
Re "Majority of Virginians worried about climate change," news, front page, Oct. 22:

I was pleased to see that Virginians support clean coal technology. It will lead the alternative fuels industry in producing cost-measured, large-scale commercial deployment of electricity.

Since 50 percent of America's electricity is generated by coal, and electricity demand is expected to rise 53 percent over the next 25 years, clean coal technology can protect the American con-

sumer while lowering greenhouse gas emissions.

Low-cost electricity enables Americans to live longer and enjoy a better quality of life. A decline in standard of living, job loss, power disruptions and further economic troubles are imminent if Congress does not approve incentives to alternative fuel technologies.

Current economic woes magnify the importance for energy efficiency in the United States. Virginians can help to avoid a future energy crisis by supporting clean coal technology.

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