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'Energy Switch' host to speak at IPRB Teachers Program

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Scott Tinker
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MOUNT VERNON — Dr. Scott Tinker will be the featured speaker at the 13th Illinois Petroleum Resources Board Summer Math & Science Teachers

Program.

According to the program news release, Dr. Tinker will make a presentation entitled Making Sense of Energy and Climate at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, at the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel ballroom in Mount Vernon. There is no admission fee and academics, media and Illinois Basin oil industry professionals are encouraged to attend.

A Centralia native, Dr. Tinker works to bring industry, government, academia and nongovernmental organizations together to address major societal challenges in energy, the environment and the economy.

Dr. Tinker is director of the 250-person Bureau of Economic Geology, the State Geologist of Texas and a professor holding the Allday Endowed Chair in the Jackson School of Geosciences at The University of Texas at Austin. With director Harry Lynch, Tinker co-produced and is featured in the award-winning energy documentary films “Switch” and “Switch On,” which have been screened in over 50 countries and used on thousands of campuses worldwide. Dr. Tinker formed and serves as Chairman of the nonprofit Switch Energy Alliance, whose materials appear from schools to board rooms globally. Tinker also hosts the PBS series “Energy Switch,” where viewers hear from America’s leading energy experts with differing views from across the energy policy and political spectrum.

Dr. Tinker will be available for interviews following his 6:30 p.m. presentation, which will cover global energy needs and the dual challenge of providing adequate energy while also protecting the environment.

“Energy Switch” airs on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. on WSIU and is also carried by hundreds of other PBS stations throughout the country.

IPRB's annual summer math and science teachers program will be held June 27-30 and will again feature a comprehensive Illinois oil production industry learning experience for educators, the news release states.

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