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US utility Southern Company's rethink of its Kemper project deals another setback to carbon capture and storage (CCS), but the technology can offer "lower-cost opportunities" for industries outside the power sector to reduce airborne emissions, the International Energy Agency (IEA) has said.

The ambitious Kemper project originally aimed to help lead the roll out of 'clean coal', as touted by US politicians and the energy sector, by creating an integrated facility that would gasify local lignite, capture the resulting CO<sub>2</sub>, then burn the syngas in a large combined-cycle turbine.



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