsible, and economically feasible use of energy. The following programs and upcoming conferences represent some of the Division's efforts to serve these programs.

From January 24 – 26, 2007, the Division will be conducting the annual statewide Clean Cities Conference to be held in New Orleans at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel. Clean Cities is a U.S. Department of Energy program that promotes the usage of alternative fuels. Included on the agenda will be information on tax incentives, new state vehicle specification updates, available funding including EPA's Blue Skyway initiative, Barksdale AFB CNG fueling and LEED certification (invited), and updates from each of the Clean Cities Coordinators from Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Shreveport.

In an effort to provide assistance to those homeowners rebuilding in hurricane ravaged areas, DNR continues to offer the various residential programs. One such project is working with the Preservation Resource Center in New Orleans (PRC) providing expertise utilizing best practices and materials for energy efficiency for those historical properties to be renovated. The PRC's Operation Comeback buys and restores blighted historical homes in the Holy Cross Neighborhood. The mission is not only to place energy efficiency measures in the homes, but to ensure appropriate training on installation and availability for homeowners. DNR has facilitated five workshops for homeowners and contractors on appliances, lighting, heating and cooling, windows and doors, water heating (tankless and solar water heating) and various types of insulation. The next workshop on January 24<sup>th</sup> will be on solar equipment and be a media kickoff for the remodeling events.

The second phase will be to provide a training exercise at the actual homes being renovated while installation is taking place. The sessions will be video taped and available from DNR and PRC. The series concludes with utilizing on-going PRC events, such as Shotgun House Month Tours, to educate consumers on measures being implemented, as well as a parade of energy efficient historical homes event planned for April, 2007.

In 2007, DNR will once again host the Industrial Energy Technology Conference (IETC) in New Orleans. The IETC was created to meet the needs of the industrial energy community with focus on industrial energy and waste reduction. The conference provides the latest in various state and federal programs affecting industry as well as industrial innovations and case studies on waste reduction practices from industrial partners. The conference is May 8-11, 2007, at the Royal Sonesta Hotel.

Energy Code Compliance Training is offered from the DNR Technology Assessment Division for both commercial (ASHRAE 90.1-2001) and residential building (2006 IRC effective January 1, 2007). This training can be provided upon request, or interested parties can check the website under *Calendar of Events* for upcoming sessions being provided statewide.

For all more information on workshops, conferences and other classes, check our *Calendar of Events* at URL: [http://dnr.louisiana.gov/sec/execdiv/techasmt/about\\_us/division\\_calendar.htm](http://dnr.louisiana.gov/sec/execdiv/techasmt/about_us/division_calendar.htm).