

# **US-India Energy Dialogue**

## **Coal Working Group**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Goals:**

To enhance the understanding of coal-related energy issues and promote the exchange of information on policies, programs, and technologies with special emphasis on coal utilization for power generation and clean fuels production; to promote the efficient and environmentally responsible use of coal; to promote increased trade and investment in the coal and coal power sectors; to encourage India's active participation in the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum and Methane to Markets Partnership; and to work with the private sector to identify areas of cooperation and collaborate with the business community on joint activities. Both sides agree that discussion or consideration of specific activities in the Terms of Reference do not imply any financial commitment to fund such activities.

#### **General Approach:**

- A. Continue bilateral coordination with workshops, training opportunities, discussions, site visits and specific projects in the identified areas. The Coal Working Group will involve experts from government, private industry, academia and other non-government organizations.

#### **Areas of Special Emphasis:**

- B. Coal Preparation/coal waste utilization
- C. Mine Safety/Productivity
- D. Mine closure/reclamation
- E. In-situ coal gasification and coal liquefaction
- F. Coal-bed/Coal-mine/Abandoned-mine methane
- G. Ash utilization
- H. Emerging Technologies including CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage
- I. Future technology paths