

## August 11, 2008 - Murtha Opens new Pittsburgh Electric Engines, Inc. (PEEI) Facility in Mt. Pleasant

MT. PLEASANT, PA -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, today opened the new Pittsburgh Electric Engines, Inc. (PEEI) research and manufacturing facility in Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County.

PEEI is currently developing a Turbo Fuel Cell Engine for transportation and mobile power applications. The U.S. Department of Defense is particularly interested in developing alternative engines for heavy trucks, and the PEEI Turbo Fuel Cell Engine uses 40 percent less fuel than current diesel engines. Their engine can also be used as a mobile electric power source, providing flexible electric resources on the battlefield. PEEI is also pursuing joint ventures with commercial manufactures of heavy equipment.

"The U.S. military is the single largest consumer of fuel in the world," commented Murtha. "The development of alternative fuel sources for the military, like the PEEI Turbo Fuel Cell Engine, is essential to lowering fuel consumption and cost."

Since 2004, Congressman Murtha has secured \$6.5 million in federal funding for the development of PEEI's Turbo Fuel Cell Engine. The new PEEI research and manufacturing facility is a 24,000 square foot building that currently employs 11 people.

"I'm delighted to be opening this new facility, and I'm humbled to see the high-tech industry developing in my old hometown."

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