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## Plenary Sessions

**MONDAY, October 7, 2024**

**8:00-10:00 - PLENARY SESSION I**

**Moderator: Dr. Massood Ramezan**

**8:00-9:00 - The Honorable Brad Crabtree**

Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy and Carbon Management

**"Carbon Management: Progress to Date and Challenges Going Forward" ...N/A**

**9:00 - 10:00 - Dr. Omar Basha**

Managing Director, ONB Engineering Research and Technical Services LLC

**"Highlighting Critical Barriers in the CCUS Value Chain to Develop technically and Economically Feasible Solutions "...1**

**TUESDAY, October 8, 2024**

**8:00-10:00 - PLENARY SESSION II**

**Moderator: Mr. Thomas Sarkus**

**8:00 – 9:00 - Dr. Ahmed Aboudheir**

Chief Executive Officer of Aboudheir Consulting Ltd

**"Design and Deployment of Large Scale CCUS Projects that Work Towards Net Zero by 2050"...N/A**

**9:00 - 10:00 - Dr. Marianne Walck**

Director of the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) US-DOE

**"Driving Clean Energy: NETL's Role, Integrated Systems, and the Path to Carbon Management"...N/A**

**WEDNESDAY, October 9, 2024**

**8:00-10:00 - PLENARY SESSION III**

**Moderator: Mr. Richard Winschel**

**8:00 – 9:00 - The Honorable Charles McConnell**

Assistant Secretary of Energy (2011-13) US-DOE Energy Officer UH Energy

Executive Director, Carbon Management and Energy Sustainability Chancellor/President's Division  
University of Houston

**"The Energy Transition Requires CCUS for Transformation" ...19**

**9:00 - 10:00 - Dr. Evan Granite**

Program Manager, Carbon Ore

Senior Technical Advisor, U.S. DOE - Fossil Energy & Carbon Management

**"Domestic Wastes and Byproducts: A Resource for Critical Material Supply Chains" ...N/A**

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## TECHNICAL PROGRAM—ORAL PRESENTATIONS

### ORAL SESSIONS

Monday, October 7

10:00 — 15:00

#### SESSION 1

##### CARBON MANAGEMENT — 1

*Bingyun Li*

**10:00 Photothermal reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> to formic acid over Pd/P25 composite catalyst,** Fangyuan Zhang, Jieying Jing, Wen-Ying Li, Taiyuan University of Technology, Taiyuan, CHINA...N/A

**10:30 Characteristic of hydrogen production from various of feed gases in sorption enhanced water gas shift reactions,** Jinpeng Zhang, Yanxin Jia, Jieying Jing, Wenying Li, Taiyuan University of Technology, Taiyuan, CHINA...N/A

**11:00 Adsorption and desorption kinetics of dry sorbents for CO<sub>2</sub> capture,** Gregory N. Okolo, Juan Williams, Raymond C. Everson, John R. Bunt, Paola Ammendola, Federica Raganati, North-West University, SOUTH AFRICA...N/A

**11:30 Lessons Learned from Canadian CCUS Projects,** Laura Westover, Puttipong Tantikhajornngosol, The International CCS Knowledge Centre, Regina, SK, CANADA...25

#### SESSION 2

##### VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS FROM COAL — 1

*Richard Winschel*

**10:00 Comparing ashes of some thermal power plants and metallurgical factory in Vietnam and their utilization,** Nguyen Viet Quang Hung, Centre of Severe Materials and Environment, Hanoi, Vietnam; Masakatsu Nomura, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan; Chu Thi Thanh, TMD Group, Vinh City, Nghe An, Vietnam; Tadanori Hashimoto, Atsushi Ishihara, Mie University, Tsu - City, Mie, Japan...N/A

**10:30 Application of composite external donor technology in coal-based polypropylene production,** Peiqian Yu, Yufei Bian, Liuhua Feng, Yue Yu, Rongqian Cong Lin feng, Chen, National institute of Clean-and-Low-Carbon, Beijing, CHINA...33

**11:00 Molecular design and performance modulation of anthracene-based solar thermal fuels,** Chonghua Li, Xingtang Xu, Jieying Jing, Wen-Ying Li, Taiyuan University of Technology, Taiyuan, CHINA

**11:30 Efficient separation of monoaromatics from direct coal liquefaction,**

Xiao-Long Shi, Yun-Cai Song, Jie Feng, Wen-Ying Li, Taiyuan University of Technology, Taiyuan, CHINA...42

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##### CARBON MANAGEMENT — 2

*Omar Basha*

**13:00 Converting CO<sub>2</sub> into Nano-Minerals via Amino Acids,** Bingyun Li, Qingyang Li, Department of Orthopaedics, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, USA...N/A

**13:30 Carbon Management Driven by Wafer Scale Engines,** Vyacheslav Romanov, National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), Pittsburgh, PA, USA...51

**14:00 Direct Air Capture Deployment Assessment in Deep Mitigation Pathways Toward 2075 in the U.S.: MARKAL-NETL Modeling Results,** Christopher Nichols, Nadejda Victor, National Energy Technology Laboratory, USA...N/A

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##### VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS FROM COAL - 2

*Richard Bajura*

**13:00 NOVEL PRB COAL BASED ASPHALT,** L.C. Muller, Cheng-Yen Pan, T.I. Pfeiffer, P. Behrens, J.J. Adams, Y. Kumbarger, J.-P. Planche, J. Martin, L. Hazard, Md I. Haque, University of Wyoming - School for Energy Resources, Western Research Institute, Laramie, WY, USA...N/A

**13:30 A Novel Approach to Manufacturing Lignite Composites with High-Filler Content,** Md. Reza-E-Rabby, Keerti Kappagantula, Jose Ramos, Raveen John, Aditya Nittala, Yelin Li, Nathan Canfield, Adam Denny, Ethan Nickerson, Satish Nune, David J Heldebrandt, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, WA, USA...N/A

**14:00 ROCK WOOL SPUN FROM VITRIFIED COAL FLY ASH/SLAG IS VERY PROFITABLE,** Howard McClintic, Concurrent Technologies Corporation, Washington, DC, USA...58

**14:30 Critical Elements for the Construction of a sustainable Closure\* for CCR Impoundment,** Mark Keck, Cristine Zubrow, Al Briggs, Key Environmental, Inc., Carnegie, PA, USA...N/A

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10:00 — 15:00

#### SESSION 5

##### COAL SCIENCE/CLEAN COAL AND GAS TO FUELS

*Isaac Gamwo*

**10:00 Evaluation of temporal variations in the chemistry of exposed coal heaps,** Jyoti Sharma, Ashok K Singh, Arnold L Usham, Priya Kumari, CSIR-Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research, Dhanbad (DC), Jharkhand, INDIA; Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR), Ghaziabad, INDIA...N/A

**10:30 Preparation And Catalytic Cracking Reactivity of Zsm-5 Zeolite from Vietnamese Quang Ninh Coal Ash,** Atsushi Ishihara, Hung Viet Nguyen, Koki Kunieda, Shinya Matsuura, Tadanori Hashimoto, Mie University, Tsu City, Mie Pref., JAPAN...N/A

**11:00 Enhanced Phenanthrene Hydrogenation Saturation Performance over Nickel-Based Catalyst via Adjusting the Interaction Between Ni and Support,** Tao Tian, Zemin Zhao, Jieying Jing, Wenying Li, State Key Laboratory of Clean and Efficient Coal Utilization, Taiyuan University of Technology, CHINA...N/A

**11:30 Blue Ammonia and Urea Production via Coal-Gasification,** Ravi Ravikumar, Sunil Kumar Singhal, Ben Vivier, Fluor Enterprises, Aliso Viejo, CA, USA...62

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*Massood Ramezan*

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**10:30 Building an Energy System Based on Thar Coal,** Farid A. Malik, Abid Aziz, FCC University, Lahore, Pakistan; Pak Motors (Pvt) Ltd, PAKISTAN...70

**11:00 U.S. Department of Energy/ National Energy Technology Laboratory Gasification Systems Program Overview,** Jonathan W. Lekse, U.S. DOE, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Pittsburgh, PA, USA...N/A

**11:30 Machine Learning Enhanced LIBS to Measure and Process Biofuels and Waste Coal for Gasifier Improved Operation,** Ozan Karadut, Zheng Yao, Carlos Romero, Robert De Saro, Joe Craparo, Larry Mulligan, Johan Van Dyk, Asmara Soomro, Alexander Koutsostamatis, Lehigh University, Energy Research Center; GTI Energy, Energy Research Company, USA...75

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*Omar Basha*

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*Thomas Sarkus*

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### CLEAN HYDROGEN

*Thomas Sarkus*

**10:00** **Design of Non-Fluorinated Proton Exchange Membranes from Poly(Terphenyl Isatin) with Fluorene-Linked Sulfonate Groups and Microblock Structures**, Chaoyi Ba, Shu Xu, Meltem Urgun-Demirtas, Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, IL, USA...N/A

**10:30** **Thermal-catalytic Decomposition of Natural Gas for Clean Hydrogen and premium Carbon Using Electric Fields**, Randy Vander Wal, James Heim, II, Mpila Nkiawete, Penn State University, University Park, USA...N/A

**11:00** **Performance Testing of a Moving-Bed Gasifier Using Coal Biomass and Waste Plastic Blends with Washed and Unwashed Legacy Coals**, Horst Hack, George Booras, Rolf E. Maurer, David P. Thimsen, Elijah Thimsen, Alberto Pettinau, Simone Meloni, Gabriele Calli, Hang Zhou, Yupeng Xu, Mehrdad Shahnaim, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), USA, Hamilton Maurer International, Inc. Hudson, IL, USA, Sotacarbo Sotacarbo Società Tecnologie Avanzate Low Carbon S.p.A., Carbonia, ITALY, National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), Morgantown, WV, USA...N/A

**11:30** **Halo: Hydrogen-Recovery Using an Ai-Arc-Plasma Learning Operational System For Produced Water**, Glen Nakafuji, Oceanit, Honolulu, HI, USA...N/A

## SESSION 10

### COAL BED METHANE AND SHALE GAS/ SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

*Richard Bajura*

**10:00** **Analyzing Thanh Hoa, Ha Tinh and Nghe An coal samples of Vietnam**, Nguyen Viet Quang Hung, Centre of Severe Materials and Environment, Hanoi, Vietnam; Masakatsu Nomura, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan; Chu Thi Thanh, TMD Group, Vinh City, Nghe An, Vietnam; Tadanori Hashimoto, Atsushi Ishihara, Mie University, Tsu - City, Mie, Japan...N/A

**10:30** **Research Progress and Key Scientific Issues of Unconventional Natural Gas**, Dameng Liu, China University of Geosciences, Beijing, CHINA...N/A

**11:00** **Understanding the Regional Variations in Pay Thickness of Unconventional Reservoirs in the Powder River Basin by Incorporating Learnings from a Site-Specific, Core-Calibrated, Geologic Model**, Luke Fritz, Richard Ness, Ben Roth, Nick Jones, Advanced Resources International, TN; Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute, WY, USA...169

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*Richard Winschel*

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**13:30** **Beyond Combustion – Coal in the 21st Century – Carbon Products from Coal**, Evan J. Granite, U.S. DOE, USA...N/A

**14:00** **Critical Mineral Supplies and Market Sector Demands for LIBs and EVs**, Randy Vander Wal, James Heim, Penn State University, University Park, PA, USA...N/A

## SESSION 12

### COMBUSTION TECHNOLOGIES

*Evan Granite*

**13:00** **Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Coal-Biomass Co-firing Power Plants with Carbon Capture and Storage**, Wanying Wu, Haibo Zhao, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, USA...N/A

**13:30** **Thermogravimetric Analysis Combustion Characteristics of Coal Microlithotype Particle Types**, Lesigen Moodley, Frikkie Conradie, Walter Schmitz, Hein Neomagus, Bonny Nyangwa, Olifant Sinthumule, Eskom Research, Testing and Development, Johannesburg; North-West University; University of Witwatersrand, SOUTH AFRICA...188

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**14:30** **Drop Tube Furnace Combustion Characteristics and Computation Fluid Dynamics Modelling Of Coal Char Microlithotype Particle Types**, Lesigen Moodley, Frikkie Conradie, Walter Schmitz, Hein Neomagus, Bonny Nyangwa, Kganuwi Kekana, Eskom Research, Testing and Development, Johannesburg; North-West University; University of Witwatersrand, SOUTH AFRICA...205

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