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Solar House Anniversary Offers New Facility, Innovative Vehicles

Environmental leaders from across North Carolina will gather on Friday to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the N.C. Solar Center on the North Carolina State University campus, and to dedicate the center's new Alternative Fuels Vehicle (AFV) demonstration facility.

The dual events will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7, at NC State's Solar House adjacent to the McKimmon Center. The media are invited to attend.

The AFV facility will serve as a research and education facility for a variety of alternative fuels, and will house a number of alternative-fuel vehicles – several of which will be featured at Friday's dedication.

Officials from the state Department of Administration, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and NC State are expected to attend.

Created in 1988, the N.C. Solar Center manages renewable-energy projects and provides information, research, technical assistance and professional training, and has developed into one of the nation's premier energy institutes. Based in NC State's College of Engineering and the Industrial Extension Service, the center is sponsored by the N.C. State Energy Office and the U.S. Department of Energy.

To arrange interviews, personal demonstrations of educational modules, or photographs of the AFVs in advance, contact Tim Dunn of the Solar Center at 919/513-7148 or tim_dunn@ncsu.edu.

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