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Statement from DCEO Director Warren Ribley

“We are pleased that the FutureGen Alliance and the U.S. Department of Energy have reached an agreement to move FutureGen at Mattoon forward. Today’s agreement reiterates the importance of FutureGen as the only clean coal project ready to demonstrate how coal gasification and carbon capture sequestration can allow us to tap America’s vast coal reserves while dramatically reducing the greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming.

The work done by the FutureGen Alliance, Coles Together, the State of Illinois and the Illinois Congressional Delegation to keep this project alive despite setbacks is to be commended, and puts us in a great position to move forward. The State of Illinois will continue to work to bring this project to life, creating hundreds of jobs for Illinoisans and moving the United States forward in our critical efforts towards energy independence.”