



# Oxyfuel Activities in USA & FutureGen Update

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# DOE Large Scale CCS Projects (as of 2011)

Project	Location	Capture rate (ts / yr)	Repository	Start
<b><i>Oxy-Combustion</i></b>				
FutureGen 2.0	Meredosia IL	1,150,000	GS	2015
<b><i>Pre-Combustion Capture (IGCC)</i></b>				
Summit Texas Clean Energy	Odessa, TX	2,700,000	EOR	2014
Southern Company	Kemper Co, MS	1,800,000	EOR	2014
Hydrogen Energy	Kern Co, CA	1,800,000	EOR/GS	2016
<b><i>Post Combustion Capture</i></b>				
Basin Electric	Beulah, ND	450,000 – 1,360,000	EOR/GS	2014
NRG Energy	Thompsons, TX	400,000	EOR	2015
AEP	New Haven, WV	1,500,000	GS	2015
<b><i>Industrial CCS Solicitation</i></b>				
Leucadia Energy	Lake Charles, LA	4,000,000	EOR	2014
Air Products	Port Arthur, TX	900,000	EOR	2013

# Alstom, US DOE & NETL

- One of 6 R & D Carbon Capture Projects funded by Existing Plants, Emissions & Capture Programme (EPEC)
- Focus on retrofit to T-fired units (500 – 600MWe)
- Optimised demonstration 100 – 200MWe
- Pilot scale tests at 15MWth T-Fired BSF
- Several oxy-combustion system designs to be evaluated
- Will include techno-economic analysis
- Project cost – circa \$18m (DOE -\$15m)



*Courtesy of Alstom*

# Babcock & Wilcox and Air Liquide

- B & W and Air Liquide have been developing oxy-combustion retrofit technology at their respective test facilities
- Two-phased approach
  - Phase 1 – Effect of coal rank
  - Phase 2 – Engineering & Economic assessment of technology
- Developing a 700MWe Oxy-Coal Reference Plant with EPRI & URS
  - Sub-bituminous coal
  - Steam – 259bar, 593C
  - Wet Cooling
  - Location – Kenosha, Wisconsin
- Technology suppliers to FutureGen 2.0

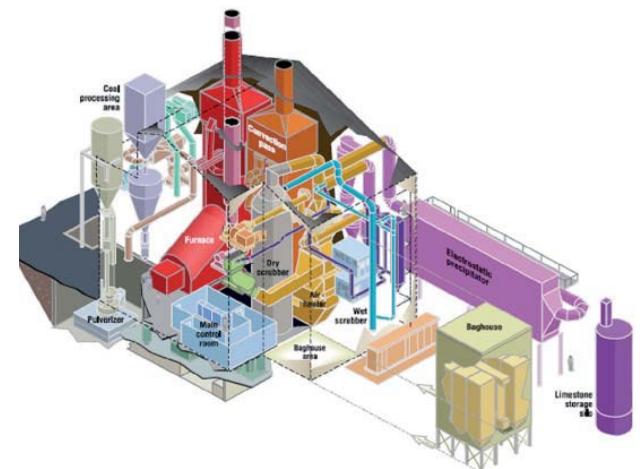
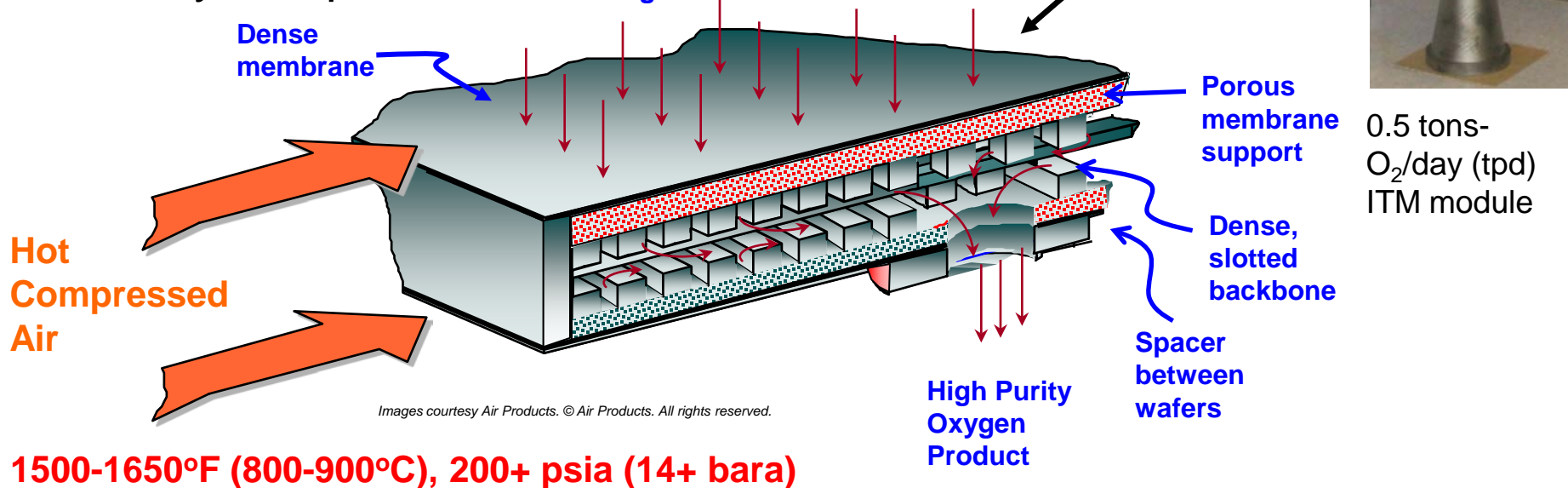


Illustration of B & W's Oxy-combustion Pilot Scale Test Facility

# ITM Oxygen Membranes – Air Products

- Proprietary ceramic membrane separates oxygen from air
- Single-stage high-purity oxygen
- Extremely selective and fast transport for oxygen
- Very compact



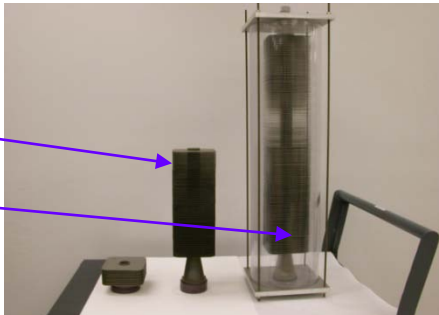
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**1500-1650°F (800-900°C), 200+ psia (14+ bara)**

# ITM Oxygen Unit

## ITM Modules

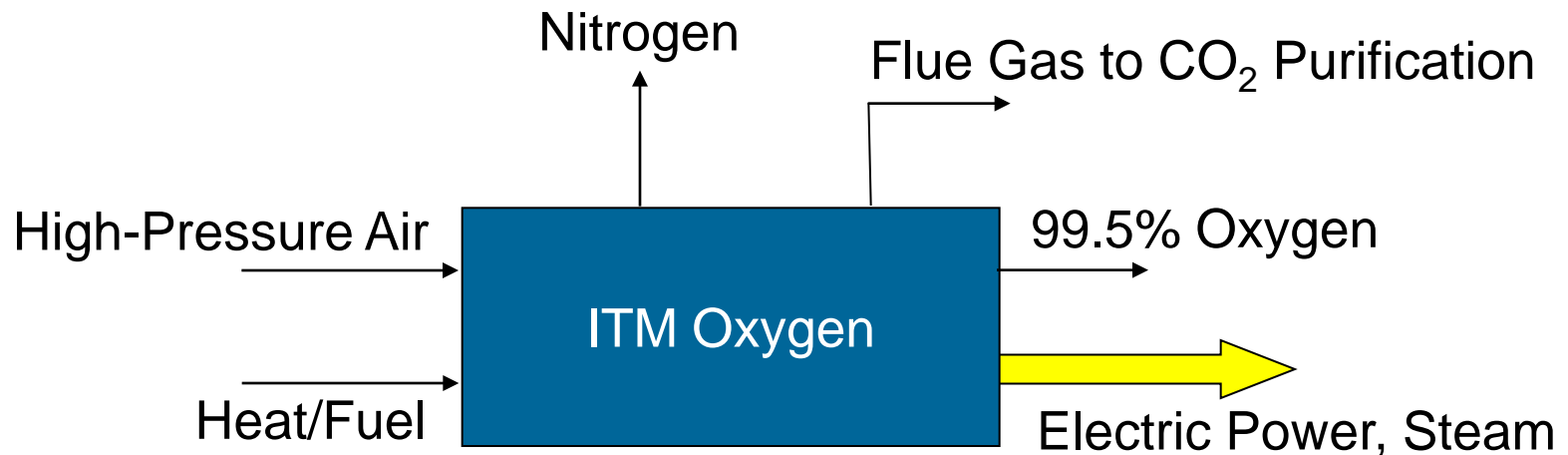
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- 1.0 tpd



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## Options for ITM Oxygen Unit Design:

- Power co-production
- Minimum fuel consumption
- Minimum CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



# EPRI – Generation Sector Focus

## Collaborative Bandwidth



### Operations and Maintenance

- I&C & Automation
- Maintenance Management & Technology
- Fossil Maintenance Applications Center
- Operations Management & Technology

### Major Component Reliability

- Boiler Life & Availability
- Boiler and Turbine Steam & Cycle Chemistry
- Steam Turbines, Generators, & Auxiliary Systems
- Fossil Materials & Repair

### Combustion Performance

- Combustion Performance & NO<sub>x</sub> Control
- Post-Combustion NO<sub>x</sub> Control

### Generation Planning

- Technology-Based Business Planning Information & Services
- Power & Fuel Markets & Generation Response

### Combustion Turbines

- Combustion Turbine & Combined Cycle O&M
- New CT/CC Plant Design and Technology Selection
- Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG) Dependability

### Environmental Controls

- Integrated Environmental Controls
- Particulate and Opacity Control
- Continuous Emissions Monitoring
- Coal Combustion Product Use

### Renewables

- Renewable Generation

### Advanced Coal Generation

- CoalFleet for Tomorrow
- CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Storage

### Demonstrations

- Industry Demonstrations

**Operational integrity of existing assets, regulatory compliance, new build decisions**



# Advanced Coal Generation

## *Cost-effective coal-based generation with carbon capture and storage*

- **Economics/Planning**

- Technology knowledge databases
- Economic analyses of new and retrofit power generation with CCS

- **Retrofit/Repower Existing Assets**

- Repowering strategies which maximize use of existing coal assets
- Quantifying and Optimizing CO<sub>2</sub> capture retrofit strategies

- **Future Assets**

- High efficiency ultra-supercritical PCs
- IGCC design/cost improvements
- **Optimization of design and operations with CCS (post-, pre- and oxy-combustion capture)**
- Accelerated development of advanced CO<sub>2</sub> capture technologies

- **All Assets**

- Supporting the US Dept of Energy's National Carbon Capture Center



# CoalFleet for Tomorrow (66)

*Preparing technologies for use in the Coal Power Plant of the 2020s:  
Advanced Ultrasupercritical PCs, IGCCs  
and Oxy-Combustion Power Plants*



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## 2012 R&D focus

**Identifying and nurturing technologies which can have a significant impact on the cost of electricity from new coal power plants**

- Targeting to have reliable and highly efficient new coal plant designs with near-zero emissions and CO<sub>2</sub> capture available to industry by 2025
- Timely and accurate engineering and economic information about advanced coal technologies to support generators' decision-making processes
- Shorten the development time for promising CO<sub>2</sub> capture technologies by co-sponsoring the US Dept of Energy's National Carbon Capture Center
- Validating materials needed for boilers and turbines to operate with steam conditions up to 1400°F (760°C) and 47% HHV efficiency

# Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS)

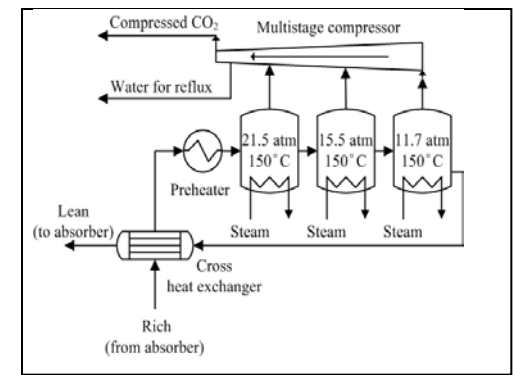
## *Cost-effective coal-based generation with carbon capture and storage*

- **Economics/Planning**
  - Technology knowledge databases
  - Economic analyses of new and retrofit power generation with CCS
  - Understanding of fully integrated CO<sub>2</sub> chain – capture to storage
- **Post-Combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Technology Development**
  - Accelerated development of advanced PC capture technologies
  - Carbon capture technologies testing at pilot and sub-pilot scales
  - Industry technology demonstrations
  - Optimization of design and operations with post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- **CO<sub>2</sub> Storage**
  - Guidelines for managing storage
  - Advanced reservoir characterization and CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring techniques



# CO<sub>2</sub> Capture & Storage (165)

*Provide confidence that acceptable capture technologies and storage options will be available when needed*



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## 2012 R&D focus

**Develop improved post-combustion capture processes and confirm suitability of transport and storage**

- Basis for credible asset planning
- Reduced cost-of-electricity (COE) for post-combustion carbon capture
- Reduced parasitic energy demand
- Knowledge to enable CO<sub>2</sub> underground storage to be understood by government bodies and the public.
- Independent information to develop regulations and legal frameworks for underground CO<sub>2</sub> storage.
- Reduce risk and cost of CO<sub>2</sub> product impurities resulting in increased CO<sub>2</sub> removal requirements, additional injection wells, or unacceptable storage sites

# EPRI Oxy-Coal Program Approach

- 1. Conduct engineering and economic evaluations of oxy-coal with CO<sub>2</sub> capture.**
  - *Full scale, new-build plant evaluations (published and on-going)*
  - *Oxy-coal retrofit/repowering evaluations (pending)*
- 2. Monitor worldwide oxy-coal with CO<sub>2</sub> capture research, demonstration, and deployment.**
  - *Periodic critical reviews of worldwide activities. (published and on-going)*
  - *Pressurized oxy-coal*
  - *Chemical looping combustion*
- 3. Conduct CO<sub>2</sub> purification unit technology assessments**
  - *Achieving the zero-emissions coal-fired power plant. (preliminary assessment published)*
  - *CPU process optimization (pending)*
  - *Affect of impurities on transport and storage of product CO<sub>2</sub> (In cooperation with Program 165)*
- 4. Provide a platform to put forth industry (utility and vendor) view of oxy-coal with CO<sub>2</sub> capture RD&D needs.**
  - *Working group to produce a white paper (in process)*
- 5. Assist in development (and monitoring) of field demonstration projects**

# Publications Pertinent to Oxy-Combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

- *Engineering and Economic Analysis of Oxy-Fired 1100°F Ultra-Supercritical Pulverized Coal Power Plant with CO<sub>2</sub> Capture.* August 2011. 1021782.
- *Engineering & Economic Evaluations (“EEE”) of Advanced Coal Power Plants.* June 2011. 1022025.
- *Oxy-Coal Technology for Carbon Dioxide Capture: Worldwide Development Activity Update.* December 2010. 1019673.
- *Pressurized Oxy-Coal Combustion for Electric Power Generation: A Preliminary Assessment of Field Experience and Prospects.* December 2009. 1021454.
- *Prospects of Oxy-Coal Steam-Electric Power Plants Achieving “Minor Source” Status for Air Emissions Permitting.* December 2009. 1017514.
- *Oxy-Fired Circulating Fluidized Bed with Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage at Holland Board of Public Works.* December 2009. 1020277.
- *Summary of Test Results from Babcock and Wilcox’s 30 MWth Oxy-Coal Pilot Plant.* September 2009. 1017508.
- *Program on Technical Innovation: Oxy-Fired CFB with CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Storage at Jamestown (NY) Board of Public Utilities.* May 2009. 1018709.

# Selected Oxy-Coal Engineering and Economic Evaluation Publications

## EPRI

- *Engineering and Economic Analysis of Oxy-Fired 1100°F Ultra-Supercritical Pulverized Coal Power Plant with CO<sub>2</sub> Capture.* August 2011. 1021782.
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## USDoE

- *Pulverized Coal Oxycombustion Power Plants, Volume 1: Bituminous Coal to Electricity.* DOE/NETL-2007/1291, R2, August 2008.
- *Cost and Performance of Low-Rank Pulverized Coal Oxycombustion Energy Plants.* DOE/NETL-401/093010. September 2010.

## Consistent conclusions:

- Oxy-Coal power plants (with CO<sub>2</sub> capture) can be built using technologies currently available; a viable technical option to Post-Combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Pre-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Capture.
- Oxy-coal LCOE, cost of avoided CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and cost of CO<sub>2</sub> captured are: at a minimum competitive with Post- and Pre-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture and: may have economic advantages over these alternatives.

# FutureGen 2.0

## Oxy-Combustion w/ CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration

- Meredosia, IL & Morgan Co., IL
- 200 MWe gross oxy-combustion repowering of Ameren's Meredosia Unit 4 steam turbine (Start 2016)
- 90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture (cryogenic separation)  
1,300,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>/year
- Deep saline sequestration in Mt. Simon formation
- Total Project: \$1.3 Billion  
DOE Share: \$1.05 Billion (81%)



### Key Dates

- Complete FEED: October 2012
- Construction: November 2012
- Operation: May 2016

### Status

- PreFEED – in progress
- Sequestration site characterization and validation In progress
- NEPA in progress, scoping meetings held, EIS being drafted

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# FutureGen 2.0 – Project Objectives

To prove the Oxy-combustion process at commercial scale

- Establish a cost and schedule baseline for the technology
- Equipment Design Considerations –Primarily Boiler Reliability – component design, materials of construction
- Maintainability –erosion, corrosion, outage cycles
- Not designed for high efficiency – for flexibility & learning
- Prove basic process and heat transfer parameters – can scale to higher efficiency, larger capacity w/o incremental steps
- Process Design Safety, Functionality, Operability
- Integrated operation of major components
- Understanding Storage Start-up, Shutdown, Load Swing, Capacity Factor, System Dynamics

# FutureGen 2.0 – Project Partners

- Ameren (recently decided to pull out)
- Babcock & Wilcox
- Air Liquide
- FutureGen Alliance (non-profit partnership) - includes
  - Anglo American
  - Rio Tinto
  - Peabody Energy
  - Xstrata Coal
  - Consol Energy
- B & W and Air Liquide are the primary contractors
- The FutureGen Alliance is the single entity for the whole project following Ameren's withdrawal and responsible for Project Mgt

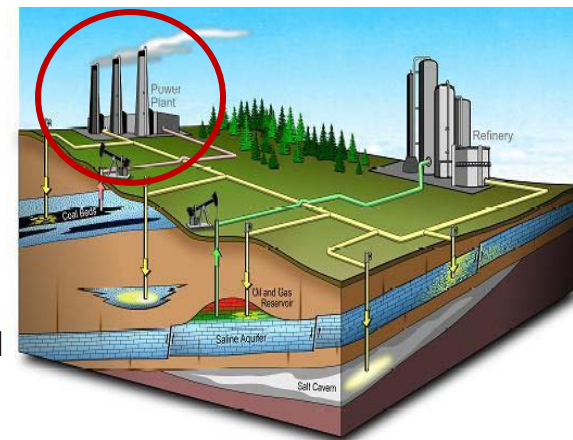
# FutureGen 2.0: Oxy-Combustion Repowering



**A large-scale integrated test to repower Ameren's existing Meredosias**

**Unit 4 with oxy-combustion & carbon capture technology**

- ✓ A purpose-built oxy-combustion system
- ✓ Confirmation that oxy-combustion is a viable repowering/new build technology for coal-fueled power plants, incorporating a testing program that will utilize Illinois bituminous coals & other coals
- ✓ Basis for industry acceptance: lowers equipt, operational, reliability & financial risks for future commercial deployments to meet U.S. & world energy needs



**Benefits of the Meredosias Host Site**

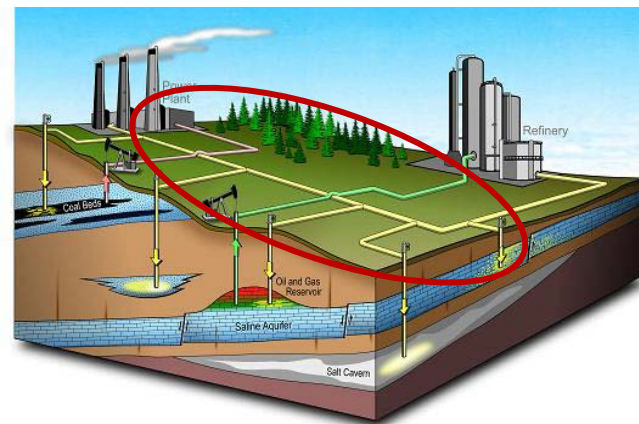
- ✓ Existing site infrastructure conserves capital cost
- ✓ It is the "right size" unit
  - Demonstrates retrofit/repowering potential for existing coal units
  - Large enough test of the technology to support commercial deployment (e.g., 500-800 MWe, supercritical ) without another, intermediate, scale-up step
  - Small enough to conserve capital expense for a large-scale integrated test
  - ~3500 tpd CO<sub>2</sub> to storage



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# FutureGen 2.0: CO<sub>2</sub> Transmission Pipeline

- Pipeline to transport CO<sub>2</sub> from Meredosia to preferred CO<sub>2</sub> storage site in northeastern Morgan County, Illinois
  - ~30 miles of pipeline from Meredosia to Morgan County site
  - 12-inch diameter pipeline; 2000 psi operating pressure
  - 4-mile wide corridor to be studied as part of EIS

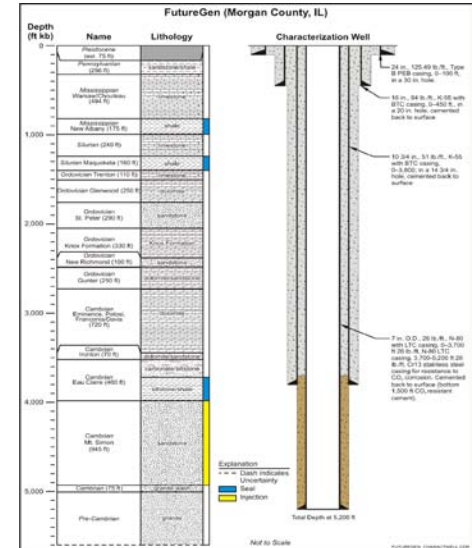


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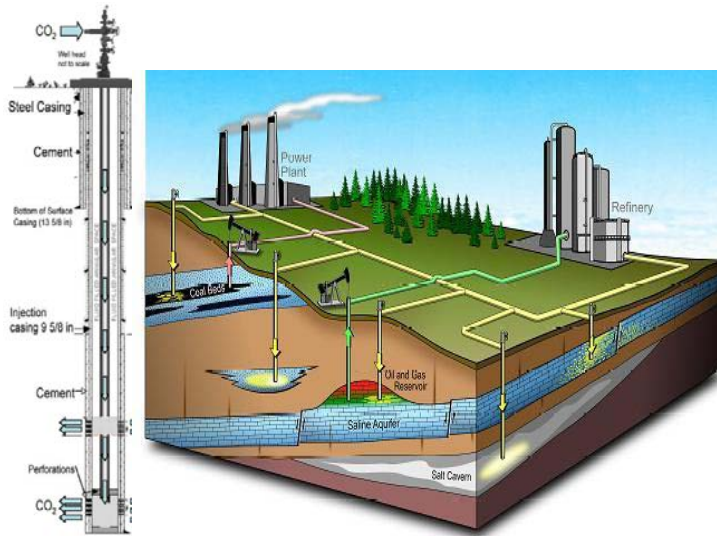


# FutureGen 2.0: Geological CO<sub>2</sub> Storage

- Design, build & operate geologic storage repository capable of safely permanently sequestering anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Site characterization for large volumes to be stored
    - ... Modeling, seismic surveys, drilling of characterization wells, injection well design
  - Visitor, education & research facilities
  - Strong community interest, at preferred site & two alternate sites
  - Characterization well completed to depth of 4826' on December 4, 2011
  - Core sample analyses & reservoir characterization studies being initiated



1. The FGA will not cost share in the visitor, education and training facilities.



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# FutureGen 2.0 – Progress to date

- Currently 6 – 7 months behind
- Ameren cannot participate as originally envisioned
- Ameren announced plan to close the Meredosia Plant
- Possible FutureGen Alliance may lease the Unit, currently seeking DOE approval
- Preliminary Engineering studies (Pre-FEED) complete
- Test storage well completed
  - Characterisation well indicates suitability of geology
  - Geology data still being analysed
- Project cost estimates up for Federal Review
- The Energy Department remains committed to demonstrating CCS
- Watch this space

Thank you for listening  
Happy to take questions



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