

News Release

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Energy Institute welcomes the creation of the Department for Energy and Climate Change

The Energy Institute (EI) welcomes the creation of the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) as part of the UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown's cabinet reshuffle and the appointment of Ed Miliband as the Secretary of State.

"Energy is a fundamental resource and energy security an issue of strategic importance. Climate change is a challenge which requires global coordination to redress and enhancing the energy system as part of that coordination is an opportunity which should be harnessed", commented the EI's Chief Executive Louise Kingham FEI FRSA. "This change in Government organisation hopefully recognises this by putting energy and climate change at the heart of the UK Government going forward".

"However, we cannot expect new structures alone to solve the challenges we face in this transitional phase for energy system development. There is much to do and the expertise of the EI's membership and other similar organisations should continue to be utilised and valued in determining and following the right road map. We are therefore looking forward to working with the DECC and Mr Miliband and to making our members' expertise available to them in order to meet their objectives."

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