

German energy sector puts emphasis on clean coal

The German energy sector is to invest €26 billion through to 2010 to stabilize energy supply, the country's economy, and to renew older power plants, according to German Federal Association for Energy and Water Chair Hildegard Mueller. "To guarantee a secure energy supply, the German energy sector is about to invest €26 billion. Power plants with an investment volume of €15 billion are already under construction," says Mueller. "Special emphasis will be placed on power plants with clean coal technology," she adds. The construction of climate-friendly power plants, according to Mueller, is an important contribution to protecting the environment. "This kind of power plant emits 30 per cent less carbon than older ones. To prevent their construction is a barrier to the climate goals of the German Government and the EU," Mueller says in response to widespread political and public opposition to new coal power plants. She adds that Germany needs a clean coal law in order "to secure the implementation" of the technology. Mueller also calls for a long-term energy strategy from the government.

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