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**Statement from John Thompson, Director, Coal Transition Project, Clean Air Task Force, on Department of Energy selection of Morgan County for permanent geologic storage of CO2 emissions from FutureGen power plant**

"We're pleased that this major carbon capture and storage project is going forward. For any CCS project, it's vitally important that the geology is well-understood, so we look forward to seeing FutureGen's complete detailed geologic analysis of the Morgan County site. Without carbon capture and storage (CCS), the most serious consequences of global climate change can't be avoided because fossil fuel use is projected to increase 50% worldwide in the coming decades. The technology to store carbon dioxide deep underground is already available, and DOE's choice today helps advance its eventual widespread deployment."

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