

## **Near Zero Emissions Coal Initiative**

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The Near-Zero Emissions Coal initiative was announced as part of the EU- China Partnership on Climate Change at the EU-China Summit in September 2005. It stated that the EU and China will aim “to develop and demonstrate in China and the EU advanced, near-zero emissions coal technology through carbon capture and storage” by 2020.

The UK government is making available up to £3.5million of funding to support Phase 1 of the initiative, which will produce recommendations for demonstration and report by the end of 2008. A significant proportion of the work will be undertaken by Chinese partners in China. Coordination with Chinese institutions will take place through interaction with the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology and the Administrative Centre for China's Agenda 21.

The presentation will review the rationale behind the initiative and provide an update on status and future directions.