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O1. Brown, Jim

From: Jim Brown [jim747@sbcglobal.net] Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2007 4:57 PM

To: FutureGen.EIS@netl.doe.gov **Subject:** FutureGen for West Texas

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend your public forum last night discussing the potential location of the FutureGen Project near Odessa, Texas. As a Midland, Texas resident for the past 10 years, I wanted to accept your invitation for additional public comments.

I am a semi-retired petroleum geologist and former vice president/general manager of a large independent natural gas company. Prior to relocating to Midland, I have lived in North Carolina (home), New Orleans and Lafayette in Louisiana, Houston and Tyler in Texas and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In Midland, I currently serve on the City of Midland Water Resources Committee as well as the Museum of the Southwest's Planetarium Advisory Committee.

As you have likely witnessed during your visits, the Midland – Odessa - Andrews Area of West Texas is quite unique –and I don't mean just the landscape. Although Houston is often called the Capital of the Energy Industry, my experience has been that Midland- Odessa is really the true Capital of Energy Entrepreneurship. Oil and gas projects throughout the world are initiated and operated from offices here. In recent years, local individuals and companies have helped Texas become the largest wind energy producing state in the Nation. Local towns here have teamed with UT Permian Basin to initiate an experimental high-temperature nuclear reactor. Additionally, Andrews has invited a nuclear waste disposal site to be built as well as teamed with New Mexico to initiate a large nuclear processing facility. I ask you – How many other regions in the US are this farsighted?

This community is extremely science and engineering oriented. If I wanted, I could spend virtually every day of the week attending science or engineering lectures and luncheons with local professional societies, hearing speakers from around the world. As you have seen, UT Permian Basin, Odessa College and Midland College have excellent resources to support research projects. The Center for Energy and Economic Diversification is an excellent example of the link between industry and academia here. Concerning commercial use of CO2 – including processing, piping and injection - this region literally wrote the book.

I have been in the energy business for over 37 years and firmly believe that we must develop a variety of sources of energy to sustain our modern way of life. I believe that the US should actively pursue coal, nuclear, oil and natural gas, wind and biofuels. Although I'm personally a skeptic concerning anthropogenic greenhouse gas global warming, I am pragmatic enough to realize that we must begin to capture gas from the largest anthropogenic source of CO2 –coal-fired power plants. The greatest reserve of energy in the US is coal. As an amateur astronomer, I overwhelmingly welcome the reduction or elimination of coal's pollutants like Nitrous Oxide, Sulphur Dioxide and Mercury. As a petroleum geologist, I am excited about the potential for increased utilization of CO2 in coaxing more oil and natural gas out of the ground.

Since we are located in an arid environment here, many may worry that our water resources are too meager to use for the FutureGen facility. Although I cannot officially represent the City of Midland or its Water Resources Committee, my four years studying Midland's future water demand and supply has impressed me that this plant should not materially affect this region's resources. Through the Colorado River Municipal Water District as well as its own groundwater reserves, Midland has adequate water resources far into the future. Unlike many cities and despite a decade-long drought, Midland has not been required to restrict water usage. Future groundwater reserves for the City have been purchased and delineated. Wastewater re-use is currently being studied and a pilot plant is being permitted. Additionally, new membrane technology will soon allow expanded commercial use of large brackish and salty groundwater reserves throughout this region.

O1. Brown, Jim

I believe that building FutureGen at the Penwell Site will be in the best interest of all involved. As you have seen in your meetings here, this State and this Region have done everything in their power to welcome you here. We want you!

Sincerely,

Jim Brown

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RE: FutureGen Site Proposal/ Penwell (Odessa), Texas

Dear Dr. Mc Koy:

There is the perception by many people that Texas is one of our country's' biggest, if not the biggest, emitter of air pollutants. For instance, a recent Associated Press article states: "Texas, the leader in emitting this greenhouse gas [CO2], cranks out more than the next two biggest producers combined, California and Pennsylvania, which together have twice the population of Texas." This may or may not be true depending on how you look at it. However, Texas is one of our largest states, is one of the biggest providers and users of energy, and has a huge consumer base.

This perception of Texas, and EPA Region 6, having a disproportionately larger amount of total emissions, particularly carbon dioxide, is an important consideration for choosing the Penwell TX location for the new FutureGen plant because obviously Texas is in more need of reducing its emissions than other states, especially Illinois.

Thank you for your consideration of my comment,

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In fact, I don't think that's a bad thing to have, you know, some of these challenges, because for FutureGen to be a success, we need to meet these challenges by mitigating the various impacts so that we can learn from them and then transfer this technology to future FutureGens. And so by then, I'm very confident that the Odessa site will serve as the best model for a successful venture of this technology.

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June 19, 2007

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RE: FutureGen Site Proposal/ Penwell (Odessa), Texas

Dear Dr. Mc Koy:

I am a hydrogeologist with Trident Environmental, a local environmental consulting company. Other than being a resident in this great area of west Texas for the past 20 years I come here as an unbiased citizen and have no financial interest in FutureGen. By that I mean I'm not being paid by anyone to be here and speak my mind.

First of all I'd like to say that I am very supportive of the Penwell site being chosen as the site for FutureGen. I have read the draft environmental impact statement in its entirety and do not foresee any adverse significant impacts to the many resources of the proposed Penwell site other than the improvement of the chosen area. In particular, it will have a very beneficial affect to the visual resources, land use, socioeconomics, environmental justice, community services, and utility infrastructure. I believe the Penwell site is ideally located for minimal impact to environmental and cultural resources, and human health issues.

Each of the remaining sites in TX and IL may have some significant impacts or difficult obstacles to overcome if chosen for the FutureGen facilty. However, it will be well within our ability to mitigate these impacts and reduce or eliminate their affects. It is not a bad thing to have these challenges because for FutureGen to be a success at other locations in the future we need to meet these challenges by mitigating the various impacts so that we can learn from them and transfer the new technology to future FutureGens.

I am very confident that the Penwell site will serve as the best model for the successful venture of this technology. The Permian Basin has long proven its ability to implement and advance innovative technology, mostly because it has a great resource of educated and friendly people in the industry, an accommodating business, governmental, and residential atmosphere, well established and respected colleges and universities, existing utility and transportation corridors, and other strategic qualities. It is these virtues that have made this area a successful source for distinguished individuals, including those in high public office in Washington and elsewhere, who are guiding our country on the right path forward. Meeting any challenge is commonplace in the Permian Basin and has been for several decades since the beginning of oil and gas industry. Our competence in that regard is why we are becoming a center of energy diversification that includes wind and solar energy, nuclear energy, and hopefully soon, near zero emission coal-fired power generation.

Sincerely.

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Summary Comments about FutureGen and The Permian Basin Application By F. Scott LaGrone

Introduction

Thank you for this opportunity to comment about my position on the FutureGen Proposal and the Permian Basin site. I am currently a member of Chairman's Williams' Clean Coal Technology Council having been appointed by Governor Rick Perry in 2004.

I sincerely appreciate all of the Chairman's efforts in gathering all of the "Parties at Interest" in Texas in support of the FutureGen Proposal. Of the two Texas' sites currently under consideration, I am here to support the FutureGen efforts in the Permian Basin.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that all Federal Organizations submit to the Council of Environmental Quality an Environmental Impact Statement demonstrating the impacts of a federally funded project. In addition to the obvious concerns of NEPA about the physical and biological environmental impacts, there is also consideration for the impacts, both positive and negative, on the population.

For example, one excerpt from the instructions to Federal Agencies in preparing an EIS is as follows:

(d) Encourage and facilitate public involvement in decisions which affect the quality of the human environment.

My comments will be directed towards these "Human and Societal" considerations for inclusion in this EIS. It will be the field analyses of the impacts of the biological aspects and the physics and chemistry of the emissions from the facility that determine the other requirements of the NEPA Act.

My belief is that the local and national <u>economic</u> impacts and national energy considerations are very important factors in this specific EIS.

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In summary, here is a list of my major points:

- 1. FutureGen is a perfect research tool for the West Texas location and will meet the "Societal and Economic Impacts" requirements of the NEPA Act with the following contributions:
 - a. Leaders in this region and the general population are energy "aware" and would welcome such a facility and the economic contribution it will bring.
 - b. IGCC is a chemical process and not a conventional coal operation, it requires a workforce with chemical plant experience to operate, and not pulverized coal experience. The Permian Basin has that capability and experience in its workforce from years of operating Chemical and Gas processing facilities.
 - c. Environmentally, it is an excellent location for such a facility with a history and acceptance by the population of the importance of energy production.
 - d. Western Coal is easily available to this location at reasonable costs from existing rail lines.
 - e. CO2 sequestration is a proven technology in the geology of the producing strata of the Permian Basin and provides real measurable pay offs in energy production.
 - f. Since IGCC plants are chemical plants, they work best when running at a full load capacity, and not when they are trying to follow the load. The electrical grid in this area can accommodate this base load easily of 275 megawatts.
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O3. Clean Coal Technology Council (LaGrone, Scott)

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Written Comments about FutureGen and The Permian Basin Application By F. Scott LaGrone

Introduction

Thank you for this opportunity to comment about my position on the FutureGen Proposal and the Permian Basin site. I am currently a member of Chairman's Williams' Clean Coal Technology Council having been appointed by Governor Rick Perry in 2004.

I sincerely appreciate all of the Chairman's efforts in gathering all of the "Parties at Interest" in Texas in support of the FutureGen Proposal. Of the two Texas' sites currently under consideration, I am here to discuss the FutureGen efforts in the Permian Basin.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that all Federal Organizations submit to the Council of Environmental Quality an Environmental Impact Statement demonstrating the impacts of a federally funded project. In addition to the obvious concerns of NEPA about the physical and biological environmental impacts, there is also consideration for the impacts, both positive and negative, on the population.

For example, one excerpt from the instructions to Federal Agencies in preparing an EIS is as follows:

(d) Encourage and facilitate public involvement in decisions which affect the quality of the human environment.

My comments will be directed towards these "Human and Societal" considerations for inclusion in this EIS. It will be the field analyses of the impacts of the biological aspects and the physics and chemistry of the emissions from the facility that determine the other more recognized requirements of the NEPA Act.

My belief is that the local and national <u>economic</u> impacts and national energy considerations are very important factors in this specific EIS.

Background

Even though I have been a long time resident of Austin, TX, I was raised here in the Permian Basin. I attended Elementary School and Junior High in Hobbs, NM, and then high school in Odessa at Odessa High School. And yes, that was before there were any other famous high schools in this area.

The energy business here in Permian Basin has afforded me with an excellent high school education that allowed me to go on from here and achieve a couple of degrees in Mathematical and Computational Physics at the University Of Texas.

After college I spent my career in various aspects of the environmental business; consulting, instrumentation and measurements; engineering control systems and in technical management. I was a principal in the founding of a firm where I worked for 25 years. When I retired, our firm had over 1000 scientists and engineers working in various aspects of the environmental business.

My current position is "retired". This means that I am no longer very relevant technically, in any field, especially fields as complex as the energy fields are today. However, I do feel I have some other observations that I would like to share about this proposed project and its impacts.

Economics

The tax revenues from the oil production and related economic activity provided local school districts with the funds to recruit and pay teachers somewhat higher than other districts in the state.

The Mathematics and Physics teachers that I had at Odessa High, back in the fifties, both had Masters Degrees in these fields. They were teaching as a second career after 20 plus years in the military. These two teachers made it clear then, that it was the pay scale that drew them to Odessa. Their inspiration and technical knowledge are definitely what advanced me into the field of physics. Many of my class have been very successful in their fields, certainly in part, from the excellent education offered here.

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Enhanced Oil Recovery in the Permian Basin

I make this point because these oil fields are depleting. This is as expected after all these many years. However, it is having an adverse impact on tax revenues. But these oil fields still have much more product to yield. Using the best available enhanced recovery technologies, these fields have been delivering additional oil production that would otherwise have been left in the ground. Only with technologies of enhanced recovery, like water flood and CO2 flood, (and certainly, later some other exotic techniques), will the Permian Basin continue to feed the economies of West Texas and Southeast NM.

The scientific knowledge of these large, remaining, in-place "reserves," has been well understood for many years. However, without acceptable economic solutions for recovering more of this valuable resource, we are risking both the economies of this area as well as a piece of the energy independence story for our nation.

As discussed earlier, The CO2 Flood has proven its usefulness as a scavenging solvent (CO2) that produces more oil from proven reservoirs. We know that this "CO2 flood" will work in this specific geology and is commercially viable. This process has been underway profitably for many years in these same fields. There is no risk in this aspect of the research project from technological success or are there any environmental unknowns with this record.

Existing Trained Workforce in the Basin

First of all, it needs to be made clear that an IGCC operation is a chemical operation and not a coal-fired steam boiler facility. This is very important when you consider the role of the talent necessary to operate an IGCC facility. The Permian Basin has many Gas processing facilities and chemical plants that can provide trained employees who are intimately familiar with the environment of a chemical operation. They have been well trained in the safety and operational procedures of these kinds of plants.

Furthermore, this industry has always been more than just a livelihood for about energy production and the security and prosperity of this region and of our nation. These workers believed they are currently, and have been in the past, an important contribution to our country's economy and security. In World War II, the strategic nature of the

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petroleum resource was fully recognized. Ever since, their patriotism has always been strong and sincere. There is a still a very intense feeling in the Permian Basin

Our dependence on foreign oil is more than just problematical, it is critical to the long term economic welfare of our nation. Our country's continued efforts to maintain free markets for international oil supplies from the Middle East are testament of just how important it is to our nation's economy that we keep the oil flowing everywhere.

Attitude and acceptance of such a research facility by the local populous is an important part of the measurement of the "impacts".

Benefits from IGCC installations in Texas

This project can provide several solutions to different concerns here in the Permian Basin, as well as proving out full scale economic operations of the IGCC technology. Everyone in this room is very familiar with the project and its prospects for IGCC systems in the future. So, if many of the things I am going to comment about are redundant for you, I apologize, but sometimes it is important to review the facts from other prospective.

A research project such as FutureGen will prove out the commercial ability to process coal chemically such that the "unwanted airborne chemicals" (i.e., pollutants) can be removed in the generation of synfuel (hydrogen and carbon monoxide). These types of facilities can also provide much needed electricity for the Texas distribution electrical grid, even as small as 275 megawatts. Also important are the potential captured by-products of an IGCC installation: syngas, hydrogen, sulfur, and of course CO2.

The FutureGen Research Project will investigate all of these opportunities and examine the details of cost effectiveness and applications of these by-products at the various locations. The newly developed prototype technology by DOE that effectively utilizes the waste heat from generating system to take out the moisture in the feedstock coal, may also have application to this project and could even further reduce the emissions from this facility and make it more energy efficient.

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Natural Gas Electrical Generation Versus Coal based Generation

In 1999, the Governor of Texas, George W. Bush appointed me to the Board for six year term to the State owned Utility in Central Texas known as the Lower Colorado River Authority. In addition to its flood control and water supply mission, LCRA has almost 3000 megawatts of generating capacity. About 10% of this is generated with hydroelectric systems, 1100 megawatts comes from a conventional pulverized western coal facility in LaGrange, TX and the rest from natural gas operations. As expected, and as is true nation wide, LCRA relies mostly on the coal facility for the primary load of its customer base because of the economies of the coal facility.

My Board seat was known as an "Electrical Representative" and I was involved at a detailed level in the electrical needs, prospective generation potentials and improvements to existing facilities. It was through this six year learning period that I was able to understand the serious need for a short term solution, (five to ten years), of the additional power requirements that the electrical grid of Texas needs.

Over the next ten or twenty years, these needs will be met somehow. The most likely solution will be what has been the solution in the past and all around the country. That is, building new power plants using combined cycle technology with natural gas as a fuel and using the excess heat from these gas turbines that fire gas turbines to heat boilers and produce additional power. These units are very efficient compared to the older conventional gas fired steam generating systems. However, with the current price (and projected even higher prices) of natural gas, these combined cycle system produce power that is now much more expensive than the projected costs of generation for IGCC units where the fuel comes from the coal gasification.

Also, these natural gas fired facilities produce more CO2 than an IGCC with CO2 sequestration. These plants consume large amounts of a fuel and a most valuable feed stock, natural gas. Natural gas is difficult to import, (less than 2.5% of our current natural gas supplies are imported) so we only have our domestic reserves to rely on. Of course, like so many other of our natural resources, natural gas is in short supply. Natural gas is an ideal residential heating fuel, as well as an invaluable feedstock for our chemical plants.

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Natural gas is not appropriate for firing boilers to generate this required power, we should instead use it for residential applications and in the production of basic chemicals and plastics. If there ever was a resource that needs to be conserved, it is natural gas. The infrastructures that are in place for residential heating and chemical production are too expensive to change out were we to deplete our natural gas resources. It is just not the best use of this limited resource. Coal gasification may be the replacement or an additive fuel to this mix some day.

In 1973 during that energy crisis, the bills passed by Congress in the establishment of the Federal Energy Agency (FEA) eliminated the use of natural gas for boiler applications in future construction. This aspect of the Federal Energy Policy was never implemented before it was deemed unworkable and canceled by the Congress. In the last ten years, natural gas has increased in price over three fold and that means generating electricity in this manner only increases the cost of living significantly for us all.

Here again, we will find ourselves using a very valuable resource, natural gas as a stop gap measure, instead of utilizing our nation's most abundant energy resource, coal. As stated so often, a 200 year supply of coal just cannot be ignored. The FutureGen Project is one of our government's answers to this problem. This project's intended purpose is to use domestic coal reserves to generate electricity in a more environmentally acceptable manner.

Current & Projected Electricity Demand for Texas

Texas is in a unique, but potentially threatening position, **economically**, when it comes to the electrical power needs in the next 20 years or so. Most people are aware of the "rule of 7", that is, 7% a year increase in anything, essentially doubles when compounded for ten years.

Another corollary of this rule is that 3.5% (approximately) doubles every 20 years. Our cities, and the electrical demands of our state, have been growing right at this pace which means that we will have to find some good solutions to doubling our current 60,000 megawatts of capacity (operating margins) in the ERCOT Grid over the next twenty years if we want to continue the healthy economic growth this state has seen in the past 40 or 50 years.

It will only be through technology like IGCC and projects like FutureGen (and all of the other technological improvements for electrical generation

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that are on the horizon) that we can be successful in maintaining our current standard of living in this state, and probably the nation, as well.

These are several advanced technologies for electrical generation: IGCC systems, new technology nuclear reactors, nanotech solar panels and three megawatt towers for wind power systems. All of these technologies have yet to be implemented to any degree. The risk-reward or guaranteed financial success has not been proven up quite yet. The private sector will have to make huge financial investments to build electrical generating systems on the scale that these devices require for their successful and profitable implementation.

Other areas of Research for DOE to further IGCC

The last and related issue that I would like to raise is the need for material research in all aspects of energy development. One of these technologies is nanotechnology. This is a relatively new field that has great promise as a solution to material problems.

Areas that I would like to see the DOE investigate are solutions to the vast amounts of oxygen required for the coal combustion process in IGCC systems. It takes about 20% of plant generated power to produce the oxygen required to operate an IGCC plant. (Based on the last information I have been able to obtain.) Real savings in the cost of the generation of electrical power with IGCC can be made with breakthroughs in the oxygen plant economics. As I understand it, great promise is being touted by researchers in desalinization of brackish (even sea water) water using this new "nano" capability. Perhaps it wouldn't be too much further from this same type of a solution to take the next step and separate hydrogen from the oxygen in water with a "nano" solution to generate O2 for a lot less than the 20% of plant power estimates that I have read about.

Another area of energy requirements for an IGCC plant with CO2 sequestration is the 5% of power required to separate out the CO2. I am sure that with the research being done in all of the major Texas Universities in this new field of Nanotechnology, this could be another fertile ground for future investment as part of the FutureGen project.

Again, the "miracles" of nanotechnology may have an application in IGCC systems with some <u>directed (and funded)</u> research for coal gasification systems. **This research could certainly eliminate the** "**impact**" of depleting further our natural gas supplies.

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In summary, here is a list of my major points:

- FutureGen is a perfect research tool for the West Texas location and will meet the "Societal and Economic Impacts" requirements of the NEPA Act with the following contributions:
 - a. Leaders in this region and the general population are energy "aware" and would welcome such a facility and the economic contribution it will bring.
 - b. IGCC is a chemical process and not a conventional coal operation, it requires a workforce with chemical plant experience to operate, and not pulverized coal experience. The Permian Basin has that capability and experience in its workforce from years of operating Chemical and Gas processing facilities.
 - c. Environmentally, it is an excellent location for such a facility with a history and acceptance by the population of the importance of energy production.
 - d. Western Coal is easily available to this location at reasonable costs from existing rail lines.
 - e. CO2 sequestration is a proven technology in the geology of the producing strata of the Permian Basin and provides real measurable pay offs in energy production.
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O3. Clean Coal Technology Council (LaGrone, Scott)

Public Hearing Oral Comment (see full transcript in Appendix K)

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Response to Comment #1:

While DOE has addressed the local economic impacts of the proposed project, DOE has not explicitly quantified the national economic impacts of this project for either this particular project individually or for the future employment of a fleet of FutureGen progeny power plants. DOE does not believe that it can assess the future national economic impacts to a degree of accuracy that would justify the effort. With this project, DOE aims to foster a fleet of power plants that can efficiently capture and sequester CO₂ with no more than a 10 percent increase in the cost of electricity, on average, resulting from the CO₂ capture and sequestration. Assuming this goal is reached. DOE envisions a wide variety of potential benefits, including especially those from averted global warming or other (economic and environmental) impacts that may occur with rising CO₂ concentrations in the atmosphere. As with national economic impacts, DOE has not specifically quantified the national energy considerations in this EIS. As reported in Section 1.3, this project was conceived based on the recommendations in the National Energy Policy, issued in May 2001 (NEP, 2001). The project is also a national response to the widely perceived need to reduce significantly the emissions of greenhouse gases from the use of fossil fuels.

Response to Comment #2:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

Response to Comment #3:

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Response to Comment #6:

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Response to Comment #7:

This research is not currently planned for FutureGen but may be considered in the future; therefore, no changes are required to the EIS.

Response to Comment #8:

The "energy penalty" for carbon dioxide capture and sequestration as well as oxygen supply may be high, particularly with the use of the readily available commercial technologies that exist today. However, one of the goals of FutureGen is to help foster new technologies that promote energy efficiency, for example, through the minimization of energy penalties associated with the various components of power plants. Therefore, there are no changes required to the EIS.

Response to Comment #9: Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

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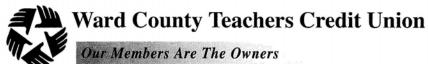
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Future Gen Project Leaders;

As a resident of the Permian Basin I was very excited to learn more about what the Future Gen project could bring to our area economies and to the future of energy in our nation and world!

Any of the four selected areas will have the ability to assure you of a workforce, but to us, experience handling carbon dioxide safely is a vital part of our safety and everyday lives ALREADY!

Local AREA support is what you will find in Penwell, TX and the entire Permian Basin. Along with the natural and human resources you will need for this important project for our nation's future!

I wanted to take the opportunity to again express my support for the Future Gen Project in West Texas. Best of luck in narrowing your site, I hope that anytime you are visiting the Permian Basin you take the opportunity to visit within the area communities and see first hand the support and inter-structure we are so proud of.

Sincerely;

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The handwritten text as been transcribed as follows:

As I have come to understand, the containment of the CO_2 gas is the most important aspect of the FutureGen Project. No other site offers the geological formation as the Odessa site location does. Furthermore, the Odessa site's location in the Permian Basin offers the leaders in CO_2 injection knowledge throughout the world. With this in mind, I cannot see how any of the other sites can rank ahead of the Odessa location. There is also easy access to Mexico for international partners and an international airport within 25 miles of the site. With this in mind, I hope you will take note of the public support in the area which extends in to several states and surrounding country.

O7. Woltz, Jeff

Response to Comment #1:

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O8. Gore, Jesse W.

Jesse W. Gore 3521 Clearmont Ave. Odessa, Texas 79762 432-367-6941

Mr. Mark L. McKoy National Energy Technology Laboratory P.O Box 880, MS No3 Morgan Town, West Virginia 26507-0880

RE: Concerning the proposed site selection of the Future Gen project to be located at Penwell Texas.

Dear Mr. McKoy,

Please allow me the expressed privilege to place my full and unwavering support for the most judicious location among the four final sites. As a native Odessan with a multitude of years and contacts in the multi-faceted energy businesses in the Permian Basin, I can speak with authority, for the unbridled enthusiasm that has engulfed our area with the prospect of acquiring the Future Gen project. I know of no other area that has dedicated the overwhelming majority of it's talemed peoples and resources to the energy businesses of yesterday, today, and to the future of America. Please select Penwell and the Permian Basin as your site of choice that will propel this great project of a near-zero emissions coal-fired power generating plant to its successful conclusion.

With gratitude, I am

Jesse W. Gore

Respectfully,

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O8. Gore, Jesse W.

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ROYCE BODIFORD

Councilmember District 3

June 26, 2007

Re: FutureGen Site Proposal-Odessa, Texas

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Dear Mr. McKoy:

Following your visit this month to the Odessa site, I am writing to express our ongoing support for the FutureGen Project. We are confident that Odessa is the optimal host site for this innovative project and have committed the resources, with plans to commit more if named the final site, needed to ensure that FutureGen is a success.

As I expressed to you during your teams visit here, citizens throughout Odessa and the Permian Basin offer FutureGen wholehearted support. That translates into great community acceptance.

Texas and the Permian Basin is the center of the global energy industry. The technical expertise, skilled workforce and community support we offer are unparalleled. We are proud to be a finalist for this crucial demonstration project and we are eager to collaborate with all those involved in the FutureGen Initiative.

Sincerely.

Royce Bodiford, Mayor Pro Tem

City of Odessa, Texas

cc: Michael J. Mudd

Chief Executive Officer

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O10. Boswell, John

Public Hearing Oral Comment (see full transcript in Appendix K)

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                     MR. BOSWELL: Darrell McDonald Realtors
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       from Midland. Thank you. I should have looked at the
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       names of the people before me before I signed up on the
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       list following Michael Williams and everybody. Just
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       speaking as a citizen of Midland is what I wanted to do.
       I did not know there was a public meeting from 4 to 6 or
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       I would have been here earlier. But I did want to
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       comment that I have, in my world of real estate, been
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       talking to people around Midland, and as much as we
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       might have a rivalry on football, Midland is totally
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       behind FutureGen coming to West Texas. And looking at
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       the sites that the DOE has chosen, it just makes
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       complete and total sense to come here and it's easy to
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       be partial. We live here, we want the business, et
       cetera. But when you have an international airport,
       when you have La Entrada coming in, we have existing
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       lines of communications with Mexico and China, as
       Midland and Odessa have sister cities in these
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       countries, there is so much going on here.
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                     We've been building up just for our own
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       sake, let alone for the fact that we would like to have
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       FutureGen come here, but Midland and Odessa both cities
       are on an upsurge, the likes of which neither has seen
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       for many years. And we're used to booms and busts. The
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       oil business has seen it all over and again. But now
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       more than ever, Midland and Odessa are both prepared
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       beyond belief.
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                     We have people moving here from across the
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       nation on a daily basis. I manage 200 rental units and
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       I get calls and e-mails every day of people looking for
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       a place to come to work for every occupation you can
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       think of, not just coming here to work for the oil
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       industry, and people transferring here from Dallas,
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       which is (inaudible), but it's like you're coming here
       from Dallas? Colorado, Utah, Chicago, everywhere. I
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       have not heard one negative thing. I can't think of one
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O10. Boswell, John

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                     Midland-Odessa is all about energy. We
       have wind turbine farms in Big Spring and McCamey. We
       have the nuclear plant going in up at Andrews. We have
       this. We have oil and gas. You know, Stephanie
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       Sparkman has been talking about how Permian Basin is the
       Energy Basin. And that's the absolute truth.
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                     We are about as international as a little
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       town can get and people are going to want to come to
       FutureGen from all over the world to see it, be a part
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       of it, bring it to their country. And how are they
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       going to be able to do that from some of the other
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       locations? How are they going to be able to reach them?
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       Where are they going to stay? Where are they going to
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       go eat?
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                     Some of the other cities are pretty small.
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       Jewett is around larger cities and larger facilities,
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       but Eastern Texas, in my opinion, is becoming highly
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       congested. And that's why they're wanting to do a
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       trans-Texas corridor and do this massive eight-lane
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       freeway going north and south. And they're overdoing
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       what they need to do, in my opinion, whereas here in
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       Midland-Odessa, you've got the interstate, pow, you're
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       right on the site. You've got airports ten minutes
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       away. It's so easy here.
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                     And just speaking as a public person from
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       the City of Midland, I've had some tough acts to follow
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       here tonight, but Midland has your full support and you
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       know, I'm anxious to see how this all works about and
       would like to see it come here. So that's all I was
       going to say.
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O10. Boswell, John

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                     MR. BOSWELL: I'm John Boswell. I did
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       think of one other thing that I wanted to comment. I
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       may have touched on this, but I want to hit it again.
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       It's a real big thing for West Texas to hear something
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       big coming and then it not happen. We've had, you know,
       various companies rumored to come to Midland, you know,
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       oil companies and whatnot, doesn't happen. Walt Disney
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       was going to have a Disney World here. Of course, that
       didn't happen. We had a Disney store for a little
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       while.
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                     You know, Midland and Odessa have heard
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       the whole gambit of things coming here, yes, no, maybe
       so. This room is not nearly as full as it ought to be
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       with the people who are in support of this. And they
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       are skeptical, and with good reason. But they're all in
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       favor of it, and I quarantee if this site was chosen,
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       the Odessa site were chosen, you'd see support coming
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       out of the woodwork. You would see people who have left
       Texas for jobs coming back to Texas just to, you know,
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       be a part of it, because it's going -- the synergy that
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       this is going to create, this is a one-time plant.
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                     We're going to get it off the ground. We
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       are going to learn a lot from it. But the growth
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       potential from all of this, you know, the university is
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       going to grow from this. Andrews, the surrounding
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       communities there, the airport, the rail system, that's
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       going to create La Entrada's real system going north to
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       Denver and Colorado. The ramifications of it are
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       monumental.
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                     And I have seen the big picture and I have
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       tried to communicate it to a lot of people and they're
       all like yeah, that's all good and great, go get it,
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       John. And you know, I'm the one who's beating the drum
       and I'm doing the best I can. But I've been to Austin.
       I've met, you know, Mr. Seliger and many others and you
       know, we can only do so much. But you definitely have
       the support of Midland, and I just wanted to reiterate
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       that one time.
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	O10. Boswell, John
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Response to Comment #3:	Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

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O11. McCulloch, Michael J.

Tuesday, June 12, 2007 10:01 AM

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June 6, 2007

Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager National Energy Technology Laboratory P.O. Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507

Dear Mr. McKoy:

As an advocate for the restoration of the Pecos River Watershed, I have limited knowledge of the FutureGen Project. My initial thoughts are that it will have very little negative impact on wildlife, water, or the land at the proposed Penwell site. Theoretically I can envision a major positive impact if desalination is incorporated into the process.

As you may or may not know, our area was part of the ancient Permian Sea, thus the name Permian Basin. When the sea receded it left massive salt formations, consequently we have a large amount of ground and surface water that has a high salinity due to the dissolution of gypsum, halite, and epsomite. Another source of salt water is from oil field activity that has to be disposed of, usually in deep wells.

If a desalination project could be incorporated into the FutureGen Project, then it could eliminate the use of fresh water sources for human consumption and serve a multitude of purposes in the Pecos River Watershed. For brevity sake, I will not list those purposes, but I will be glad to furnish them to you on request. The technology and human resources to accomplish a desalination project is readily available in Texas and New Mexico

In summary, I envision the by-products of the FutureGen project as ash, CO2, sulfur, and most importantly to the Pecos River Watershed additional water with improved quality.

Sincerely,

Michael J. McCulloch D.V.M.

06/12/2007 11:02AM

O11. McCulloch, Michael J.

Response to Comment #1:

DOE oversees numerous projects that are investigating and supporting a wide variety of power plant technologies. Desalination of brine for the purpose of supplying fresh water to the nearby communities has not yet been planned or considered for this project. Project planners and those who would conduct demonstration projects at the FutureGen facility in the future could consider one or more methods of desalinating brines for the purpose of creating a public supply of fresh water. This type of project could be considered after the plant becomes operational during the time period when various R&D projects would be conducted. R&D projects have not yet been identified for this time period.

O12. Complex Community Federal Credit Union (Jones, Carolyn)



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O16. Complex Community Federal Credit Union (Henry, Beth)

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O17. Till, Justin

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O17. Till, Justin

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O18. Till, Jarred

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O19. Best Made Designs (DeFranco, Tino)

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O21. Best Made Designs (Garcia, Connie)

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O22. Caulder, KC

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O23. Shropshire, Catherine

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Sincerely,

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Catherine Shropshire

Cc: Michael J Mudd Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street NW 5th Floor Washington, DC 20006

O23. Shropshire, Catherine

Response to Comment #1:

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O24. Till, Donna

April 23,2007

Donna Till P O Box 516 Monahans, Texas 79756

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O24. Till, Donna

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O25. Till, Lynn

April 23,2007

Lynn Till P O Box 516 Monahans, Texas 79756

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Sincerely,

Lynn Till

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5th Floor

Washington, DC 20006

O25. Till, Lynn

Response to Comment #1:

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O26. Cobos, Cynthia

April 23,2007

Cynthia Cobos 1312 S Elm Pecos, Texas 79772

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Sincerely,

Cwhthia Cobos

Cc: Michael J Mudd Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street NW 5th Floor Washington, DC 20006

O26. Cobos, Cynthia

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

Fax: (432) 943-3810

O27. Ward County (Oyerbides, Patricia)



Patricia Oyerbides

District Clerk Ward County P.O. Box 440 Monahans, Texas 79756

April 26, 2007

Phone: (432) 943-2751

Mr. Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for the Future Gen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy P. O. Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

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Sincerely,

cc:

Patricia Oyerbides

Michael J. Mudd Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW 5th Floor Washington, DC 20006

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O27. Ward County (Oyerbides, Patricia)

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O28. Ward County Commissioner, Precinct 2 (Hanna, Larry J.)

Larry J. Hanna

400 E. 4TH

MONAHANS, TEXAS 79756

432-943-6343

April 23, 2007

Mr. Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for the FutureGen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of energy P.O. Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

Re: FutureGen Site Proposal / Odessa, Texas

Dear Mr. McKoy:

I am writing today to express our support for the FutureGen project. We are confident that Odessa is the perfect host community for this vital DOE research project. I can assure you that the Ward County residents are excited at the possibility of having FutureGen as a part of our regional economy.

We have committed all necessary resources to make the project a success, and we will conti8nue to provide anything you need in the future.

Texas is the epicenter of the global energy industry, and the technical expertise, skilled workforce and community support we offer are unparalleled. We the citizens of Ward County are eager to collaborate with all those involved in the FutureGen Initiative.

Sincerely,

Larry J. Hanna

Ward County Commissioner, Pct. 2

Cc: Michael J. Mudd Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance

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O28. Ward County Commissioner, Precinct 2 (Hanna, Larry J.)

Response to Comment #1: Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.



April 24, 2007

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Sincerely,

Paula Walker Director

Monahans Main Street Association

City of Monahans ★ P.O. Box 1381 ★ Monahans, TX 79756 ★ (432) 943-3418 ★ Fax (432) 943-6868

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O29. Monahans Main Street Association (Walker, Paula)

Response to Comment #1: Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O30. First National Bank (Hunt, Todd)



April 23, 2007

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Sincerely,

Todd Hunt President

cc: Michael J. Mudd

Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW

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Washington, DC 20006

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O30. First National Bank (Hunt, Todd)

Response to Comment #1:

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O31. First National Bank (Almanza, Rosie)



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Sincerely,

Rosie Almanza

Vice President

Michael J. Mudd cc:

> Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square

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O31. First National Bank (Almanza, Rosie)

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O32. First National Bank (Fredericks, Jim)



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Jim Fredericks

Senior Vice President

cc: Michael J. Mudd

Chief Executive Officer

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O32. First National Bank (Fredericks, Jim)

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O33. West Texas State Bank (Johnson, Sheran)

West Texas State Bank

April 26, 2007

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Sincerely,

Sheran Johnson

Executive Vice-President

Robert Wells

Sr. Vice-President

Frank Heslin

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O33. West Texas State Bank (Johnson, Sheran)

Response to Comment #1:

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O34. West Texas State Bank (Wells, Robert)

West Texas State Bank

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O34. West Texas State Bank (Wells, Robert)

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O35. West Texas State Bank (Heslin, Frank)

West Texas State Bank

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O35. West Texas State Bank (Heslin, Frank)

Response to Comment #1:

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O36. Monahans-Wickett-Pyote Independent School District (Richardson, Keith)

Monahans-Wickett-Pyote Independent School District

606 SOUTH BETTY AVENUE • MONAHANS, TEXAS 79756

PHONE 432/943-6711 • FAX 432/943-2307

KEITH RICHARDSON Superintendent

April 25, 2007

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Sincerely,

Keith Richardson

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cc: Michael J. Mudd Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 J Street, NW 5th Floor

Washington, DC 20006

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O36. Monahans-Wickett-Pyote Independent School District (Richardson, Keith)

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O37. Monahans Office of the Mayor (Cutbirth, David)



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 25, 2007

- Monahans

112 W. Second St. - Telephone 943-4343 Monahans, Texas 79756

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David B. Cuthith

David B. Cutbirth City of Monahans

Mayor

cc: Michael J. Mudd

Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW

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Washington, DC 20006

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O37. Monahans Office of the Mayor (Cutbirth, David)

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Sincerely, May & Darcia

Mary S. Garica City of Monahans

Council Member District No. 1

cc: Michael J. Mudd

Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW

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Washington, DC 20006

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O38. City of Monahans (Garica, Mary)

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Sincerely,

Jeppie S. Wilson City of Monahans

Council Member District No. 2

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cc: Michael J. Mudd

Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW

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Washington, DC 20006

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O39. City of Monahans (Wilson, Jeppie S.)

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Sincerely,

Ken Benad City of Monahans

Council Member District No. 3

cc: Michael J. Mudd

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5th Floor

Washington, DC 20006

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O40. City of Monahans (Benad, Ken)

Response to Comment #1:

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O41. City of Monahans (Ward, Ted)



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April 25, 2007

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Sincerely,

Ted Ward

City of Monahans

Council Member District No. 4

cc: Michael J. Mudd

Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW

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Washington, DC 20006

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O41. City of Monahans (Ward, Ted)

Response to Comment #1:

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O42. City of Monahans (Hawkins, Richard)

Monahans, Texas



112 W. Second St. - Telephone 432-943-4343

April 25, 2007

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Sincerely,

Richard Hawkins City of Monahans

Council Member District No. 5

cc: Michael J. Mudd

Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW 5th Floor

Washington, DC 20006

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O42. City of Monahans (Hawkins, Richard)

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O43. City of Monahans (Mills, David)



DAVID MILLS City Manager

April 25, 2007

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112 W. Second St. - Telephone 432-943-4343

Monahans, Texas 79756 email: monahansed@aol.com website: www.cityofmonahans.org

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Sincerely,

David Mills \
City of Monahans

City of Monahan City Manager

cc: Michael J. Mudd Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW 5th Floor Washington, DC 20006

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O43. City of Monahans (Mills, David)

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Sincerely,

City of Monahans
City Secretary

cc: Michael J. Mudd Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW 5th Floor Washington, DC 20006

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O44. City of Monahans (Marquez, Lorena)

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

Monahans Economic Development Corporation

David Cutbirth, President

Daryl Skinner, Vice President

Camilla Blum, Secretary/Treasurer

Mark Smith, Director

Arlice Wittie, Director

City of Monahans

David Mills, City Manager

David Cutbirth, Mayor

Mary Garcia, Council Member District #1

Jeppie Wilson, Council Member District #2

Ken Benad, Council Member District #3

Ted Ward, Council Member District #4/Mayor Pro Tem

Richard Hawkins, Council Member

May 1, 2007

Mr. Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for the FutureGen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U. S. Department of Energy PO Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

Re: FutureGen Site Proposal Odessa, Texas

Dear Mr. McKoy:

I am writing this letter in regards to my support for the FutureGen project and West Texas. We are very confident that the Odessa site is an ideal location to host the DOE research project. I know that the Monahans area as well as the entire Permian Basin is very supportive of the FutureGen Project.

We have committed all necessary resources to make the project a success, and will continue to provide any support you need in the future.

The Permian Basin is the center of the global energy industry. We have a skilled workforce, technical expertise, great year round climate, easy access to the site, and have great support for the project. We are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to be involved with FutureGen.

Sincerely,

Morse Haynes

Director

Monahans Economic Development Corporation

CC: Michael J. Mudd

Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW, 5th Floor

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O45. Monahans Economic Development Corporation (Haynes, Morse)

Public Hearing Oral Comment (see full transcript in Appendix K)

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MR. MORSE HAYNES: Morse Haynes,
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       M-O-R-S-E. Didn't really plan to talk today, but I
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       thought any time I get an opportunity to talk about
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       Monahans and this region, I thought I would go ahead and
       take advantage of that. And what I would like to stress
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       on this is how it is a regional project and Odessa and
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       Midland have been very strong in this. And all the
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       communities around it are very supportive of them in
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       this venture. And I know Monahans is and we have a
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       great support there.
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                     Just today, everywhere I go, well, what do
       you think about FutureGen? Well, I spend 20 minutes at
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       the post office talking about how important FutureGen is
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       and what it's going to do for this region. And anyway,
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       not that we have -- what I would like to say is we have
       options. Midland-Odessa, quality of school systems,
       quality of communities, Monahans, Crane, Wink, Kermit,
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       Andrews, all of them are quality. I think what the
       difference would be, you have communities around the
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       other sites but here you have quality, and I think that
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       is a very important to the project. And again, as a
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       region, we are very supportive of FutureGen. Thank you.
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O45. Monahans Economic Development Corporation (Haynes, Morse)		
Response to Comment #1:	Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.	
Response to Comment #2:	Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.	

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O46. Texas Railroad Commissioner (Williams, Michael)

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                     MR. MICHAEL WILLIAMS: Mark, thank you.
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       Understanding the admonition to all of us elected
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       officials to be short and recognizing the proverb that
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       says, "Blessed is he with little to say and refrains
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       from saying it," I will be short. I want to do a couple
       of things. First of all, to so I thank you, Jerry, to
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       folks from the Alliance for the way that you worked with
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       us and the way you have allowed us to make the best
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       presentation that we could have.
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                     And second, obviously, it's to DOE for the
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       same and I want to do the same thing to Hoxie, to you
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       and your group here locally for doing what you could on
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       behalf of West Texas. It is a pleasure for me as a son
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       of Midland and Odessa to have a chance to come back home
       and then to also welcome all of you here, from myself
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       and from Governor Rick Perry for all the work that you
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       have done.
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                     And as it specifically relates, Mark, to
       the EIS, let me do this from the State of Texas. We
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       appreciate the thoroughness, the accuracy of the work
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       that you did, and we appreciate the fact that Gretchen,
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       I think we left the scoping meeting and I said that I
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       looked forward to you coming back to Texas in November,
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       so let me leave this podium the way I left it the last
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       time. I look forward to you coming back to Texas in
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       November, because in Texas, in November, one of those
       two sites will be the site that you select. As I tell
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       folks, right now because officially on behalf of both of
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       them, I am a parent with two kids. I want both my kids
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       to succeed and look forward to one of them succeeding.
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       Thank you.
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O46. Texas Railroad Commissioner (Williams, Michael)

Response to Comment #1: Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

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O47. U.S. Representative Mike Conaway (Wright, Ricky)

MR. RICKY WRIGHT: I think it's a little

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       unfair to make me follow a first-class act like Michael,
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       not much I can add to that. But on behalf of
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       Congressman Conaway, he regrets the fact he can't be
       here tonight. He sent a quick statement, basically to
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       address the good folks from the DOE and welcome you to
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       West Texas.
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                     As it begins, "Welcome to Odessa, Texas,
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       and the Permian Basin. I am disappointed I could not be
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       here to join you today for this very important first
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       step in making FutureGen a reality. I appreciate the
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       opportunity you have given me to brag on the excellent
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       efforts of the Odessa community and the efforts they
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       have put in bringing FutureGen to the Permian Basin.
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                      "The Permian Basin has long been a leader
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       in energy production in research, both traditional and
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       alternatives forms of energy. Generally known for oil
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       and gas, the community has put together a tremendous
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       effort in looking toward the future with the efforts to
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       bring FutureGen to West Texas. The statement of having
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       a traditional oil and gas center push for an alternative
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       energy source is a testament to the dedication of this
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       community to improve our nation's energy security and
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       lead us into an independent energy source.
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                     "In regard to the environmental concerns
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       of FutureGen, I am confident that the Penwell-Odessa
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       site has the most positive impact on the environment.
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       In addition to natural advantages of the remoteness of
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       the site, FutureGen will receive support from the area's
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       years of expertise in handling CO2 sequestering and
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       enhanced oil recovery. This provides the infrastructure
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       to continue such efforts and will also help in assuring
       that CO2 is always handled in an
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       environmentally-sensitive manner.
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                     In addition, the FutureGen committee and
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       the supporting communities have addressed all the issues
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       in relation to the EIS, including concerns regarding the
       availability of water to the site.
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                     Again, thank you for your efforts in
       making the FutureGen a reality. I continue to believe
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       that the Penwell-Odessa site is far the best site for
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       energy production." No offense there, Michael.
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                      "And I hope you will enjoy some of West
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       Texas' fine hospitality during your stay and please call
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       on me or my office if there is anything or any
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       assistance I can be. Sincerely, Michael Conaway, US
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       Congressman." Thank you.
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                     MR. McKOY: We have certainly been
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       enjoying the West Texas hospitality.
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                     MR. RICKY WRIGHT: We've got some more.
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O47. U.S. Representative Mike Conaway (Wright, Ricky)

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MR. RICKY WRIGHT: I will add a little bit
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       there, if you don't mind. I really didn't want to do
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       this, but Mike and I have traveled this district. And
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       as most of you know, District 11 stretches from Loving
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       County, which is just west of here a hundred or million
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       miles, wherever that is, we have been there several
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       times, and it runs all the way over to Comanche County,
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       which is where I'm from.
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                     And as we have traveled, we have not heard
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       one comment from any area within our district that is
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       not for FutureGen and the project coming to Texas. And
      our district in Odessa has done a great job. Folks from
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      my hometown, small communities like Goldthwaite and San
       Saba have even made comments, "Are you guys going to get
       this project? We think it's great. We'd love to see it
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       happen. Texas needs it. We think Odessa is the place
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       to put it." They believe in the Permian Basin and they
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       believe in its ability to do things with energy.
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                    So just as a side comment, Odessa is doing
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       a great job. So is Midland and the Permian Basin as a
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       whole, Monahans, Andrews, Big Lake, and so forth,
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       they're all behind it. But there are even parts of
       Texas that probably won't see it unless they come out
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       here and visit, and they're for it. So you have got a
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       strong support in Texas. And Michael, your oldest son
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       in Texas wants it out here.
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O47. U.S. Representative Mike Conaway (Wright, Ricky)

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O48. Texas State Senator Kel Seliger (Perkins, Denise)

Public Hearing Oral Comment (see full transcript in Appendix K)

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                     MS. DENISE PERKINS: I'm Denise Perkins,
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       and I'm with Senator Seliger's office and he could not
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       be here tonight, but he sends this comment. He says,
       "Texas is completely committed to the FutureGen project.
       It has been one of my legislative priorities in the
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       Senate. I believe the Permian Basin is the best
       location for the project, because of its unique ability
   8
       to sequester the CO2 and represent a future of
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       environmentally sensitive projects."
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                     Thank you.
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O48. Texas State Senator Kel Seliger (Perkins, Denise)

Response to Comment #1: Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O49. Odessa Chamber of Commerce (George, Mike)

Public Hearing Oral Comment (see full transcript in Appendix K)

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                     MR. MICHAEL GEORGE: I didn't officially
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       sign up. I will be more than happy to speak.
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                     I'm Mike George, G-E-O-R-G-E. I'm
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       president and CEO of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce. I
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       would just like to say that we would concur that the
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       Odessa-Penwell site, in our opinion, is the best place
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       for this project, because all of the components of
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       FutureGen, including the chemistry and the gas plant
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       construction, the handling, the CO2, all the components
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       that make up the FutureGen project are all layered
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       together here in one place where we have been doing all
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       of those components individually for decades. And I
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       don't think you will find that anywhere else in the
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       country.
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                     And we've welcomed FutureGen to Odessa and
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       we think we have the work force that can handle it and
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       the community is certainly very supportive, the entire
       region. So we welcome it. Thank you.
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O49. Odessa Chamber of Commerce (George, Mike)

Response to Comment #1:

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O50. Heard, Beatrice

Public Hearing Oral Comment (see full transcript in Appendix K)

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                     MS. BEATRICE HEARD: Can someone say
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       something from here?
                     MR. McKOY: You need to come here and
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       speak to make sure everyone can hear you and the
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       transcriptionist can hear you. You need to come up here
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       and state your name.
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                     MS. BEATRICE HEARD: My name is Beatrice
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       Heard, and I am a Midlander. And when they had the last
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       meeting, I came to the meeting and I work for MISD and I
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       work for -- work with a man, he is a retired engineer.
       And he retired and became certified as a teacher and I
       was telling him, I said you know, I'm kind of interested
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       in finding out more about FutureGen. And so he said,
       well, why don't you go to the meeting? So I said, oh,
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   7
       okay. So he finally talked me into it and when I drove
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       up, I sat in my car for a few minutes. I said, oh God,
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       I say, give me the strength, I said. I'm going in here
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       with all these sorehead men. I said there will not be
       women there. I said first thing they're going to know
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       why I'm out here. So I said, okay, God, you've got to
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       give me the strength.
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                     So I walked in and this pleasant lady was
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       standing at the door, and I run up to her and I said,
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       "Oh, thank God you're here." And so she said, "Why?"
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       And I said, "I just thought I was going to be the only
       woman here." And so she said, "Come on in, come in
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       here." So I came and she was very nice and the
       reception was very nice. And I picked up some
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       information and everything and I've been keeping up with
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       it.
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                     As a matter of fact, I have every article
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       on FutureGen I have cut out of the paper, trying to keep
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       up with what's going on. But I just feel like the last
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       meeting I was there, it was 11 ladies. So it's about 30
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       of us now. I don't know what you all are here for, but
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       I have a little reason but I can't tell my little reason
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       right now. But I am so pleased that this will come to
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       Midland.
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                     I hope -- I hope that you all will decide
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       Midland will be -- Midland for the Permian Basin will be
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       the site. And I don't know what you women are here for,
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       but I know you're here for a reason, because they said
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       behind every good man there is a woman. So there you
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       see these women. And I just wanted to say, I appreciate
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       you all considering Midland and I hope it comes to
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       Midland. Thank you, very much.
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O50. Heard, Beatrice

Response to Comment #1:

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O51. Mayberry, Michelle

Public Hearing Oral Comment (see full transcript in Appendix K)

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                     MS. MICHELLE MAYBERRY: Hello. My name is
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       Michelle Mayberry, and a good person just left. His
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       name is Michael Williams. He's the Railroad
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       Commissioner. My mother didn't tell you, he's our
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       cousin. And so as you can see, we all have the gift for
       talking. But I truly love my cousin and I highly
       endorse what he supports. So we in Midland and Odessa
       and the Permian Basin area, we truly would love to see
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       you guys come to West Texas. This is a great
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       opportunity for all of us to make West Texas more
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       diversified and provide more opportunities,
       employment-wise. And just wouldn't it be great for us
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       to be the first location in the world to have something
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       like this?
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                     So I look forward to it. I hope and pray
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       that you guys will decide to come to West Texas, and we
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       look forward to seeing you. Thank you and glad everyone
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       is here.
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O51. Mayberry, Michelle

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O52. Sparkman, Jessica

Public Hearing Oral Comment (see full transcript in Appendix K)

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                     MS. JESSICA SPARKMAN: I just had a really
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       quick statement. And actually, I'm related to the
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       environmental -- my name is Jessica Sparkman,
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       S-P-A-R-K-M-A-N. I have seen the artistic
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       representations of what the actual site will look like
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       for the facility and I know that you guys went to the
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       site yesterday and saw it. I haven't been to the other
       three, but I do know that I would guess that of the
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       four, we would probably be the one that would have the
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       best environmental impact locally. I think it would
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       improve our beautification of the area guite a bit.
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                     So I want to make sure that you understand
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       that that's actually, environmentally, that's a big plus
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       here that you can actually add to the beautification of
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       the area. So I just wanted to add that comment.
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O52. Sparkman, Jessica

Response to Comment #1:

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Public Hearing Oral Comment (see full transcript in Appendix K)

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                      MR. WALDEN: Hello. I'm Steven Walden,
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        and I'm here to represent the FutureGen Texas team. And
        primarily, what I'm trying to do is let you know that a
        lot of work has gone into this project, and I'm here
        primarily to congratulate the DOE and their contractors.
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        They have done a marvelous job, and my tasks for the
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        FutureGen Texas team, my role has been to oversee the
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        environmental accumulation of the information and pass
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        it on to them.
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                      We sent them a mountain. They have melted
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        and synthesized it and done all the risk analysis and
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        have done a spectacular job of putting it together. I
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        commend you on this effort. It's Herculean. Good job.
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        And unlike Jerry Oliver who was here earlier, he said he
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        thought this time had passed fast. To me, it seems like
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        we have been working on this since the Eisenhower
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        administration. Good job, good job.
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The last entry in Table S-4 on this page mentions that the proposed injection targets are a "lower interval of the Delaware Mountain Group sandstones and an upper interval of Queen formation sandstones." This is ambiguous and could be misconstrued. Please clarify that the lower target is the Delaware Mountain Group (not a lower interval of the DMG) and the upper target is the lower part of the Queen Formation.

In Table S-4, the description incorrectly states that the proposed sequestration site for the Odessa site is "3 miles (4.8 kilometers) east of Fort Stockton." Please revise the description to state that the outer boundary of the injection reservoir area is more than 8 miles (12.9 kilometers) east of Fort Stockton, and the actual injection sites will be farther.

In Table S-12, regarding Surface Water – The DEIS indicates that anticipated pipeline construction for the Odessa site will require approximately 3 to 6 stream crossings. No perennial streams exist within any of the proposed corridors for this site, and only a limited number of ephemeral draws could potentially be impacted by construction. There will be no CO2 pipeline crossings of perennial streams, except potentially along the ROW for the existing commercial CO2 pipeline from the plant site to the sequestration site. Please revise the description to distinguish between perennial stream crossings and intermittent or ephemeral stream crossings and if these occur within existing or new ROW.

In Table S-12 regarding Biological Resources – The DEIS incorrectly suggests that primarily row crops would be lost to any new corridor construction for the Odessa site. Please revise the description to indicate that the affected area is primarily non-arable, brush lands.

The last entry in Table 2.4 on this page mentions that the proposed injection targets are a "lower interval of the Delaware Mountain Group sandstones and an upper interval of Queen formation sandstones." This is ambiguous and could be misconstrued. Please clarify that the lower target is the Delaware Mountain Group (not a lower interval of the DMG) and the upper target is the lower part of the Queen Formation.

|In Table 2-4, regarding Odessa Site Description – Same comments as identified in SUMMARY, Table S-#7 |4.

#8 In Figure 2.14, the number of injection wells and plumes shown (10) doesn't match any injection scenario. Please clarify the discrepancies.

On the last bulleted item on the page, the EIS mentions Lower Delaware Mountain Group and upper interval of Queen formation. Please clarify that the lower target is the Delaware Mountain Group (not a lower interval of the DMG) and the upper target is the lower part of the Queen Formation.

Surface Water – The DEIS suggests that the "...Odessa sites would include underground crossings of surface waters by CO2 pipelines. In the unlikely event of a CO2 pipeline leak near one of these crossings, surface water impacts could include a reduction in pH and localized high concentrations of CO2 and H2S." There will be no CO2 pipeline crossings of perennial streams, except potentially along the ROW for the existing commercial CO2 pipeline from the plant site to the sequestration site. Please revise the description to distinguish between perennial stream crossings and intermittent or ephemeral stream crossings and if these occur within existing or new ROW.

#11 The target sequestration formation shown as "Lower Delaware Mountain Group and upper interval of the Queen Formation" is incorrect. Please clarify that these should be Delaware Mountain Group (primary) and Lower Queen Formation (secondary)

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- Table 3-13 incorrectly indicates that "Some surface water use would occur in Odessa, Jewett, and Tuscola. Impacts of water use are likely to be more important for the Odessa Site." No surface water will be used for either the Jewett or Odessa sites. Please revise the table to remove references to Jewett and Odessa surface water use.
- #13 | TCEQ In Table E-9 regarding Air Modeling Protocol In Table E-9 for Odessa, the "annual" table lists an average Bowen Ratio value that does not seem consistent with the 12 sector average values. Please revise the table to correct the annual average Bowen Ratio value.
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 TCEQ Air Modeling Protocol The DEIS lists "The nearest ambient monitors to the site and the pollutants monitored at these locations ..." and indicates that "The stations selected are in proximity to the Odessa site." It further includes Table E-12 which "presents the representative yet conservative background for these criteria pollutants for the proposed Odessa site." Please consider the following recommended monitoring locations as more representative alternatives for the Odessa site: Although Odessa and Hobbs NM sites are good choices, El Paso is not. Other sites that might be used are Carlsbad NM (NOx, O3 and PM2.5) -110 mi, Artesia NM (SO2 and NOx) -130 mi., Lawton OK (O3) 300 mi, and Big Bend (O3 and PM2.5) 200 mi.
- #15 | TCEQ In Table E-12 regarding Air Modeling Protocol The appendix lists background ambient air quality Odessa which is not consistent with the corresponding table in Volume 2, Table 7.2-2. Please revise this information to be consistent or explain the discrepancies.
- #16
 The second entry in Table 7.1-1 on this page mentions that the proposed injection targets are a "lower interval of the Delaware Mountain Group sandstones and an upper interval of Queen formation sandstones." This is ambiguous and could be misconstrued. Please clarify that the lower target is the Delaware Mountain Group (not a lower interval of the DMG) and the upper target is the lower part of the Queen Formation."
- #17 In Table 7.1-1 regarding Odessa Site Features Same comments as shown for Summary, Table S-4
- #18 In Figure 7.1-3, the number of injection wells and plumes shown (10) doesn't match any injection scenario. Please clarify discrepancies.
- #19 Affected Environments The DEIS incorrectly indicates "The proposed (Odessa) injection site is located ... approximately 3 miles (4.8 kilometers) east of Fort Stockton." Please revise the description to clarify that the outer boundary of the injection reservoir area is actually more than 8 miles from Fort Stockton, and actual injection wells will be farther.
- #20 | TCEQ Operational Impacts The DEIS notes an amount of annual mercury predicted by AERMOD to be deposited and within a certain distance from the project site. However, given the units presented, this seems to be the annual ground-level concentration predicted by AERMOD. Please revise these statements to reflect "ground-level concentrations" rather than "deposition."
- #21 The DEIS incorrectly indicates that the average annual precipitation at the Odessa site is "about 5 inches." Please revise the average annual precipitation to approximately 15 inches to more accurately reflect meteorological conditions in the area.
- #22 In Table 7.3-1 regarding Seasonal Weather Data The weather precipitation data in the table is incorrectly labeled. Please revise the table to clarify that this reflects "Average Monthly Precipitation" rather than "Precipitation."
- #23 The meaning of "sandstone carbonate" in the third paragraph is unclear. Please clarify if this is referring to sandstones and carbonates (separate units) of the Trinity Group.

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- #24 The meaning of the statement "The depth interval of the injection reservoir for the lower Queen Formation is between approx. 0.5 to 1.0 mile for the Delaware Mountain Group." Is unclear. Please clarify statement.
- #25 This section states that 4 wells are required for lower injection rate and 10 for higher; summary document says at least 3 wells are required for lower rate and at least 8 for higher rate. Please clarify this inconsistency.
- #26
 Wetlands The DEIS states "No areas potentially subject to Section 404 jurisdiction are located within the CO2 pipeline corridor east or west of the proposed (Odessa) power plant site." However, only one CO2 pipeline is proposed to connect to the existing pipeline located east of the plant site. This Ector County pipeline segment should not be confused with the two pipeline corridors that have been proposed coming from existing CO2 pipelines east and west of the injection reservoir in Pecos County. Please revise the text to clarify this description.
- #27 In Table 2-3 regarding Weather Information for Odessa, TX The table incorrectly labels the weather data. Please revise the table to clarify that the values represent "Average Monthly Precipitation" rather than Precipitation; and "Average Wind Speed" rather than Wind Speed for each season.
- #28 Offsite Populations The DEIS states that for the Odessa site "Fort Stockton is about 8 miles (13 kilometers) west of the injection site, although there may be a shorter distance between the nearest of the 10 injection wells and the town, depending on the exact location of the wells." Please revise the description to clarify that Fort Stockton is actually more than 8 miles from the outer boundary of the estimated maximum extent of the injection reservoir and that the exact well locations will be farther, not nearer, to the town.
- Key Factors Affecting Risk Assessment The DEIS incorrectly states that populated areas are within 8 miles of the CO2 injection site for Odessa. Please revise the description to clarify that Fort Stockton is the closest populated area and is more than 8 miles from the outer boundary of the estimated maximum extent of the projected injection reservoir and that the exact well locations will be farther, not nearer to town.

FutureGen Texas Team (Walden, Steven – Walden Consulting) (The complete comment document submitted to DOE is shown in G10.) O53.

Response to Comment #1:	Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.
Response to Comment #2:	Table S-4 has been revised as follows: "Proposed injection targets for this site include a lower interval (the Delaware Mountain Group sandstones) and an upper interval (the lower part of Queen formation sandstones)."
Response to Comment #3:	Table S-4 has been revised as follows: "The proposed injection site would be approximately 13 miles (21 kilometers) east of Fort Stockton, Texas."
Response to Comment #4:	Table S-12 and Table 3-3 were revised to specify that the 3 to 6 crossings are ephemeral draws not perennial streams.
Response to Comment #5:	Table S-12 has been revised as follows: "Up to 128.5 miles (207 kilometers) total, of which 68.7 miles (111 kilometers) within new ROW, primarily non-arable brush lands would be impacted."
Response to Comment #6:	Table 2-4 has been revised as follows: "Proposed injection targets for this site include a lower interval (the Delaware Mountain Group sandstones) and an upper interval (the lower part of Queen formation sandstones)."
Response to Comment #7:	Table 2-4 has been revised as follows: "The proposed injection site would be approximately 13 miles (21 kilometers) east of Fort Stockton, Texas."
Response to Comment #8:	Figure 2-14 shows 10 wells. This is consistent with text in Table 2-4 which states that a minimum of eight wells would be needed to support a 2.8 million tons (2.5 MMT) per year injection rate. The figure illustrates a scenario using two more wells than the minimum required to support a 2.8 million tons (2.5 MMT) per year injection rate. If Odessa were selected, the final number and position of wells will reflect more detailed site characterizations. The text also points out that a lower injection rate could require only three wells. Therefore, the text will remain as presented in the EIS.
Response to Comment #9:	The last bulleted item in Section 3.1.4 has been revised as follows: "0.4 to 1 mile (0.6 to 1.6 kilometers) for Odessa lower target (the Delaware Mountain Group) and Odessa upper target (lower part of the Queen formation)."
Response to Comment #10:	Section 3.1.7 was revised to specify the Odessa crossings are ephemeral draws not perennial streams.
Response to Comment #11:	Table 3-3 was revised as follows: "Formation: Delaware Mountain Group (primary) and Queen Formation (secondary)." Table S-12 in the Summary was also revised.

O53. FutureGen Texas Team (Walden, Steven – Walden Consulting) (The complete comment document submitted to DOE is shown in G10.)		
Response to Comment #12:	Table 3-13 has been revised as follows: "Some surface water use would occur at Tuscola."	
Response to Comment #13:	The annual average Bowen Ratio value in Table E-9 has been revised to "4.392708."	
Response to Comment #14:	The issue of representative ambient air monitoring site was discussed in detail with the Site Proponent and DOE used information from data that were available. Since there are no actual monitoring stations within the ROI of the site, it would be making more assumptions as to the representativeness of any monitoring station that would be chosen. As part of the air permitting process, it would be more appropriate to consider monitoring at the site, if it is selected. Therefore, the text will remain as presented in the EIS.	
Response to Comment #15:	Table 7.2-2 was revised to be consistent with Table E-11.	
Response to Comment #16:	Table 7.1-1 has been revised as follows: "Proposed injection targets for this site include a lower interval (the Delaware Mountain Group sandstones) and an upper interval (the lower part of Queen formation sandstones)."	
Response to Comment #17:	Table 7.1-1 has been revised as follows: "The proposed injection site would be approximately 13 miles (21 kilometers) east of Fort Stockton, Texas."	
Response to Comment #18:	Figure 7.1-3 shows 10 wells. This is consistent with text in Table 7.1-1 which states that a minimum of eight wells would be needed to support a 2.8 million tons (2.5 MMT) per year injection rate. The figure illustrates a scenario using two more wells than the minimum required to support a 2.8 million tons (2.5 MMT) per year injection rate. If Odessa were selected, the final number and position of wells will reflect more detailed site characterizations. The text also points out that a lower injection rate could require only three wells. Therefore, the text will remain as presented in the EIS.	
Response to Comment #19:	Text in Tables 7.1-1, 2-4, and S-4 was revised. The following sentence was added: "The proposed injection site would be approximately 13 miles (21 kilometers) east of Fort Stockton, Texas."	
Response to Comment #20:	DOE concurs with the comment and thus, Section 7.2.3.2 was revised to read "would result" rather than "would be deposited."	
Response to Comment #21:	Precipitation data from the monitoring station at Penwell was consulted. This indicated the annual average rainfall of 13.2 inches per year. Subsequently, the text in Section 7.3.2.1 was revised to: "Average annual precipitation is about 13 inches (33 centimeters) (at Penwell), and measurable precipitation occurs about 64 days per year."	

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O53. FutureGen Texas Team (Walden, Steven – Walden Consulting) (The complete comment document submitted to DOE is shown in G10.)	
Response to Comment #22:	Table 7.3-1 was revised as requested, changing the label from: "Average Monthly Precipitation" to "Average Precipitation" (e.g., total seasonal average). As indicated in the Response to Comment No. 21, data from the monitoring station at Penwell was used, resulting in an annual average rainfall of approximately 13 inches per year.
Response to Comment #23:	Section 7.4.2.1 was revised as follows: "Cretaceous-aged carbonates and sandstone that are approximately"
Response to Comment #24:	The text cited in the comment was deleted based on its being unclear and unessential.
Response to Comment #25:	Section 7.4.2.3 was revised as follows: "Numerical modeling results indicate that a minimum of three wells would be required to support the proposed injection rate for the lower injection rate and a minimum of eight wells for the higher rate."
Response to Comment #26:	Section 7.8.2.1 was revised as follows: "No areas potentially subject to Section 404 jurisdiction are located within the CO ₂ pipeline corridor east of the proposed power plant site that would connect to the existing CO ₂ pipeline."
Response to Comment #27:	Table 2-1 in the revised Risk Assessment regarding Summary of Surface and Subsurface Features of Four Candidate Sites was revised under: "climate" to show the headings "Average Seasonal Daily Temperatures", "Average Seasonal Precipitation" and "Annual Precipitation" and values were updated accordingly. Specifically, annual precipitation was revised to 42.6 inches for Jewett and 14.9 inches for Odessa.
Response to Comment #28:	The Response and the text has been revised in Section S-4, Table S-4; Section 2.4.4, Table 2-4; Section 7.1.3, Table 7.1-1 of the EIS; and Section 4.3.1.2 in the Risk Assessment as follows: "The proposed Odessa Sequestration Site area is located in a semi-arid, sparsely populated area adjacent to (i.e., north and south of) I-10 in Pecos County, Texas. The proposed injection site is located on an approximately 42,320-acre (17,126-hectare) property approximately 58 miles (93.3 kilometers) south of the proposed Odessa Power Plant Site, and approximately 13 miles (21 kilometers) east of Fort Stockton, Texas."
Response to Comment #29:	The specific locations for the injection wells have not been selected. However,

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the potential location of the closest well is 13 miles from Fort Stockton.

O54. FutureGen Illinois Team (Swager, Ronald – Patrick Engineering)

(The complete comment document submitted to DOE is shown in G8.)

Tornado frequency

"The Odessa region has the lowest historical tornado activity, with one tornado greater than F1 intensity occurring every 200 years."

Section 7.3.2.2 of the EIS reports 7 tornadoes of intensity F1 or greater in Ector county in the last 56 years. That is certainly a higher rate than one every 200 years. Was the same methodology used for all four sites to obtain a predicted tornado frequency?

O54. FutureGen Illinois Team (Swager, Ronald – Patrick Engineering)

(The complete comment document submitted to DOE is shown in G8.)

Response to Comment #1:

The DEIS included tornado information from both the EIVs and from NOAA. However, to ensure consistency, the EIS has been revised so that tornado data is based solely on NOAA sources and not information in the EIVs. The same methodology was applied to each site: 1) a query of the NOAA database was performed on a county basis (e.g., Ector County) for the 57.3 year time interval between January 1950 and March 2007; 2) the land area of the county was determined from a web search; 3) the number of F1 or higher tornadoes per 50 years (possible operating timeframe of the power plant) was calculated for each county (total multiplied by (50/57); 4) to be able to compare the normalized tornado frequency for each candidate site across the same amount of land area (to account for differences of the sizes of the counties), the average area of the counties was calculated (850 square miles); and 5) the normalized tornado frequency over 50 years was estimated for a standardized 850 square mile area by multiplying the number in step 3 by 850 sq. mi divide by the/county area in sq.mi.).

O55. City of Coahoma (Read, Bill) CITY OF COAHOMA

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May 17, 2007

Mark L. McCoy NEPA Document Manager for the FutureGen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy P.O. Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

RE: FutureGen site proposal - Odessa, Texas

Dear Mr. McCoy:

I wrote to you by letter dated April 24, 2006, on behalf of the City of Coahoma, Texas, concerning our support of Odessa, Texas, as the site for the FutureGen Project. The purpose of this letter is to renew our support of Odessa as the site for this project. The citizens of Coahoma believe that Odessa would be the ideal community for this vital research project and in fact all of the 250,000 residents of the Permian Basin region of Texas look forward to hosting this project.

We understand that Odessa has committed all necessary resources to insure the success of this project and that Odessa will continue to provide all necessary support in the future.

West Texas in general, and Odessa in particular, has all the technical expertise and skilled personnel necessary to support this project, and the citizens of Coahoma are confident that the entire country will benefit from the location of this important project in Odessa, Texas.

Yours very truly,

City of Coahoma

By: Bill Read, Mayor

cc: Michael J. Mudd CEO, FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW 5th Floor Washington, DC 20006

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O55. City of Coahoma (Read, Bill)

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O56. Sivalls, Inc. (Sivalls, C. Richard)



May 22, 2007

Mr. Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for the Futuregen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy P.O. Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

Dear Mr. McKoy:

We in Odessa, TX are excited and ready to insure the success of the Futuregen Project if and when Odessa is selected as the site for the project. With a long history of oil and gas development in the Permian Basin area we have the expertise to aid in the research, construction, and support for the Futuregen Project.

A skilled workforce is here and the infrastructure of manufacturing, supply, and support services are readily available. A long oil patch history of handling and using CO2 is also within our area of expertise. The community wholeheartedly supports the prospect of the Futuregen Project and welcomes the opportunity to show the country and the world of our knowledge and capabilities.

We are proud to be a finalist in the site selection process and are eager to show you what we can do.

Very truly yours,

Sivalls, Inc.

C. Richard Sivalls, P.E.

President

cc: Michael J. Mudd Chief Executive Officer Futuregen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW, 5th Floor Washington, DC 20006

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O56. Sivalls, Inc. (Sivalls, C. Richard)

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O57. Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. (McCall, Peggy)

FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

May 24, 2007

Mr. Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for the Futuregen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy P.O. Box 880 Morgantown, WM 26507-0880

RE: Futuregen Site Proposal

Dear Mr. McKoy:

I would like to emphasize the comments sent to you by Mr. Tom McMinn, a friend who has urged me to write to you;

"You will not find a community more squarely behind the Futuregen project than Odessa, Texas". Not only does this community offer the support for this project in terms of community cooperation, but in also in the areas of skilled labor and technical expertise.

Our local Optimist Club had the honor of listening to a presentation by Jill Sparkman, representative for the committee to bring Futuregen to our area. She and her group have tirelessly coordinated efforts both on a State and National Level. Her presentation drove home the advantages our area has in making this project a success and demonstrated the capacity for mutual growth. West Texas remains committed to the growth and diversification of the energy industry.

I add my name to the many in the West Texas area who ask that you consider the Penwell, Texas site as a finalist in the location of the Futuregen project.

Sincerely,

Peggy McCall Financial Advisor

Cc: Michael J. Mudd

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O57. Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. (McCall, Peggy)

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O58. San Angelo Chamber of Commerce (Neighbors, Phil)



May 24, 2007

Mr. Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy P.O. Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

Dear Mr. McKoy:

Having followed the process for establishing the FutureGen Project, I am pleased to support the bid of Odessa, Texas, to become the final site.

Although San Angelo is approximately 120 miles from Odessa, our sparsely populated region of West Texas is closely interconnected economically, and the FutureGen Project would undoubtedly benefit San Angelo and all of the other communities in West Texas. More germane to your needs, everything that I have read and heard indicates that Odessa is strongly committed to the project, willing to provide the community resources to help make the project succeed, and rich in the technical and workforce skills required for an undertaking of this magnitude.

While San Angelo is working to establish itself in the wind-power energy sector, we are equally excited about the prospects of Odessa, the center of the Permian Basin oil industry, hosting the nation's and the world's first zero-emissions fossil fuel plant.

Please include our support for Odessa as you give every possible consideration to Odessa for the location of the FutureGen Project.

Sincerely.

Phil Neighbors, CCE

President

cc: Michael J. Mudd

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O58. San Angelo Chamber of Commerce (Neighbors, Phil)

Response to Comment #1: Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O59. Odessa College (Williams, Gregory D.)



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May 22, 2007

Mr. Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for FutureGen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U. S. Department of Energy P. O. Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

Re: FutureGen Site Proposal / Odessa, Texas

Dear Mr. McKoy:

I am writing today to once again express the support of Odessa College for the FutureGen project. We are confident that Odessa is the perfect host community for this vital DOE research project. I can assure you that the 250,000 residents of the Permian Basin region look forward to and are excited by the possibility of hosting FutureGen.

Our community has committed all necessary resources to make the project a success, and we will continue to provide anything you need in the future. Additionally, Odessa College and its Board of Trustees stand strongly behind the project and will offer any and all appropriate services to the FutureGen team.

Texas is the epicenter of the global energy industry, and the technical expertise, skilled workforce, and community support we offer are unparalleled. We are eager to collaborate with all those involved in this history making project.

Sincerely.

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Gregory D. Williams, Ed.D.

President

c: Michael J. Mudd Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW 5th Floor Washington, DC 20006

O59. Odessa College (Williams, Gregory D.)

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O60. Samaritan Cousneling Center of West Texas, Inc. (Jones, Margaret T.)



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April 26, 2007

RE: FutureGen Site Proposal -Odessa, Texas

Mr. Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for the FutureGen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy P. O. Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

Dear Mr. McKoy,

As the leading outpatient, faith-based counseling center in the Permian Basin, the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., strongly supports the location of the U.S. Department of Energy FutureGen Project in Odessa, Texas.

Serving the Permian Basin for over 34 years, Samaritan will play a role in providing quality counseling services by a team of master's level, state licensed therapists to complement the lives of the FurtureGen employees and families that will find a new home in the Permian Basin. The Center is just one of many quality of life components that will make Odessa THE location of choice for The Project. Our workforce, climate, economy, educational opportunities with the University of Texas at the Permian Basin and "can do" attitude of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce and the FutureGen Task Force of West Texas are additional enhancements.

The citizens of the Permian Basin stand united in their support of the FutureGen Project and will offer our endorsement and support in any way we can. The resources have been committed to ensure that FutureGen will be a very successful endeavor if Odessa is the selected site.

This community stands ready to assist the DOE and the Alliance in whatever way is needed. Look forward to working with you.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret T. Jones

Executive Director

CC Michael J. Mudd, CEO of FutureGen Alliance

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O60. Samaritan Cousneling Center of West Texas, Inc. (Jones, Margaret T.)	
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O61. Pecos Economic Development Corp. (Burkholder, Mike A.)



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April 19, 2007

Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for the FutureGen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy P.O. Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

Re: FutureGen Site Proposal/ Odessa, Texas

Dear Mr. McKoy,

Pecos, Texas is located 70 miles west of Odessa but we share a great number of mutual interests. People from here do a lot of their shopping, health care, and work in Odessa so what is good for them is good for us. We are experiencing a huge surge in fossil based energy exploration in our area at this time and it is facilitated by the vast technological, intellectual, and financial resources of that community. In a lifetime of observing the pioneering spirit of the Permian Basin Community and the Get The Job Done attitude of our people, FutureGen is a nobrainer when selecting Odessa as the site for this monumental project.

Pecos, and every one of the communities within major portion of West Texas with whom I have talked, supports this initiative. The expertise, resources, and energy required for making FutureGen a success have been pledged by our citizens.

BRING ON THE JOB!

Cc: Michael J. Mudd

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Chief Executive officer FutureGen Alliance International Square

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O61. Pecos Economic Development Corp. (Burkholder, Mike A.)

Response to Comment #1: Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O62. Ector County Independent School District (Sollis, Wendell)



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April 23, 2007

Mr. Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for the FutureGen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy PO Box 880 Morgantown, W. VA. 26507-0880

RE: FutureGen Site Proposal/Odessa, Texas

Dear Mr. McKoy:

I am writing today to express again our support for the FutureGen project. We are confident that Odessa is the perfect host community for this vital DOE research project. I can assure you that the 250,000 residents of the Permian Basin region look forward to hosting FutureGen.

We have committed all necessary resources to make this project a success, and we will continue to provide anything you need in the future.

Texas is the epicenter of the global energy industry, and the technical expertise, skilled workforce, and community support we offer are unparalleled. We are eager to collaborate with all those involved in the FutureGen Initiative.

Sincerely,

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Wendell Sollis

Superintendent of Schools

C: Michael J. Mudd, Chief Executive Officer FutureGene Alliance - International Square 1875 I Street, NW - 5th Floor Washington, DC 20006

O62. Ector County Independent School District (Sollis, Wendell)

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.



April 23, 2007

Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for the FutureGen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy PO Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

Dear Mr. McKoy:

I am once again writing to express my support for the FutureGen project to be located in Odessa, TX. Odessa is the perfect location for this important DOE research project. I can assure that the entire Texas High Ground region supports and looks forward to having the FutureGen in Odessa. Odessa and the region have committed the necessary resources to make the project successful, and will continue to do so in the future.

Odessa Texas is a key component in the global energy industry, with technical expertise, skilled workforce and community support. They are eager to collaborate with all those involved in the FutureGen Initiative.

Sincerely,

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City of Levelland

Mayor

cc: Michael J. Mudd Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW 5th Floor Washington, DC 20006

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O63. City of Levelland (Bradley, Hugh)

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

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O64. Meteor Crater Friends, Inc. (Rodman, Thomas E.)

Meteor Crater Friends, Inc. 620 North Grant Avenue Suite 1204 Odessa, Texas 79761 (432) 332-1666 FAX (432) 332-1667

May 3, 2007

Mr. Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for the FutureGen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy P.O. Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

RE: FutureGen Site Proposal / Odessa, Texas

Dear Mr. McKoy:

Meteor Crater Friends, Inc. a support group for the Odessa Meteor Crater and Museum, enthusiastically support FutureGen coming to the Odessa area.

The Odessa Meteor Crater, a meteorite impact site, is within a few miles of the proposed FutureGen location. It was formed some 63,000 years ago by impact of an iron meteorite estimated to weigh some 250 tons.

Like FutureGen, the Odessa Meteor Crater is on the cutting edge of scientific research. Personnel from Texas A&M, Texas University and Alabama University are currently considering the possibility of the Odessa Crater being formed by a low angle impact resulting in a glancing blow with some material rebounding back into outer space. This is the first crater to be so considered.

We know FutureGen personnel will find the Crater of great scientific interest, and we look forward to welcoming them into our community of the Permian Basin.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Rodman, Fellow

Thomas E. Rodman, Fellov The Meteoritical Society

cc: Michael J. Mudd Chief Executive Officer FutureGen Alliance International Square 1875 I Street, NW 5th Floor Washington, DC 20006

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O64. Meteor Crater Friends, Inc. (Rodman, Thomas E.)

Response to Comment #1: Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O65. City of Odessa Housing Authority (Spears, Bernadine H.)

May 4, 2007

Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Management for the FutureGen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy P.O. Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

Reference: FutureGen Site Proposal - Odessa Texas

Dear Mr. McKoy:

In regards to the referenced caption above, the following comments are offered.

As one of the Affordable Housing Providers of the City of Odessa Texas, this letter is written to offer our support of the FutureGen Project for this community.

Our community has committed the necessary resources to ensure the success of FutureGen and we are prepared to commit even more if the award is granted to us. We have the support of the entire Permian Basin; we are ready, willing and able to assist the DOE and Alliance in whatever way that is deemed appropriate. Also, because of the groundwork that has already been laid since the shortlist announcement, we will make it a priority to see that your arrival this fall will be as seamless as possible.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and if further information is needed or required, please so advise.

As always, I remain.

Sincerely,

Bernadine H. Spears Executive Director

Odessa Housing Authority

xc:

Michael J. Mudd, CEO of the Alliance

Chuck McDonald, McDonald Public Relation, Inc.

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O65. City of Odessa Housing Authority (Spears, Bernadine H.)

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

McHINN'S Furniture

May 17, 2007

RE: Futuregen Site Proposal - Odessa, Texas

Mr. Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for the Futuregen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy P.O. Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

Dear Mr. McKoy:

You will not find a community more squarely behind the Futuregen project than Odessa, Texas. In my business, and also in my capacity as President of the Odessa Development Corporation, I come in contact with large and diverse groups of citizens on a daily basis. I can truly say I have yet to find a resident from this area that has anything but glowing praise for the Futuregen project.

Mr. McKoy, all the pieces are in place in Odessa to make the Futuregen project not only a reality, but a tremendous success. We have the skilled workforce, the technical expertise, and most importantly an unprecedented level of community cooperation. We are committed to provide all the support the Alliance requires to locate here.

We are proud to have been chosen as a finalist, and are eager to prove that we represent your best choice for the final site for this crucial project.

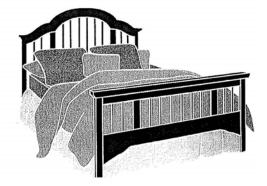
Sincerely,

Tom McMinn President

cc: Michael J. Mudd Chief Executive Officer

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O66. McMinn's Furniture (McMinn, Tom)

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O67. Office of the County Judge (Leck, Bonnie)

OFFICE of the COUNTY JUDGE BONNIE LECK ~ WINKLER COUNTY



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Vida Simpson Administrative Assistant

May 14, 2007

Mr. Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for the FutureGen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy P.O. Box 880 Morgantown,WV 26507-0880

RE: Odessa FutureGen Project

Dear Mr. McKoy:

Please accept this letter as my hope that you will favorably consider the selection of the City of Odessa, County of Ector, Texas as the site for the FutureGen Project. Placing this Project in the Permian Basin of Texas will prove to be of benefit to FutureGen and this area. Winkler County borders Ector County and has joined with them in encouraging your support for this proposal.

There is an extremely diversified workforce in this area that has risen to the challenges of the oil and gas industries for many years. The citizens of this area desire new industries that offer stability and will utilize the talents developed by the West Texas economy. Our young people are choosing the field of energy as their field of study and employment, and we foresee a workforce that will be available now and in the future.

We believe that this area of West Texas offers the benefits that this project requires and the community support that is evident from all areas of the Permian Basin.

Very truly yours,

Bonnie Leck County Judge

Winkler County, Texas

BL/vs

CC: Mr. Hoxie Smith, Midland College PPDC

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O67. Office of the County Judge (Leck, Bonnie)

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O68. Ector County Health Department (Solla, Gino)

ECTOR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 221 N. TEXAS ODESSA, TEXAS 79761



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ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS

May 7, 2007

Mr. Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for the FutureGen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy P.O. Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

Dear Mr. McKoy,

The City of Odessa/Ector County along with the Permian Basin and even southwest New Mexico are very excited at prospect of hosting this most important energy project. The entire Permian Basin is committed to working together to bring this project to our area.

The Permian Basin is a leader of CO2 technology use for the purpose of enhanced oil recovery. This project will allow us to show that we have the expertise in carbon dioxide to utilize our oil and coal resources in a more responsible way.

We feel that our site near Penwell offers the best value for the federal-private initiative due to the fact that we have safely used carbon dioxide for 30 years. We also have the infrastructure in place for its use and experienced people to do the work.

The State of Texas as well as the City of Odessa/Ector County have taken measures to ensure that FutureGen is a success and are committed to making the Permian Basin the perfect site for the project.

Our community welcomes the opportunity to be a part of this selection process. If I can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gino Solla, Director

Ector County Health Department

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O68. Ector County Health Department (Solla, Gino)

Response to Comment #1:

Comment noted and will be included in the Administrative Record of the EIS.

O69. Medical Center Hospital (Webster, William)



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April 30, 2007

Mr. Mark L. McKoy NEPA Document Manager for the FutureGen Project National Energy Technology Laboratory U.S. Department of Energy P.O. Box 880 Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

Re: FutureGen Site Proposal/Odessa, TX

Dear Mr. McKoy:

I am writing to express once again, Medical Center Hospital's (MCH) support for the FutureGen project. We are confident that Odessa is the perfect host community for this vital DOE research project. I can assure you that the 250,000 residents of the Permian Basin region look forward to hosting FutureGen.

Medical Center Hospital of Odessa, Texas, is a Lead Level III Trauma Facility and a full-service, general, acute-care hospital, which serves as the primary referral center for the seventeen county Permian Basin region of West Texas. Our CareStar emergency flight service which began in June 2003, provides emergency helicopter service within a 150 mile radius. MCH is in close proximity to the proposed FutureGen site and would be available to provide emergency services to the employees and contractors at the site.

We have committed all necessary resources to make this project a success and will continue to provide support in the future. The groundwork we have laid since the shortlist announcement will make your arrival this fall as seamless as possible.

Texas is the epicenter of the global energy industry. The technical expertise, skilled workforce and community support we offer are unparalleled. Our community is eager to collaborate with all those involved in the FutureGen initiative.

Sincerely,

Cc:

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