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Steve Winberg, the new head of the Energy Department's fossil fuel office, said today he plans to promote carbon capture technology as part of the global effort to curb rising temperatures.

"We are not going to stop using fossil energy any time soon, and so if we're going to go on an aggressive path toward CO2 reductions, CCUS or CCS simply has to be a part of the answer," Winberg told a Center for Strategic and International Studies event, echoing message White House aides delivered at climate negotiations in Germany earlier this month.

He told reporters after his remarks that climate change "is a global issue requiring a global solution" and that "if the world, if 7 billion people, going to probably 10 billion people, want to move forward on this, that necessarily has to include CCUS."

"It has to be resolved globally, if we choose to do so," he said, declining to comment on his own positions on climate change.

CCUS should receive "equal treatment" with other clean energy sources, he said, though he did not say how DOE would promote it other than investing in research.

He said his office seeks to build industry support for carbon capture and added that the Trump administration is collaborating with a number of countries to announce a carbon capture initiative at a Clean Energy Ministerial in May in Copenhagen. Energy Secretary Rick Perry will also discuss the issue on a trip to the Middle East later this week, he said.

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