

# Office of Clean Coal and Carbon Management

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# Department of Energy Overview

**MISSION:** to ensure America's security and prosperity by addressing its energy, environmental and nuclear challenges through transformative science and technology solutions

## Four major components of mission


- *Energy*
- Science and Innovation
- Nuclear Safety and Security
- Management and Operational Excellence




*Secretary Moniz*



*Deputy Secretary Sherwood-Randall*



Christopher Smith  
Assistant Secretary



Dr. Julio Friedmann  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

## Office of Fossil Energy

- 2618 employees (feds and contractors)
- 11 sites in 7 states (DC, MD, PA, WV, TX, LA, OR)
- 2015 omnibus budget: \$808.1 million



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- R&D Portfolio: CO2 capture, CO2 sequestrations, Power Systems
- Major Demonstrations
- Regional Partnerships



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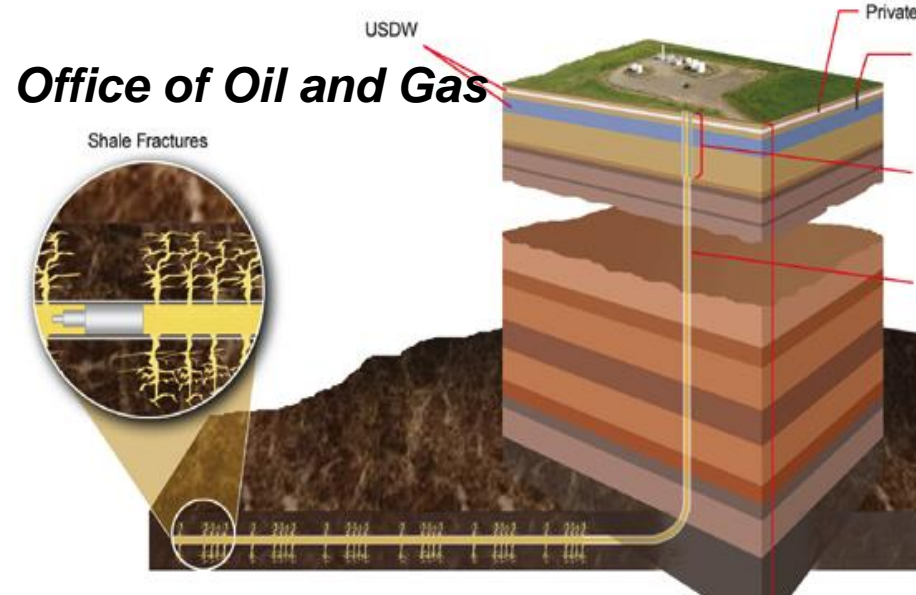
- R&D Portfolio: Onshore Shale Development, Offshore Spill Prevention, Methane Hydrate
  - Natural Gas Exports
  - RMOTC
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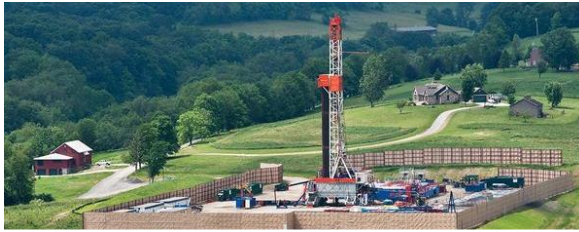
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Strategic Petroleum Reserve

- Strategic Petroleum Reserve
- Northeast Regional Refined Petroleum Products Reserve, Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve, Naval Petroleum Reserve-1

# Office of Fossil Energy



# The Office of Fossil Energy consists of three major programs



**Oil and Natural Gas**

- Promote prudent development of domestic oil and natural gas resources onshore and offshore
- Quantify and mitigate impacts/risks of resource development, with a focus on shale development and offshore spill prevention
- Conduct research to promote new sources of natural gas, such as methane hydrate
- Manage the DOE's natural gas regulatory process



**Coal and Power Systems**

- Reduce cost of pre- and post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture from power and industrial sources through R&D and major demonstrations
- Quantify and mitigate risks of long term CO<sub>2</sub> storage through R&D and major demonstrations
- Increase efficiency of power generation through R&D of systems and materials
- Research new power generation systems



**Strategic Petroleum Reserve**

- Provide the United States with an effective response option should a disruption in commercial oil supplies threaten the U. S. economy.
- SPR reserve capacity:
  - Bryan Mound - 254 MMB in 20 caverns
  - Big Hill - 171 MMB in 14 caverns
  - West Hackberry - 229 MMB in 22 caverns
  - Bayou Choctaw - 74 MMB in 7 caverns

## National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)



- Strategic Center for Natural Gas and Oil
- Strategic Center for Coal
- Office of Research and Development
- Office of Energy Project Management



## OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

Clean Coal & Carbon Management

### VISION

A secure, reliable, and affordable energy future with the environmentally sound use of coal and all fossil fuels

### MISSION

Support the research, development, and demonstration of advanced technologies to ensure the availability of clean, affordable energy from coal and fossil fuel resources



### GOALS

1. Demonstrate significantly lower-cost CO<sub>2</sub> capture technologies to enable widespread deployment of near-zero emission fossil-based technologies
2. Acceptance by industry, financial institutions, regulators, and the public that CO<sub>2</sub> can be safely injected, monitored, and permanently stored in a variety of geologic formations
3. Conduct high-risk, transformational research and development on coal fossil fuel technologies
4. Drive international collaboration to ensure widespread acceptance and deployment of CCS and advanced coal technologies
5. Provide data and expertise to support policy, legislation, and regulation impacting fossil fuel research



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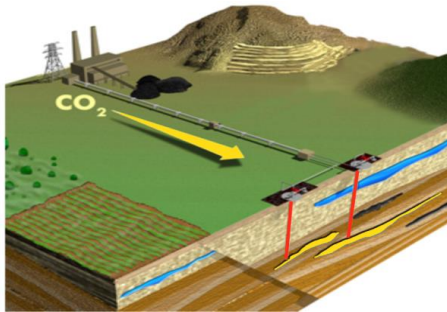
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CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

**Cost effective capture for new and existing plants**

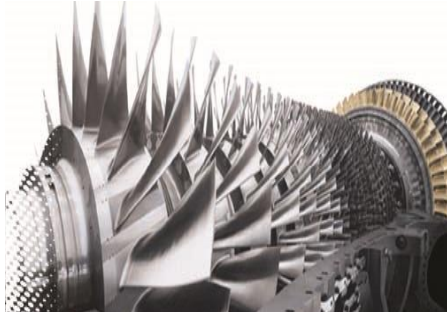
Major Goals: 2<sup>nd</sup> generation pilot tests (10 to 20 MW) by 2020. Transformational technology field tests by 2025



CO<sub>2</sub> Storage

**Safe, permanent storage of CO<sub>2</sub> from power and industry**

Major Goals: technologies and tools available to measure and account for 99% of injected CO<sub>2</sub>. CCS best practices and protocols completed by 2020.



Advanced Energy Systems

**Gasification, Advanced turbines, Advanced combustion, CBTL, and fuel cells**

Major Goals:  
2025: 20-30% reduction in combined cycle capital cost (2<sup>nd</sup> gen)  
2025: Advanced combustion ready for pilot scale operation (transformational)



Crosscutting Research

**Crosscutting technology development program**

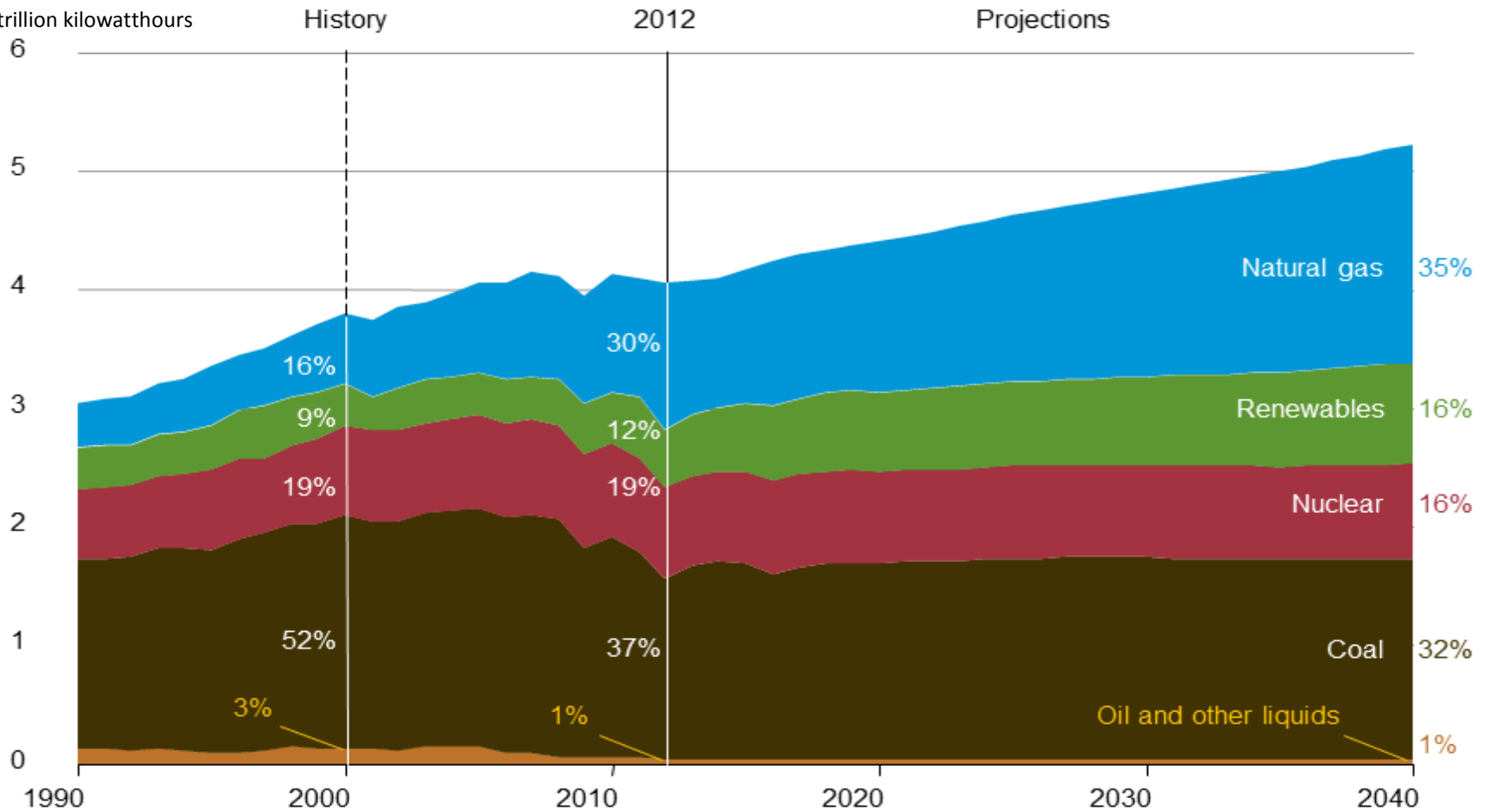
Major Goals:  
2016: advance 2<sup>nd</sup> gen materials, sensors, modeling technologies to applied programs  
2020: develop distributed communication sensor networks (transformational tech)

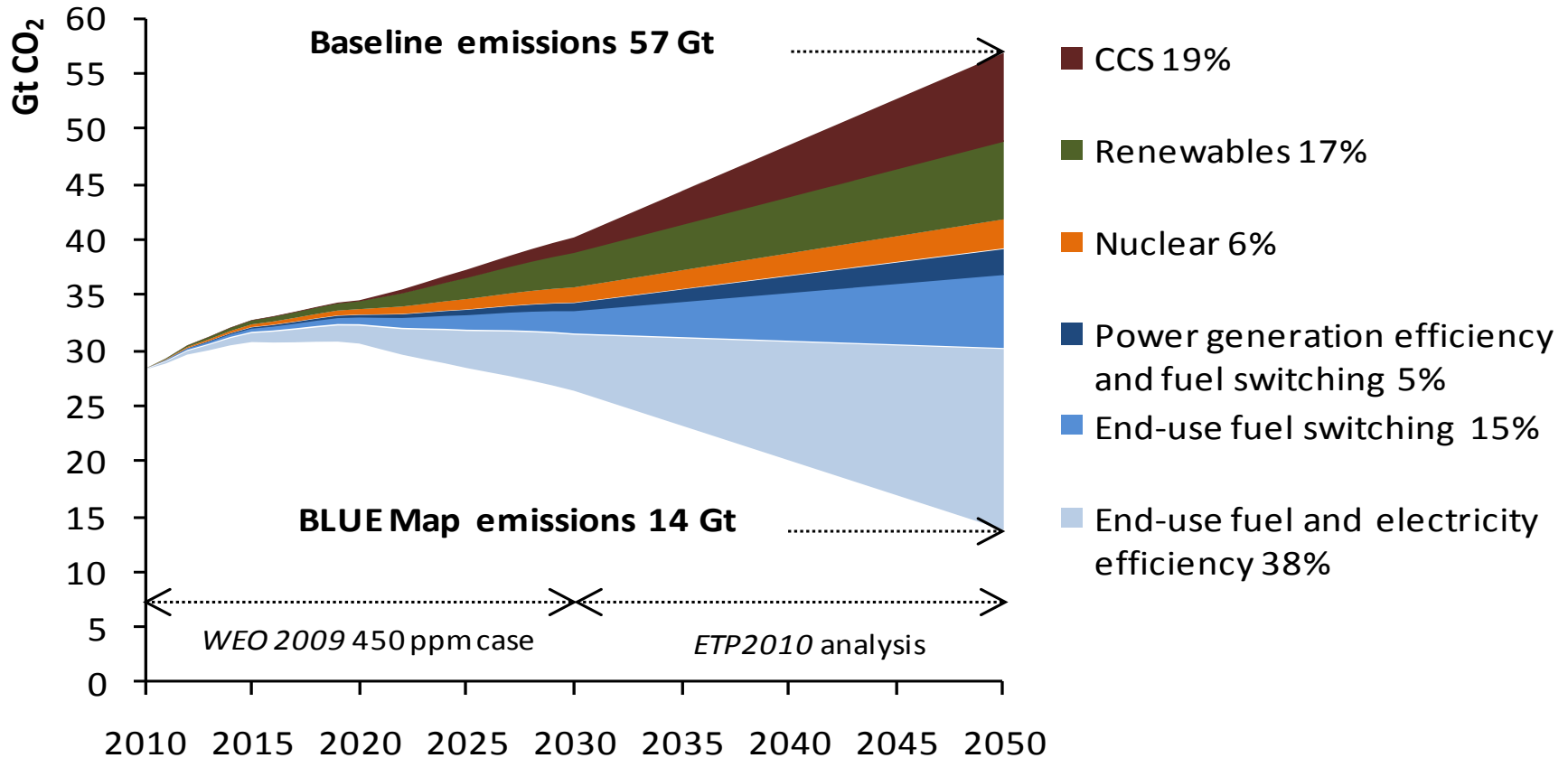
- ⌘ Reduce the cost of capturing CO<sub>2</sub> from emission sources – primarily coal fired power plants
  - R&D portfolio
  - 7 major demonstrations
- ⌘ Quantify/demonstrate/document the viability of long term geologic storage of CO<sub>2</sub>, including via enhanced oil recovery (EOR)
  - 7 regional partnerships
- ⌘ Design/implement international collaborations to increase cooperation on carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) technologies
  - ⌘ Promote bilateral partnerships for R&D collaboration with an emphasis on large scale projects
    - **Key partners:** China, Japan, UAE, Norway, UK, Canada, others...
  - ⌘ Provide leadership in multilateral fora to develop CCS policy, leverage R&D platforms, and enhance information sharing/exchange of best practices (i.e., test center networks)
    - **Key partners:** CSLF, IEA, GCCSI, others...
- ⌘ Innovate new power systems to increase efficiency

(\$ in thousands)	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 Omnibus	FY 2016 OMB Request	FY 2016 OMB Passback
CCS demonstrations				
Natural gas carbon capture and storage	0	0	0	0
CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE(CCS) AND POWER SYSTEMS				
Carbon Capture	92,000	88,000	110,000	121,631
Carbon Storage	108,766	100,000	118,684	108,768
Advanced Energy Systems	99,500	103,000	70,685	40,385
Cross-cutting Research	41,925	49,000	105,992	45,242
Supercritical Transformational Electric Power (STEP)				
Supercritical CO2	0	10,000	34,800	19,300
NETL Coal Research and Development	50,011	50,000	34,031	34,031
Subtotal, CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE(CCS) AND POWER SYSTEMS	392,202	400,000	474,192	369,357
<b>TOTAL COAL</b>	<b>392,202</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>474,192</b>	<b>369,357</b>

Over time the electricity mix shifts toward natural gas and renewables, but coal remains the largest fuel source

U.S. electricity net generation  
trillion kilowatthours

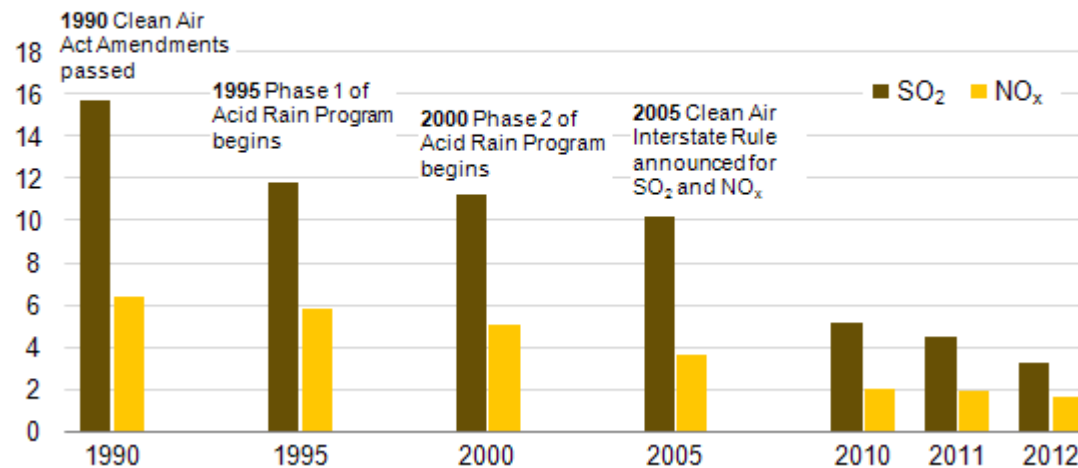




## Clean Air Act of 1963 (extended in 1970, amended in 1977 and 1990)

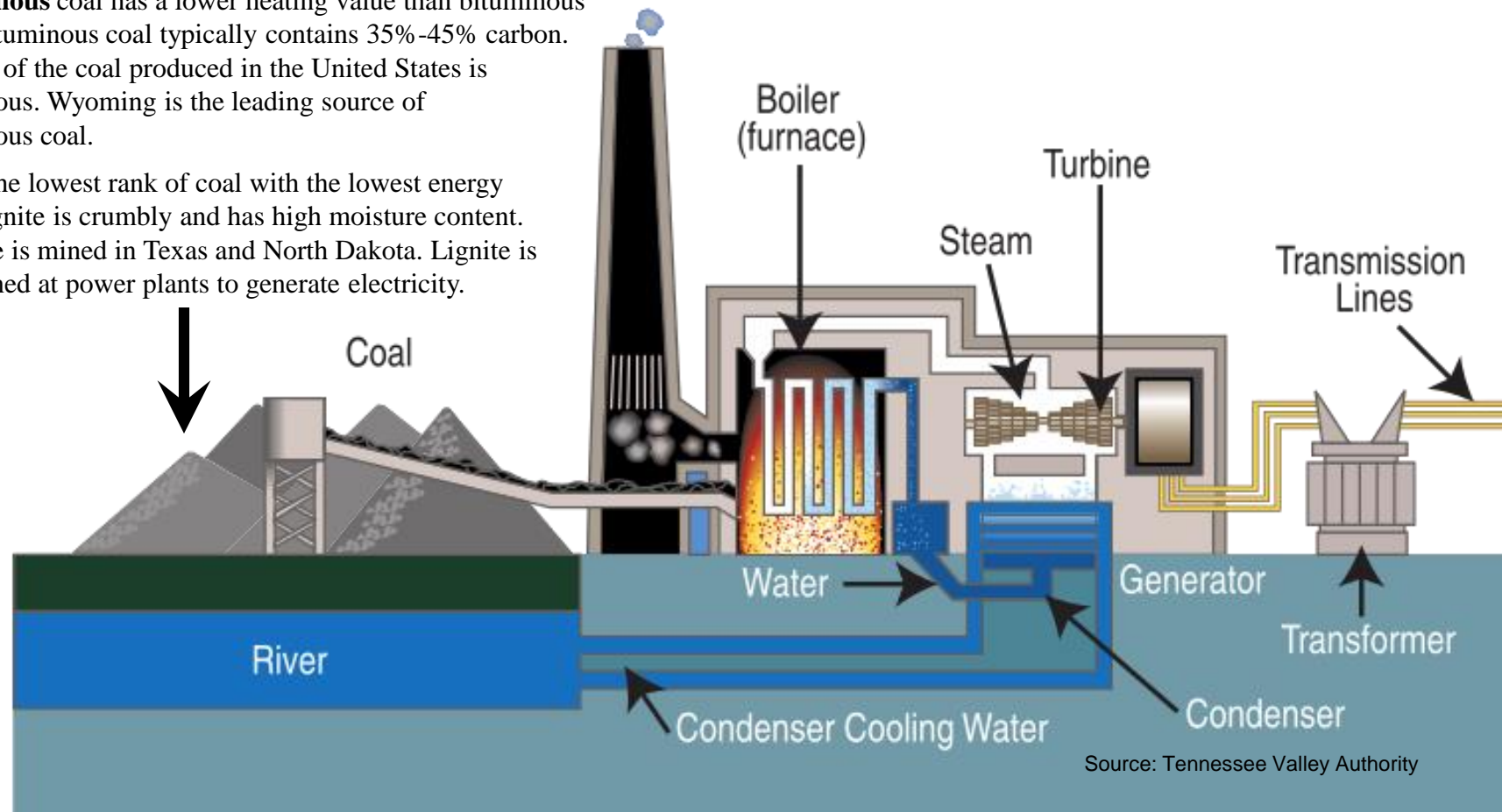
- EPA to develop and enforce regulations to protect the public from airborne contaminants known to be hazardous to human health
- Early regulations focused on pollutants such as SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, Mercury, and PMs from coal plants
- Newly proposed regulations 111(b) and 111(d) address carbon dioxide pollution

SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from the electric power sector  
million short tons



### Types of Coal

- **Anthracite** contains 86%-97% carbon, and generally has a heating value slightly higher than bituminous coal. It accounts for 0.2% of the coal mined in the United States.
- **Bituminous** coal contains 45%-86% carbon. It is the most abundant rank of coal found in the United States, accounting for nearly half of U.S. coal production.
- **Subbituminous** coal has a lower heating value than bituminous coal. Subbituminous coal typically contains 35%-45% carbon. About 44% of the coal produced in the United States is subbituminous. Wyoming is the leading source of subbituminous coal.
- **Lignite** is the lowest rank of coal with the lowest energy content. Lignite is crumbly and has high moisture content. Most lignite is mined in Texas and North Dakota. Lignite is mainly burned at power plants to generate electricity.

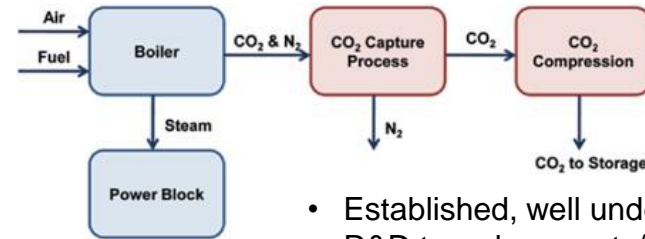


# There are three broad categories of CO<sub>2</sub> capture technologies that can be applied to power plants

## Post-Combustion Capture

Primarily applicable to conventional coal- or gas-fired power plants. In a typical coal plant, fuel is burned with air in a boiler to produce steam.

CO<sub>2</sub> is separated **after the fuel is combusted** using **sorbents, solvents or membrane systems**.

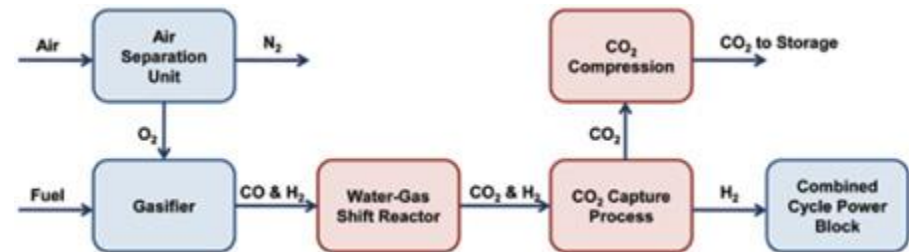


- Established, well understood technology
- R&D to reduce costs/increase efficiency
- Suitable for retrofit of existing plants

## Pre-Combustion Capture

Primarily applicable to gasification plants, where solid fuel (coal, biomass, or coal/biomass mixture) is converted into gaseous components.

CO<sub>2</sub> is separated **prior to combustion**. Also decades old technology base applied commercially world-wide



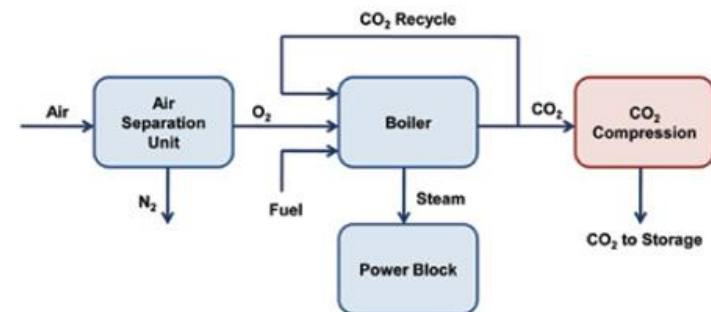
- Offers greater efficiency
- R&D/demonstrations address integration & cost challenges

## Oxy-Combustion

Coal is combusted with relatively pure oxygen diluted with recycled CO<sub>2</sub> or CO<sub>2</sub>/steam mixtures. Under these conditions, **the primary products of combustion is water and a highly concentrated CO<sub>2</sub> stream**. The CO<sub>2</sub> is separated from water vapor by condensing the water through cooling and compression

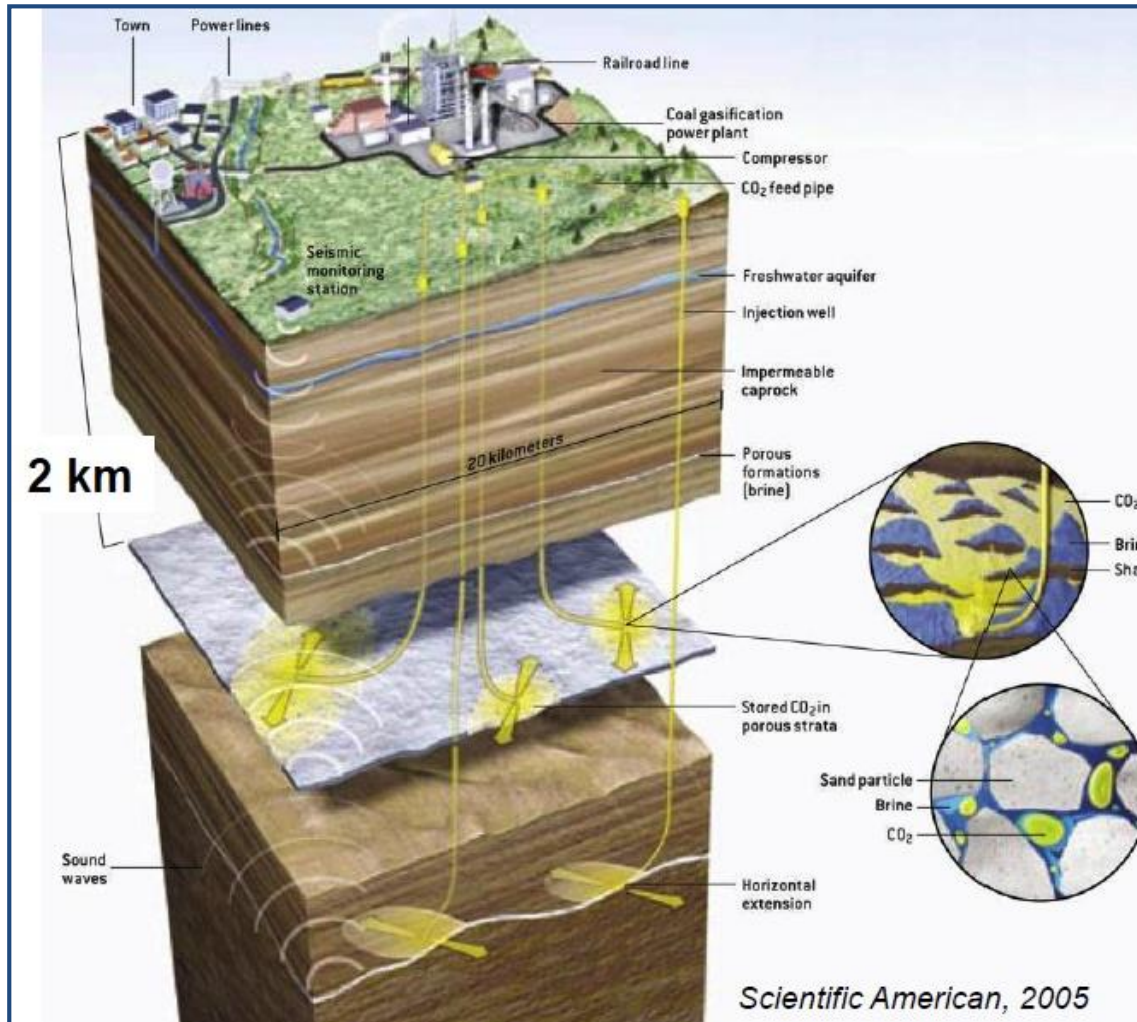
Suitable for new plants and for retrofits

**Chemical Looping** is a variant of oxy-combustion



- Emerging solution that may offer advantages over conventional pre-post combustion designs

# CO<sub>2</sub> is captured and concentrated from large sources, then injected deep underground



## Capture: Power plants and industrial sources

- Pre-combustion
- Post-combustion
- Oxyfired combustion
- Chemical looping

## Storage: > 1km depth

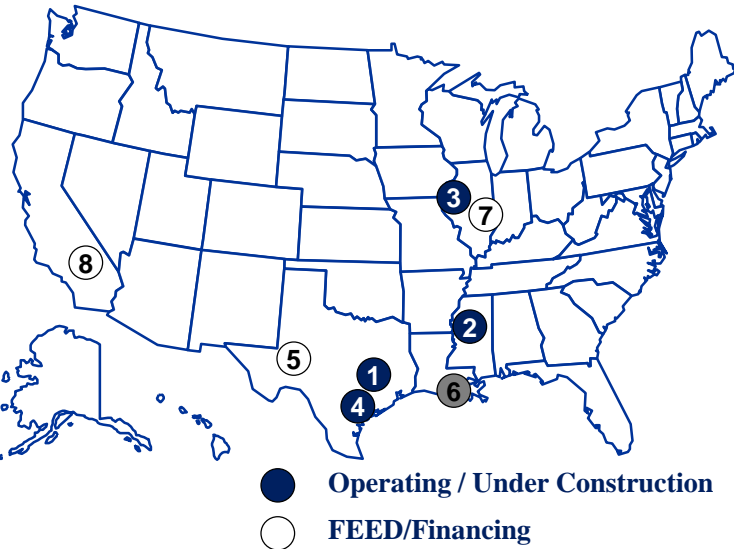
- Porous & permeable units
- Large capacity
- Good seals and cap rock

## Two main targets

- Saline formations (~2200 Gtons capacity in N. Am.)
- Enhanced oil recovery (~100 B bbls addl. recovery)

# FE manages 8 major demonstration projects to advance capture technologies

## Major CCUS Demonstrations



- Portfolio represents both EOR and storage in saline aquifers
- Portfolio includes industrial and power capture
- Portfolio includes pre-, post-, and oxy-combustion capture

	Partnership	Project	Status
1	Air Products	Steam Methane Reformer Hydrogen Production. EOR utilization ~925,000 MT/year	Operations
2	Southern Company Services (Kemper)	Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC). EOR utilization ~3,000,000 MT/year	Under Construction
3	Archer Daniels Midland	Ethanol Fermentation CO <sub>2</sub> . Saline storage ~900,000 MT/year	Under Construction
4	NRG Energy (Petra Nova ) WA Parish	Retrofit Pulverized Coal Plant. EOR utilization ~1,400,000 MT/year	Under Construction
5	Summit Texas Clean Energy Project	Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Polygeneration. EOR utilization ~2,200,000 MT/year	Financing
6	Leucadia Energy, LLC	Methanol from Petcoke Gasification. EOR utilization ~4,500,000 MT/year	Front End Engineering & Design
7	FutureGen 2.0	Oxycombustion Pulverized Coal Boiler Retrofit. Saline storage ~1,000,000 MT/year	Front End Engineering & Design
8	Hydrogen Energy California (HECA)	Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Polygeneration. EOR utilization ~2,570,000 MT/year	Front End Engineering & Design



## Kemper County Energy Facility

Collaboration with Southern Company

- 582 MW plant
- \$ 4.7 billion total project cost
  - DOE share: \$270 million
- Plant construction: 95% complete; more than 3,500 construction workers on site
- Approximately 67% carbon capture (3,000,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year for EOR)

## Air Products Industrial Capture to EOR



### Air Products Industrial Capture to EOR

Port Arthur, TX (Hydrogen plant at Valero Refinery)

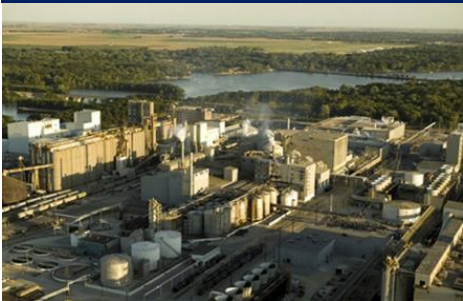
90%+ CO<sub>2</sub> capture (Vacuum Swing Adsorption) from 2 steam methane reformers yielding ~925,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>/year

CO<sub>2</sub> delivered for EOR in West Hastings oil field

Total Project: \$431 million. DOE share: \$284 million

Project executed on time and under budget. +700k hours with no lost time incidents.

## Archer Daniels Midland Ethanol CO<sub>2</sub> Capture



### Archer Daniels Midland, Ethanol Capture and Saline Storage

Decatur, Illinois

90%+ capture from ethanol fermentation, compression, and injection into saline formation

Design: ~1,000,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> / year; injection directly under project site (100% Saline)

Project nearly completed; Second Class VI permit issued by EPA (Region 5)

Operations: Early-2015

Total Project: \$207 million. DOE share: \$66 million

## Petra Nova Retrofit



### Petra Nova (NRG) Advanced Post Combustion Capture Retrofit

Thompsons, TX

240 MWe slipstream at NRG's W.A. Parish power plant (scaled up from original 60 Mwe)

90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture ~1,400,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>/year (2.2 MT to EOR, 0.5 MT to urea)

EOR: Hilcorp West Ranch Oilfield

Total Project: \$1 billion. DOE share: \$167million

Achieved financial close and began construction July 15, 2014

## Critical Requirement For Significant Wide Scale Deployment - Capturing Lessons Learned

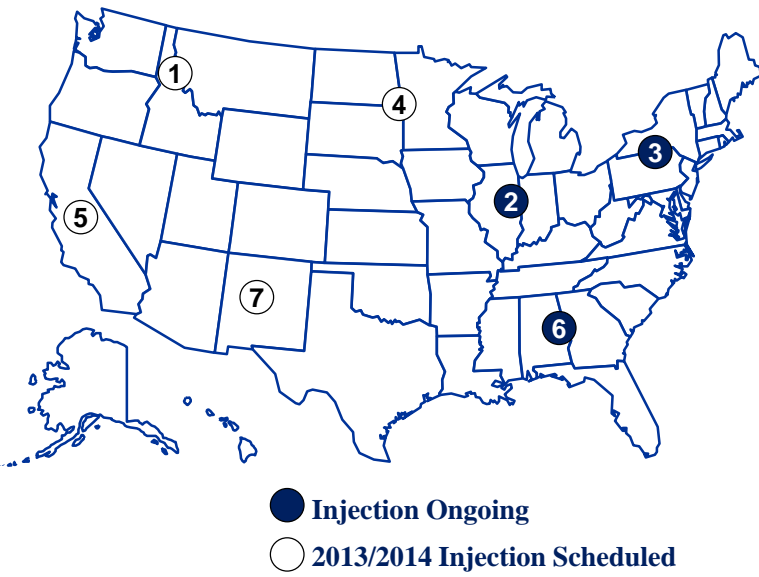


Best Practices Manual	Version 1 (Phase II)	Version 2 (Phase III)	Final Guidelines (Post Injection)
Monitoring, Verification and Accounting	2009/2012	2016	2020
Public Outreach and Education	2009	2016	2020
Site Characterization	2010	2016	2020
Geologic Storage Formation Classification	2010	2016	2020
**Simulation and Risk Assessment	2010	2016	2020
**Carbon Storage Systems and Well Management Activities	2011	2016	2020
Terrestrial	2010	<b>2016 – Post MVA Phase III</b>	

# CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Demonstrations

## FE manages 7 regional partnerships to conduct CO<sub>2</sub> injection projects

### Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnerships



- **Geology:** Projects represent six of eleven identified depositional environments in the United States.
- **Storage methodology:** Projects include EOR and saline aquifer storage
- Preceded by 20 small-scale projects that cumulatively injected over 1 million tonnes

Partnership	Project	Status
1 Big Sky Carbon Sequestration Partnership	Saline storage of naturally occurring CO <sub>2</sub> (1 million tonnes over 4 years)	Site operations; Injection 2014
2 Midwest Geological Sequestration Consortium	Saline storage of CO <sub>2</sub> from ADM biofuel production (1 million tonnes over 3 years)	Injection began Nov. 2011
3 Midwest Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership	EOR using CO <sub>2</sub> from gas processing plant (1 million tonnes over 4 years)	Injection began Feb. 2013
4 Plains CO <sub>2</sub> Reduction Partnership	1) Project 1: EOR using CO <sub>2</sub> from ConocoPhillips Gas Plant (1 million tonnes over 2 years) 2) Project 2: Saline storage of CO <sub>2</sub> from Spectra Energy gas processing plant (1.3 million tonnes over 2 years)	1) Injection June 2013 2) Site operations; injection 2015
5 West Coast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership	Regional Characterization	No large-scale injection
6 Southeast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership	1) Project 1: Saline leg of EOR; storage natural CO <sub>2</sub> (Over 3.6 million tonnes by Sept. 2014) 2) Project 2: Saline storage of amine captured CO <sub>2</sub> from coal-fired generation (250,000 tonnes over 2 years)	1) Injection began 2009 2) Injection began Aug. 2012
7 Southwest Regional Partnership on Carbon Sequestration	EOR storage of CO <sub>2</sub> from fertilizer and ethanol plants (1 million tonnes over 5 years)	Site operations; injection late 2013 <sub>20</sub>