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NY-GEO 2016 hosts multi-state conference in Albany

25 states come together for “Breaking New Ground”

Albany, NY – Geothermal energy is a green, renewable energy source that is often overlooked by homeowners, but experts will be coming together tomorrow to explore new ways to get this affordable energy source installed in more homes in 2017.

The New York Geothermal Energy Organization (NY-GEO) is holding its second annual conference, “**Breaking New Ground in Renewable Heating and Cooling**” on April 19-20, 2016, at the Wolf Road Radisson Hotel in Albany, NY. Sponsored by NYSERDA, Bosch, and WaterFurnace, the conference will address 200 attendees from 109 different communities in 25 states, 4 provinces, and 5 countries. Many sessions will be open to the public, giving locals a rare opportunity to learn more about this invisible green power source.

Geothermal is called the *other renewable energy* because unlike the more well-known solar and wind technologies that generate renewable electricity, GHP technology provides sustainable, reliable and environmentally-friendly heating and cooling of homes and other buildings.

This is significant since on-site heating indoor spaces accounts for about a third of all carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in the state, while electricity generation accounts for only 20%, according to the 2015 New York Energy Plan.

This two-day conference also offers top-level workshops with continuing education credits for architects and engineers on both days. Speakers include PSC Chair Audrey Zibelman, John B. Rhodes, President and CEO of NYSERDA, and John Franceschina, NY-GEO President.

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