

US Announces Sequestration Research Grants

US Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman announced US\$450 million in grants over the next decade to further research into technology to significantly reduce greenhouse emissions from coal. “Sequestration technology holds the key to the continued environmentally-responsible use of coal,” Bodman said. “Once we can prove this technology at a grand scale, we can share it with governments around the world and have a truly global impact,” he added. The US Department of Energy would funnel the US\$450 million through its fossil energy program, working with its seven Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnerships to fund “large-scale testing” of carbon capture and storage in geologic formations, said agency spokesman Craig Stevens. Data from the testing “will be crucial” to the development of DOE’s 275 MW FutureGen prototype coal-fired power plant, the agency said in a statement.

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