



Live Until August 31st, Oil Drum Successors Discussion, and User Profiles

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We have been overwhelmed by the many positive stories over the last number of days from the great community here following the announcement to turn the website into an archive. A large thank you for sharing all types of kind personal remarks and stories, on the importance The Oil Drum and its community has played in your energy thinking, ideas, and decisions.

Given the lively thoughts here, the board of ISEOF (The Institute for Energy and Our Future that facilitates The Oil Drum), Euan, SuperG, JoulesBurn, and myself, would like to encourage the community here to take the next step to keep the conversation moving forward. We trust with optimism that people among the community will step up (and indeed some have) and spawn a one or more successors, building on some of the experiences at The Oil Drum over the last eight years. Many have commented on the large part that the TOD website itself played in TOD's success, and it is true that factors such as usability, a clean design, and more were key, but we cannot claim to have a magic formula. We will not endorse any particular successor, but would like to facilitate this development. Therefore, we invite further discussion in the comments below on what makes for a good forum on energy-related topics, as well as specific proposals (or plugs) for sites to be built (or already online).

Finally, a clarification of the near-term progression (recession?) of the website: the original announcement of "The End of The Oil Drum" specified a July 31 date. However, there was some internal confusion about this, and given that many voices here wish to have some final words - plus the desire to further enable grass roots organization to take place over an appropriate time frame, the initial conversion of the website to a static archive will be postponed until the August 31. To this date the website will continue to function as before (including drumbeats). Moreover, a special article series will be published in the coming weeks by present and past contributors with the aim to capture some of the latest and greatest thoughts and insights on various energy topics.

After August 31, the user account policy will be as follows:

- Users with accounts will be able to log in.
- Users with accounts will be able to edit their profiles.
- Users with accounts will be able to view other users' profiles.
- Users will *not* be able to create an account.
- Users will *not* be able to post comments after September 7 (7 days after 8/31).

This policy will be in effect indefinitely.

Thanks to all.



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