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"The Case for Carbon Sequestration"

Richlands, VA - The Eastern Coal Council is sponsoring its 27th annual Conference and Exposition, "MEETING WORLD ENERGY NEEDS BY IMPROVING & INCREASING COAL UTILIZATION ", September 11 and 12, 2006. The meeting will be at the MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center, Kingsport, TN.

"The Case for Carbon Sequestration" will be presented by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), American Electric Power and the Southeast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership (SECARB) in the Clean Coal Technologies Session at the 27th Annual Conference & Exposition on September 11-12, 2006, in Kingsport, Tennessee. The group will discuss carbon sequestration research goals, objectives and regional benefits.

SECARB, led by the Southern States Energy Board of Norcross, GA, represents 11 southeastern states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia). SECARB is one of seven partnerships created by the U.S. DOE to help determine the best approaches for capturing and storing carbon dioxide (CO₂), thought to contribute to global climate change. SECARB is addressing point source CO₂ emissions in the southeastern United States by geographically linking sources with potential sequestration sinks. SECARB will accomplish its objectives by defining similarities in the 11 state region; characterizing the region relative to sources, sinks, transport, sequestration options, and existing and future infrastructure requirements; identifying

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and addressing issues for technology deployment; developing public involvement and education mechanisms; identifying the most promising capture, sequestration, and transport options; and developing action plans for implementation and technology validation.

SECARB's Coal Seam Group is currently researching the carbon sequestration potential and corresponding enhanced coalbed methane recovery of unmineable coal seams in the Central Appalachian and Black Warrior Basins. The coal seam research team incorporates individuals from the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research (Virginia Tech), Marshall Miller and Associates, the Geological Survey of Alabama, Advanced Resources International, the Kentucky Geological Survey, the University of Alabama and the Eastern Coal Council.

The moderator will be Dr. Robert Wright of the U.S. Department of Energy. Other speakers include:
Michael Mudd, American Electric Power
Dr. Jerry Hill, Southern States Energy Board
Dr. Michael Karmis, Virginia Tech
Dr. Jack Pashin, Geological Survey of Alabama
Mike Miller, Marshall Miller & Associates
Matthew Conrad, Marshall Miller & Associates

The annual golf outing will be Monday morning, September 11, at the MeadowView's Cattails Golf Course. Denis Griffiths designed the 18 Hole championship course. The Cattails Course is conveniently located beside the Hotel.

For additional information or to register contact the EASTERN COAL COUNCIL, P. O. Box 858, Richlands, VA 24641. PHONE: 276/964-6363 or 964-9088, FAX: 276/964-6342, or E-Mail: ECC@Netscope.Net. Check the Eastern Coal Council's website for additional information and updates " easterncoalcouncil.org "

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