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Large U.S. coal reserves and viable technology make promising a domestic. industry producing liquid fuels from coal. Weighing benefits, costs, and. environmental issues, a productive and robust U.S. strategy is to promote a. limited amount of early commercial experience in coal-to-liquids production. and to prepare the foundation for managing associated greenhouse-gas. emissions, both in a way that reduces uncertainties and builds future. capabilities.