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MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012

(Participants: Please wear business casual attire.)

- 8:00 AM **Registration Opens**
The Ritz Carlton – Pentagon City
1250 South Hayes Street; Arlington, VA 22202; P 703.415.5000
- 9:00 AM **Welcome, Orientation, and Course Overview**
Venkat K. Venkataraman, Senior Advisor & Project Manager, Project Financing
& Technology Deployment Division, Office of Major Demonstrations, Strategic
Center for Coal, NETL
- 9:30 AM **Opening Address**
Fossil Fuels in a Carbon-Constrained Future
Charles McConnell, Assistant Secretary of Fossil Energy, Office of Fossil
Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

- 10:15 AM **Welcoming Remarks**
Ambassador Carlos Pascual, Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs, U.S. Department of State (DOS)
- 10:30 AM **Break and Group Photo with Mr. McConnell & Ambassador Pascual**
- 10:45 AM **Fossil Fuel Formation and Coal Preparation**
Jonathan P. Mathews, Assistant Professor, Energy & Mineral Engineering, Pennsylvania State University
- 11:30 AM **Electricity 101 & an Introduction to Advanced Power Generation**
Thomas Sarkus, Division Director, Project Financing & Technology Deployment Division, Office of Major Demonstrations, Strategic Center for Coal, NETL
- 12:15 PM **Lunch** (*Mall Food Court located nearby*)
- 1:15 PM **Coal Mining Overview**
Cas Bruniany, Director of International Sales (Americas), Joy Global
- 1:45 PM **Coal Mining Environmental Issues: Reclamation of Mineland Hazards**
Barry E. Scheetz, Professor of Materials, Civil and Nuclear Engineering, Pennsylvania State University
- 2:30 PM **Break**
- 2:45 PM **Shale Gas Fundamentals and History**
John R. Duda, Director, Strategic Center for Natural Gas and Oil, NETL
- 3:30 PM **International Coal Trade**
Jonny Sultoon, Lead Analyst, Global Coal Market Research, Wood Mackenzie
- 4:00 PM **International Oil and Gas Market**
James Burkhard, Managing Director, Global Oil Group, IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA)
- 4:45 PM **Pulverized-Coal and Fluidized-Bed Combustion**
Steve Moorman, Manager, Business Development and Advanced Technologies, Babcock & Wilcox Company (B&W)
- 5:15 PM **Questions & Answers**
(*Open Evening*)

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012

(Participants: Please wear casual attire, flat soled shoes, no high heels or open toed shoes.)

7:30 AM Bus departs The Ritz Carlton – Pentagon City *(Please be punctual.)*

10:30 AM Arrive in Cumberland, MD

10:45 AM **Welcome; Orientation; Tour**
AES Corporation's Warrior Run Power Plant
Host: James Erdman, Team Leader, AES Corporation
P 301.777.0055 ext 107; jim.erdman@aes.com
11600 Mexico Farms Road, SE; Cumberland, MD 21502

(Discussion Topics: Electric Power Generation, U.S. Utility Deregulation, Circulating Fluidized Bed Combustion Technology, Waste Coal Utilization, Cogeneration, Environmental Control, and Waste Disposal)

AES Warrior Run is a 180-MW_e (net), coal-fired electric generating facility located in the Allegany County Industrial Park in Cumberland, MD. AES Warrior Run is a world-class power plant based on circulating fluidized bed combustion (CFBC) — a Clean Coal Technology (CCT). Emissions from the power plant are below EPA's New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and are considerably lower than typical coal-fired plants in operation today. One of the newest coal-fired power plants in the United States, it achieved commercial operations on February 10, 2000. All of the electricity generated by the plant is sold under a long-term wholesale agreement. As a cogenerator, steam from the power plant is also used for the on-site production of food-grade liquid carbon dioxide (CO₂). (Advanced processes for CO₂ capture and sequestration are being developed to mitigate CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel power generation. This visit will serve as an introduction to a presentation later in the course.) The Warrior Run plant annually burns up to 650,000 tons of coal and up to 150,000 tons of limestone, both of which are mined in western Maryland. As part of a coal supply contract with Arch Coal, Arch uses the combustion by-products from the Warrior Run plant to reclaim surface mines in the Georges Creek Basin, from which some of the coal burned at the plant is mined.

12:00 PM **Lunch** *(Provided by AES Corporation)*

1:00 PM Depart for Vindex Energy Corporation's Cabin Run Mine

1:45 PM Arrive Vindex Energy Corporation's Cabin Run Mine
18710 Cabin Run Rd, SW, Frostburg, MD 21532

Tour Vindex Energy Corporation's Cabin Run Mine
Host: Ron Hamric, International Coal Group, Inc.
P 304.594.4248; rhamric@archcoal.com

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2:45 PM Depart for Pittsburgh

5:30 PM Arrive at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel
300 West Station Square Drive; Pittsburgh, PA 15219; P 412.261.2000
(Open Evening)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012

(Participants: Casual attire is recommended, as there is a lot of coal dust at this facility which can get on your clothes and is difficult to remove. Please wear flat soled shoes, no high heels or open toed shoes. No back packs, oversized bags, or cameras are permitted in the plant.)

8:00 AM Depart Sheraton Station Square Hotel

9:30 AM Arrive at FirstEnergy Company's Bruce Mansfield Power Plant
Host: Mark J. Valach
FirstEnergy
128 Ferry Hill Road; Shippingport, PA 15077

Welcome and Orientation

Mark J. Valach; valachm@firstenergycorp.com
Manager of Technical Services, Bruce Mansfield Plant, FirstEnergy

10:00 AM **Environmental Issues 101**
Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x), Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) and Particulates
Lynn Brickett, Division Director, Existing Plants Division, Office of Coal & Power R&D, Strategic Center for Coal, NETL

11:00 AM **Overview and Tour of Bruce Mansfield Power Plant**

(Discussion Topics: Electric Power Generation, U.S. Utility Deregulation, Pulverized Coal Combustion Technology, Environmental Control, and By-Product Utilization)

FirstEnergy's 2742-MW_e Bruce Mansfield Power Plant has one of the largest wet sulfur dioxide (SO₂) scrubbers in the United States. The plant features three 914-MWe pulverized coal-fired boilers manufactured by Foster Wheeler, which are equipped with Babcock & Wilcox low-NO_x burners. The plant has also installed a \$300 million selective catalytic reduction (SCR) system. FirstEnergy is the holding company for Ohio Edison, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, Toledo Edison, and Pennsylvania Power. FirstEnergy also operates an on-site Forced Oxidation Gypsum (FOG) facility to produce wallboard quality gypsum – an innovative productive use of a former waste material. Gypsum from scrubber by-products is a cheaper, better quality material with which to manufacture wallboard than naturally occurring gypsum. Scrubber wastes from the plant are sent to an adjacent wallboard manufacturing plant operated by the National Gypsum Company. The process reduces the amount of scrubber sludge transported from Bruce Mansfield Station to its Little Blue Run disposal site, significantly extending the disposal site's life and reducing costs. The National Gypsum Company facility, one of the largest, single-line gypsum wallboard plants in the world, produces over 600 million

square feet of wallboard annually. Use of these scrubber materials eliminates solid wastes that would otherwise have to be landfilled and further benefits the environment by avoiding operation of a gypsum mine elsewhere. This visit highlights some of the environmental advances achieved in today's coal-fired power plants, including the positive economic and environmental benefits achievable through by-product utilization.

- 1:00 PM **Lunch** (Provided by FirstEnergy Company)
- 2:00 PM Depart for Range Resources' Canonsburg Offices
- 3:30 PM **Tour Range Resources' Marcellus Shale Well Pad**
Host: Mike Mackin
Operating Company: Range Resources
3000 Town Center Boulevard; Canonsburg, PA 15317

Range Resources is an independent oil and gas company operating in the Southwestern and Appalachian regions of the United States. In 2004, Range pioneered the Marcellus Shale, which is now believed to be among the largest known natural gas fields in the world.

The site visit to Range will include an active drilling location, as well as a completed and producing well pad - both sites are in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

- 5:00 PM Depart Range Resources' Canonsburg Offices
- 5:45 PM Arrive Sheraton Station Square Hotel
(Open Evening)

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2012

(Participants: Please wear casual attire and comfortable walking shoes.)

- 8:00 AM Depart for Sheraton Station Square Hotel for First Energy's Springdale Power Plant, Springdale, PA
- 9:00 AM **Tour FirstEnergy's Springdale Power Plant**
Host: Anthony Hallo, Production Manager, P 724.274.3612;
ahallo@alleghenyenergy.com
First Energy – Springdale Power Plant
198 Butler Street Extension; Springdale, PA 15144

First Energy's Units 1 and 2, two 44-MW_e, simple-cycle gas combustion turbines at Springdale were originally home to an oil-fired power plant that was retired in 1983. The units, which began operation on December 1, 1999, generate peaking power for sale in the competitive marketplace in markets in Pennsylvania and the eastern United States. This \$46-million generating facility is located at the site of the former Springdale Power Station, once the flagship of the Allegheny Energy generating fleet. The quick start-up time for the new General Electric LM6000 units permits power generation when demand for electricity is high. The 88 MW_e of capacity is enough electricity to light nearly 40,000 homes. The units are capable of using either

natural gas or fuel oil for generation and are remotely operated. First Energy also has a \$235-million combined cycle generating plant with a capacity of 540 MW_e at the Springdale site. This newer facility includes two natural gas-fired combustion turbines and a steam turbine manufactured by Siemens Westinghouse Power Corporation. Now known as First Energy Units 3, 4, and 5, they began generating power for sale into competitive markets in June 2003.

- 10:30 AM Depart for NETL Pittsburgh Site
- 12:00 PM Arrive at NETL, Building 922, Conference Center A
Lunch
- 1:00 PM **NETL Welcome & Overview**
Sean Plasynski, Deputy Director, Strategic Center for Coal, NETL
- 1:30 PM **Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC)**
Jenny Tennant, Gasification Technology Manager, Office of Coal & Power R&D, Strategic Center for Coal, NETL
- 2:00 PM **Coal Bed and Coal Mine Methane**
Morgan Mosser, Project Manager, Existing Plants Division, Office of Coal and Power R&D, Strategic Center for Coal, NETL
- 2:30 PM **Break**
- 2:45 PM **CO₂ Storage**
John Litynski, Carbon Storage Technology Manager, Office of Coal & Power R&D, Strategic Center for Coal, NETL
- 3:15 PM **Energy and Water Nexus**
Jeanne VanBriesen, Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University
and
David Dzombak, Sr. University Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University
- 4:45 PM Depart for Sheraton Station Square Hotel
- 5:15 PM Arrive at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel
(Open Evening)

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2012

(Participants: Please wear casual attire, with flat soled shoes, no high heels or open toed shoes.)

- 7:45 AM Check out and depart Sheraton Station Square Hotel

- 8:30 AM Arrive at the NETL Office of Research and Development (ORD) Plateau
- Overview & Tour National Energy Technology Laboratory Office of Research and Development (ORD)**
Charles Taylor, Division Director, Chemistry and Surface Science Division, Office of Research and Development, NETL
- 9:15 AM Depart NETL ORD Plateau
- 9:30 AM Arrive at NETL, Building 922, Conference Center A
- NETL International Activities**
Scott Smouse, Senior Management and Technical Advisor – International, Strategic Center for Coal, NETL
- 10:00 AM **Transmission & Distribution Overview: Technology & Regulatory Issues**
Maria Hanley, Program Analyst, Office of Strategic Energy Analysis and Planning, NETL
- 10:30 AM **Smart Grid Overview**
Steven J. Bossart, Team Leader, Program Analysis and Support Team, Project Management Center, NETL
- 11:00 AM **Gas Turbines**
Robin Ames, General Engineer, Power Systems Division, Strategic Center for Coal, NETL
- 11:30 AM **Break (Group Photo)**
- 11:45 PM **Lunch**
- 12:30 PM **Non-Fossil Power Generation Panel Discussion**
Peter C. Balash, Deputy Director, Office of Strategic Energy Analyses & Planning, NETL (Moderator)
- 1:00 PM **Hydro Power Generation**
Chris Mertes presenting for Norman Bishop, Senior Vice-President, Hydropower and Renewable Energy, and Co.
- 1:30 PM **Nuclear Power Generation & Post-Fukushima Initiatives**
Roy Brosi, Director of Strategic Industry Initiatives, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company

- 2:00 PM **Alternative Fuels – Coal, Natural Gas, and Biomass to Liquids**
Dan Driscoll, Fuel Cells and Fuel Technology Manager, Office of Coal & Power
R&D, Strategic Center for Coal, NETL
- 2:30 PM **Closeout Question & Answers**
- 3:00 PM Bus departs for the Ritz Carlton – Pentagon City, Washington, DC