

# MI, IAGS, USESC Hold Successful Washington Methanol Policy Forum

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WASHINGTON, DC, USA, June 14, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Methanol Institute (MI), along with partners the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security (IAGS), and the U.S. Energy Security Council (USESC), welcomed over 100 attendees to yesterday's 2017 Washington Methanol Policy Forum at the National Press Club in Downtown Washington, DC. The 2017 event built on previous successful Washington Methanol Policy Forums held in 2012 and 2014, and featured the inaugural presentation of the George A. Olah Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award by Dr. Olah's colleague Professor Surya Prakash to Mr. Paul Wuebben.

The Washington Methanol Policy Forum brought together industry leaders, energy policy experts, congressional and executive branch officials, academics and the media to share information about methanol's global penetration of the transportation fuel market and its implications for the U.S. economy. Experts from around the world provided the most up-to-date information on global methanol fuel blending initiatives.

Additionally, there was a special luncheon discussion with members of the USESC. USESC attendees included: Robert "Bud" McFarlane, former U.S. National Security Advisor; R. James Woolsey, former Director of Central Intelligence; John Hofmeister, former President, Shell Oil Company; C. Boyden Gray, former White House Counsel and Ambassador to the United Nations; J. Bennett Johnston, former U.S. Senator from Louisiana.

MI CEO Greg Dolan noted the increasing enthusiasm shown for methanol's use as an energy resource, particularly in vehicle and vessel fuel blending, saying "I'm pleased such a distinguished group of industry and policy experts chose to come together to make this forum such a success and help chart the path forward for methanol's inclusion in the U.S fuel pool."

At a reception following the event, attendees heard from special guest Representative Eliot Engel of New York, who earlier in the day introduced the Open Fuel Standard Act in the House of Representatives, and spoke of the importance of broadening and diversifying the U.S. fuel pool to include methanol and other alternatives to gasoline.

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