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**CLEAN AIR TASK FORCE STATEMENT QUESTIONING LOWER CAPTURE STANDARDS OF REINSTATED FUTUREGEN**

**CARBONDALE, IL, June 12, 2009** — Today the Obama Administration revived the FutureGen “clean coal” project. In doing so, the project has dramatically scaled back its carbon capture emissions standards. John Thompson, Director of the Coal Transition Project for the Clean Air Task Force, issued the following statement of concern about the latest development.

"Recognizing that we will never slow the threat of global climate change unless we reduce emissions from coal plants, we at the Clean Air Task Force have been vocal supporters of the FutureGen project to create a near-zero emissions coal gasification project. And so the reinstatement of FutureGen should be an important milestone and a day for celebration. Unfortunately, it is not. In scaling back the amount of carbon the plant will capture from 90% to 60% in order to cut costs, the Obama Administration has turned FutureGen to YesterGen.

The purpose of FutureGen was to test technologies that could later be deployed on a commercial scale. Yet in moving from a 90% to 60% threshold, the project will achieve levels that are no higher, and maybe even lower, than several commercial projects already at advanced stages of development.

The Obama Administration needs to get this one right—return the project to 90% capture and get the plant under construction quickly."

**About the Clean Air Task Force**

The Clean Air Task Force is a national environmental organization dedicated to restoring clean air through scientific research, public education, and legal advocacy. The Clean Air Task Force is comprised of twenty professionals with backgrounds in science, engineering, law, economics and public outreach headquartered in Boston, but located throughout the United States. CATF is recognized as one of the nation’s leading environmental organizations addressing air quality and atmospheric protection issues, and its work is widely respected in government and industry. CATF receives no industry funding. For more information about the Clean Air Task Force, see <http://www.catf.us/>