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ClearStack Gets Support from Illinois and Others

Rod Blagojevich, governor of Illinois, during a radio broadcast, cited ClearStack as the kind of state-assisted research project that could help the beleaguered Illinois coal industry, which has dwindled as power generators have turned to cleaner burning low-sulfur coal to meet federal clean-air emissions standards.

“There is a company here in the Springfield area called ClearStack Combustion…,” Blagojevich said. “We don’t need to do any more research and development and waste taxpayer dollars on it. The technology already exists.”

ClearStack has raised $4 million, including $2.3 million from venture capitalists—and the rest from state and industry groups. The funds are to sustain the firm through a phase of independent testing conducted by Detroit Edison Co.