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TXCCSA JOINS TEXAS DELEGATION ON CCS FACT-FINDING TRIP TO CHINA

Participants expect to learn more about nation's carbon capture and storage technology

AUSTIN, Texas (November 11, 2010) – The Texas Carbon Capture and Storage Association (TxCCSA) will be joining industry and government leaders on a seven-day fact-finding visit to China, November 12-20. The tour, sponsored by the Clean Air Task Force and the Edgerton Foundation, will focus on carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology, as well as potential collaboration between Chinese and American companies. TxCCSA hopes the visit will provide additional insight as Texas prepares for the 82nd Legislature this January.

“China has been a frontrunner in CCS and clean coal technologies for several years,” said TxCCSA General Counsel Darrick Eugene. “It will be extremely useful for our Texas delegation to see these operations in action as Texas begins work on its first round of next-generation facilities.”

Texas has been a leader in paving the way for CCS and other clean coal technologies. Several companies, including TxCCSA member Tenaska, have facilities planned in Texas. In 2009, TxCCSA worked with lawmakers to pass legislation that would legally clarify how CO₂ storage will proceed. TxCCSA also worked to pass a sweeping list of tax and other financial incentives for early adopters of clean coal technology.

During the tour, the delegation will visit these sites:

- **GreenGen**—a near-zero emissions coal plant outside Tianjin nearing completion. GreenGen will use coal gasification to for carbon storage and plans to test new fuel cell and membrane separation technologies.
- **Huaneng post-combustion capture plant**—outside Shanghai, is a coal plant that has been capturing a portion of its carbon dioxide for nearly a year.
- **Accelergy**—research and technology company operating in Palo Alto, CA and Shanghai. Headquartered in Houston, Accelergy uses advanced catalysts and technologies to transform coal and biomass into liquid fuels.
- **ENN**—an energy company that manufactures solar panels, captures carbon dioxide with algae, and pioneers cleaner underground coal gasification methods.

TxCCSA members American Electric Power, Denbury Resources, and Tenaska, as well as Luminant, NRG, and Summit Power, will send representatives on the tour. Texas governmental representatives include:

- **Commissioner Michael L. Williams**—Texas Railroad Commission
- **Chairman Barry T. Smitherman**—Texas Public Utility Commission
- **State Representative Rob Eissler**—Chair of House Committee on Public Education
- **State Representative Mark Strama**—Chairman of the House Committee on Technology, Economic Development & Workforce; member of the House Committee on Energy Resources
- **State Representative Myra Crownover**—Vice-Chair of Energy Resources Committee

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The Texas Carbon Capture and Storage Association (TxCCSA) is a privately-funded 501(c)(6) organization committed to promoting energy security and environmental benefits through the advancement of carbon capture and storage in Texas.

The Association—which includes a diverse coalition of utilities, energy producers, and environmental consultants, among others—supports environmentally responsible energy production and advocates for market-based policies and incentives that encourage the development of a commercial carbon capture and storage industry in the state.