

- America is dangerously dependent on the OPEC cartel and other oil suppliers that have instituted record prices over the past several years, manipulating markets to maximize their profits, at great cost to the U.S.
- A growing number of experts, including some major oil companies, believe that within the next ten years world conventional oil production will peak and begin a steady decline. Some are saying that we've already reached the peak.
- We now face unprecedented global competition for oil from China, India, and other nations. This competition grows more intense every quarter as supplies tighten and reliant oil importing countries fight to secure fuel for economic expansion.

To insure against these tremendous risks, and to provide for price stability and future economic prosperity and national security, America must reduce its growing dependence on foreign oil suppliers by producing its own liquid fuels. The opportunities created by a transition toward energy security and independence will be immense.

As previously mentioned, I have attached a white paper that describes America's liquid fuels challenges and opportunities in more detail. I have also attached an outline of the American Energy Security study for your review.

.Please call me or Ken Nemeth, Executive Director of the Southern States Energy Board, any time with your questions and comments. Ken can be reached at 770-242-7712. My contact information is provided below. I hope that you will join us as a co-sponsor of this important, ground-breaking study, which was approved unanimously by the Southern States Energy Board at its 2005 Annual Meeting. Thank you.

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