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Dr. Martin also acted as a technical peer reviewer for the EPA Renewable Fuel Standard Regulations on "Methods and Approaches to Account for Lifecycle Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Biofuels Production Over Time" and is a member of the California Air Resources Board’s Low Carbon Fuel Standard Expert Workgroup.

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Half the Oil: Cutting oil use with advanced vehicles and fuels

Jeremy Martin and Rachael Nealer from the Union of Concerned Scientists in Washington DC describe a comprehensive plan to cut projected US oil use in half in twenty years with a combination of efficiency and innovative clean fuels and advanced vehicles. Jeremy will focus on biomass based fuels, vehicle and fuel infrastructure constraints called the blend wall, and the evolving policy framework governing biofuels in federal and state law. Rachael will describe life cycle analysis of electricity as a transportation fuel and advanced battery electric and fuel cell vehicles.