

NEWS RELEASE

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Minerals Education Coalition will exhibit at Colorado Energy Expo*Event will showcase all aspects of the energy industry*

The Minerals Education Coalition (MEC) of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Foundation (SMEF) is supporting the strength and diversity of Colorado's energy industry with a booth at the inaugural [Colorado Energy Expo](#). The event will be held at the Colorado Convention Center on Friday, June 27. Presented by the [Colorado Energy Coalition](#), the expo is free and open to the public. MEC's participation is at the invitation of the [Colorado Mining Association](#) and their sponsorship of the event.



The Colorado Energy Expo will feature an Energy Industry Speaker Series that will bring together leaders from around Colorado and the nation to discuss innovations, policies and discoveries driving their industries and answer questions on how Colorado can continue to be a leader for responsible energy development.

"All energy sources, including nuclear, hydro, wind, solar and other renewables, have a role to play in contributing to the state's electrical power grid, and coal remains the backbone of affordable, safe and reliable baseload electricity generation," said SME Executive Director David L. Kanagy.

MEC booth #422 will be demonstrating society's reliance on mining and minerals by displaying energy thematic materials including fact sheets related to wind turbines, solar panels and light bulbs. MEC's two videos in the series *Minerals in our Electrical World*, copper and iron, as well as a SMART Board lesson on coal designed for middle and high school teachers will be promoted. Attendees can participate in a hands-on demonstration of the conductivity of minerals and their physical properties as they relate to the energy industries.

Also featured at the booth will be SME briefing papers addressing responsible energy development:

- [Coal's Importance in the U.S. and Global Energy Supply](#)
- [Meeting the U.S. Minerals and Metals Needs for Energy Production](#)
- [Nuclear Power](#)

MEC is SMEF's program to generate an enlightened and supportive public that appreciates the importance of mining and minerals in their lives and their lifestyles. For more information about MEC, please visit www.MineralsEducationCoalition.org.

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SME is a professional society (nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation) whose more than 15,000 members represent all professions serving the minerals industry in more than 100 countries. SME members include engineers, geologists, metallurgists, educators, students and researchers. SME advances the worldwide minerals community through information exchange and professional development.

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