

8. POLICY POSITION

REGARDING CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGIES

Background

The Southern Legislative Conference strongly supports the development and implementation of clean coal technologies and note their critical importance to the coal mining industries and the electric consumers of southern states.

The President's support of joint government-industry research on these advanced technologies and his ongoing dialogue with developed and developing nations indicate his belief in the uses of clean coal technologies, of the long-range benefit of our domestic energy policy and his administration's support for the global concept of economic growth with environmental caution. His concepts for reducing the emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides stress the pursuit of cost effective strategies for national and international environment goals.

Recommendation

The Southern Legislative Conference supports the concept that the development and use of all types of clean coal technologies be included as an essential element of any national initiative to reduce emissions from coal-fired power plants.

The Southern Legislative Conference urges the President, his Cabinet and the Congress to promote the ongoing \$2.5 billion clean coal technology programs by the enactment of federal and state incentives for the development and application of all types of clean coal technologies, realizing that many of the candidate technologies are yet immature and will need special consideration both in their risk to using utilities and in their inability to meet proposed compliance deadlines with widespread commercial availability.

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