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Carbon capture could help curb climate change. But will anyone foot the bill?

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The smoke stacks at American Electric Power's Mountaineer coal power plant in New Haven, West Virginia, Oct. 30, 2009. In cooperation with AEP, the French company Alstom unveiled the world's largest carbon capture facility at a coal plant, so called 'clean coal,' which will store around 100,000 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide a year 7,200 feet underground. - SAUL LOEB/AFP /Getty Images

Scientists say we have to do something about all the carbon we're spewing into the air, and fast. A recent United Nations climate study says capturing carbon dioxide — even sucking it from the air — is going to be crucial in the fight against climate change. But once you've caught it, where do you put it? Scientists on the Texas Gulf Coast are looking into a possible answer. But, as always, finding the money for it is a challenge.

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