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GOVERNOR GRANHOLM ENDORSES CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROJECT FOR HOLLAND

Holland, MI—Holland Mayor Al McGeehan today said the City of Holland and the Holland Board of Public Works have received from Governor Jennifer Granholm an endorsement of Holland's proposal to replace existing coal fired electric generation and incorporate state-of-the-art technology that could be a national demonstration project for CO₂ capture and sequestration.

"We are deeply appreciative of the governor's advocacy of this innovative project," Mayor McGeehan said.

"The state of Michigan supports this effort to demonstrate the long-term capability of carbon capture and sequestration technology and will assist the city of Holland in its effort to gain approval and federal funding for this important initiative," the governor said in a letter to Mayor McGeehan.

In the proposed project the Holland BPW, in partnership with Praxair, is asking for a U.S. Department of Energy grant to help fund a commercial scale research and development project to determine the feasibility of capturing carbon created from state-of-the-art clean coal generation and depositing the carbon deep into the underground. Called carbon sequestration, the project would result in sharply lowered emissions of mercury, SO₂, NO_x, particulates and other constituents and the elimination of more than 90 percent of the CO₂ created by coal combustion.

"The governor's support and commitment to bring this project to Holland and Michigan is crucial to the project's success," said Loren Howard, general manager of the Holland BPW. "If funded and constructed, this project could be a cornerstone for a clean energy future for Michigan and all of the United States,"

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