











# McIlvaine Hot Topic Hour: Advanced Coal Combustion Technology

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# **Agenda**

- Global Coal Trends
- Current Planning
- Future of Coal



#### **Trends - Domestic**

- Recent permits in Georgia, Michigan and Texas
- Limited planning of new plants currently
- Emissions controls retrofits may have higher profile than new construction in the near term
- CO2 capture and storage demonstrations
- Environmental Defense Fund agrees not oppose Trailblazer Energy Center based on CCS and dry-cooling design

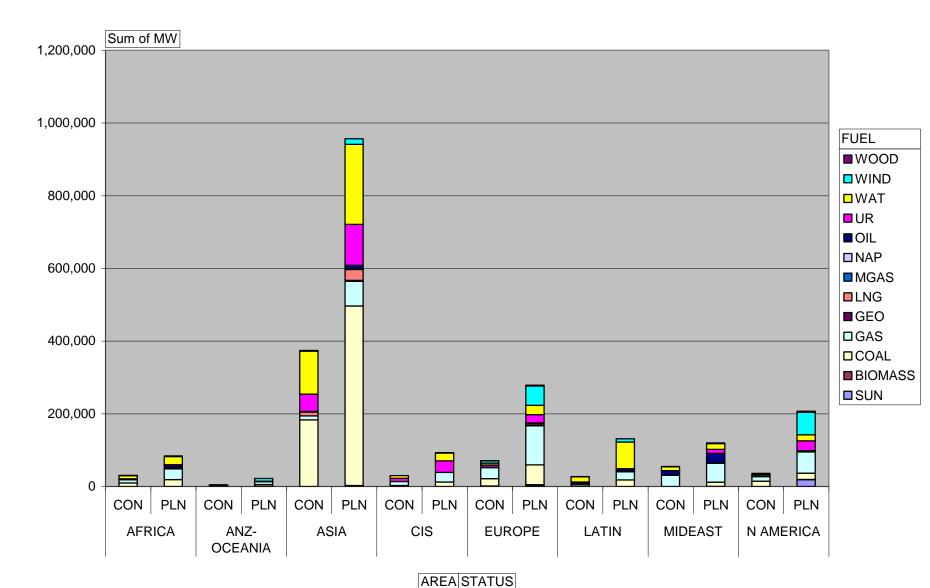


#### **Trends - International**

- Considerable Asia construction and planning
- Increased attention on emissions controls in some areas
- Chart on next slide shows comparison of North American and European coal planning against Asian
  - The planned capacity includes speculation for projects that likely won't be built



## **Trends - International**





# **Current Planning**

- Considerable focus on gas turbines...when/as load returns
- Continued discussion of whether PC or IGCC with CO2 capture is more cost-effective
- Utilities must balance
  - Cost of carbon capture with coal, and
  - Potential volatility of gas prices, and
  - Cost and timing of nuclear, and
  - Integration of increased renewables



### **Future of Coal**

- Strong international outlook
- Domestic outlook depends on
  - Ability to effectively capture carbon, either pre- or post-combustion
  - Ability to effectively use water
  - Commitment to diversified fuel supply across the generating fleet
  - Willingness or ability to replace portion of aging coal units with new units.



# Key observations that summarize "the facts"

- Five-fold global population expansion since 1950 made possible by non-renewable fuels
- Renewable technologies have volume limitations
- Natural gas, like oil and coal, is an irreplaceable, one-time resource
- Coal forecasted to be the largest source of world generation by far through 2030
- Even maintaining nuclear's contribution to world electricity generation implies a major capital program
- There is no silver bullet...all energy sources play a role



## **Questions/Feedback**

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