

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

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Hon. Edward C. Noble, Chairman
U.S. Synthetic Fuels Corporation
2121 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Chairman Noble:

At your recent appearance before the Interior Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, you stated that the Synthetic Fuels Corporation would be considering new applications for projects involving Eastern coal in the early summer months.

One coal gasification project of particular importance to Illinois, COGA 1, may be re-submitted for your next solicitation.

As members of the Illinois Congressional delegation, we want to recommend COGA 1 for your favorable consideration.

The project combines elements which are appropriate to the new direction which the Synfuels Board has taken since last year's Congressional debate.

It is based on a new coal technology and utilizes a plentiful energy resource in an environmentally safe manner. It will be presented to Synfuels on a scale consistent with the new economic realities facing your agency and our nation. It also promises to reach a level of commercial feasibility on an accelerated schedule so as to demonstrate its practical application.

Any assistance which you and your Board can give to this worthy project will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Robert Michel

Richard J. Durbin

EXHIBIT "B"