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Stationary fuel cell powered by kerosene in Japan

Idemitsu Kosan Co., a major Japanese oil wholesaler, has announced that it will begin feasibility tests on a stationary fuel cell that is powered by hydrogen extracted from kerosene. The company uses its own desulfurization catalyst to achieve this type of operation.

The 5 kW fuel cells will be installed in gas stations providing Idemitsu fuels in Chiba Prefecture and will be used in CHP mode to provide electricity for lighting and hot water. They will be tested for efficiency and long term operation. Idemitsu said it would start selling the fuel cell systems in 2006 if tests are successful.

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