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MGA Urges Policymakers to Review Clean Air Task Force Report on Carbon Capture and Storage

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Washington, D.C. –The Midwest Governors Association urges policymakers to review the findings of a Clean Air Task Force study highlighting the benefits of carbon capture and storage (CCS). The report, entitled “Estimating the Economic Impacts of Carbon Capture and Storage,” concludes that accelerated deployment of CCS technology could improve economic and environmental performance of the U.S. economy in a variety of ways.

In addition to helping the U.S. reduce its carbon footprint, the study shows that CCS technology would lead to the creation of 74,000 jobs in 2030 (or avoid this many job losses), boost household real disposable income, cause a cumulative increases in real private investment and moderate the increases in electricity prices.

Given the abundance of coal in the Midwest, as well as its vast number of geological formations to store carbon, CCS has the potential to create an economic and investment boon for the region. Furthermore, regional stakeholders have been pioneers in the development, demonstration and deployment of CCS.

Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland, current MGA chair, said, “Coal is imperative for any national energy solution. Not only is it an abundant, domestic source of energy, but we have the technology and ability to be good stewards of the environment by using advanced coal techniques and CCS. The Midwest must continue to be a leader in the development of this technology.”

In 2007, development of CCS was one of the four major pillars of the MGA’s *Energy Security and Climate Stewardship Platform for the Midwest* (Energy Platform). That document established the goal that all new coal gasification and coal combustion plants capture and store carbon dioxide emissions by 2020, and that by 2050 all of the region’s fleet of coal plants will have transitioned to CCS. In its *Midwestern Energy Infrastructure Accord*, the region’s governors committed to commercially building out CCS technology.

CCS is only a part of an array of resources for the emerging energy economy in the Midwest. Efforts also include the other three main tenants of the Energy Platform: energy efficiency, renewable electricity and a robust bioeconomy. All four efforts are a part of the Midwest’s contributions to regional and national solutions to decreasing carbon emissions.

The MGA’s Energy Platform and Jobs Platform are available at www.midwesterngovernors.org/publications.htm. The Clean Air Task Force report is available at <http://www.coaltransition.org>.

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