



Coal-To-Liquids Coalition

The objective of the Coal-to-Liquids Coalition (CTLC) is to articulate policies, educate policy makers and advocate congressional and administrative actions to advance the construction of state-of-the-art coal liquefaction facilities.

June 13, 2007

The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bingaman:

The members of the Coal-to-Liquids Coalition urge you to support the domestic production of ultra-clean coal-to-liquid (CTL) diesel transportation fuels with provisions that do not hold CTL fuels to standards far more stringent than those applied to imported oil. CTL fuels can strengthen America's energy independence, but standards under discussion in the Senate would impose unreasonable requirements on domestic CTL producers to the benefit of oil producers in the Middle East and other volatile regions.

Domestic CTL fuels are fully capable of meeting a requirement that dictates such fuels be cleaner and have a lower lifecycle greenhouse gas profile than the imported petroleum-based fuels they will replace. Using carbon capture and storage technologies, domestic CTL manufacturers can meet a "better than" standard and produce a fuel that emits less carbon dioxide and reduced amounts of regulated pollutants than conventional diesel fuels.

However, imposing an unrealistic standard that specifically requires both a 20 percent lifecycle reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and an 85 percent capture of greenhouse gas emissions would all but end any chance America has of using CTL fuels to reverse our growing reliance on foreign energy. A "20/85" standard would require the use of technologies that have never been fully demonstrated and would make it virtually impossible to secure the financing needed to construct the first fleet of domestic CTL plants.

A "better than" standard means strengthened energy security and significant environmental improvements through domestic CTL fuel production and use. As the Senate continues debate on comprehensive energy legislation, we urge you to support incentives that can jumpstart domestic CTL production and reject unreasonable requirements that favor foreign energy cartels.

Sincerely yours,

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AFL-CIO Industrial Union Council
Air Transport Association
American Short Line Rail Road Association
Association of American Railroads
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