Carbon Capture, Allocation, Transportation, and Sequestration (CCATS) in AEO2025

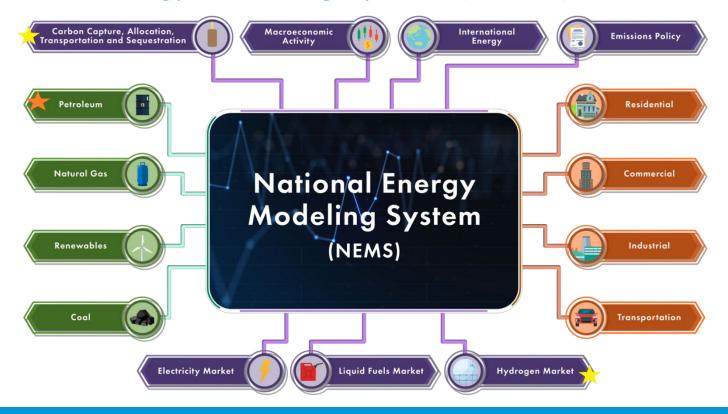
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Annual Energy Outlook 2025

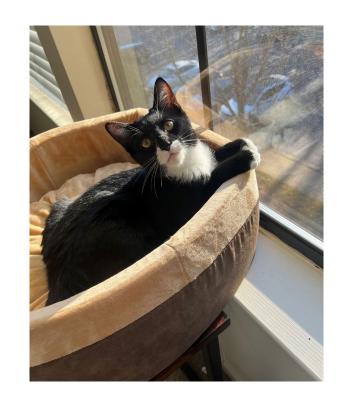
- EIA released the Annual Energy Outlook 2025 (AEO2025) in April 2025
- AEO2025 included 3 new modules in the National Energy Modeling System (NEMS)
 - Hydrocarbon Supply Module (HSM)
 - Hydrogen Markets Module (HMM)
 - Carbon Capture, Allocation, Transportation, and Sequestration (CCATS)

National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) in AEO2025



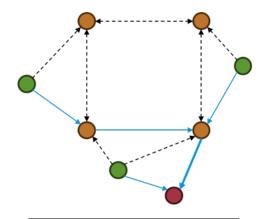
CCATS overview

- CCATS models the potential carbon capture industry in the US
- Optimization model that determines flow of endogenously produced CO₂ supplies from NEMS to CO₂ destinations
- Includes policy as of December 2024
- Designed to be flexible and accommodate potential future changes



Market representation

- Plausibly economic sources of CO₂ from industries with significant carbon capture potential
 - Power generation, natural gas processing, ethanol, hydrogen, cement
- CO₂ transportation with pipelines, including existing pipeline network
- CO₂ enhanced oil recovery (EOR) demand and CO₂ sequestration in onshore saline formations
- Represented as a network of nodes and arcs on the US map



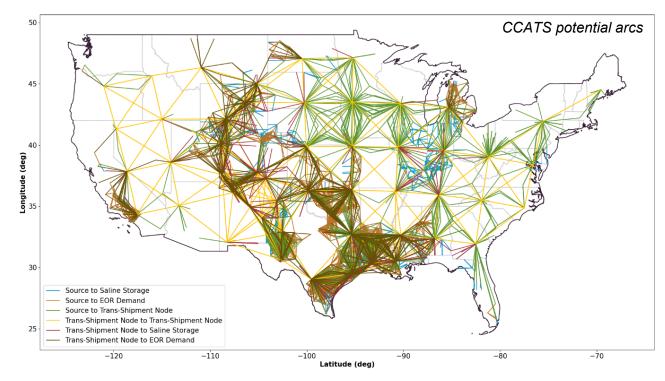
Legend

- Capture facility
- Trans-shipment point
- Sequestration site
- → Possible pipeline route
- → Constructed pipeline route

CO₂ potential network

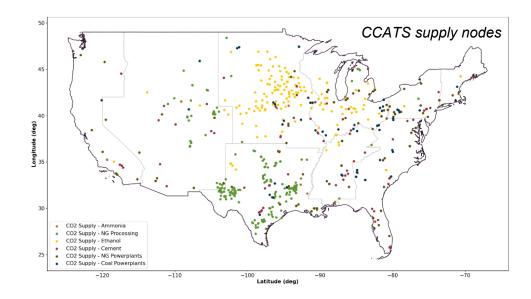
• Node types:

- Supply
- Trans-shipment
- CO₂ EOR
- Storage
- Arc types:
 - Existing
 - Potential



CO₂ supply representation

- CO₂ supply from NEMS is at a census-division level
 - Too highly aggregated for CCATS to have meaningful results
 - CCATS disaggregates to pointsource facilities
- Data source: National Energy Technology Laboratory Carbon Capture Retrofit Database (NETL-CCRD)

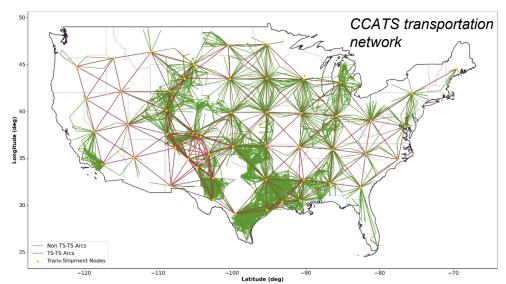


CO₂ supply representation: Capture potential

Census Division	Ammonia	Cement	Coal Power Plant	Ethanol	Natural Gas Power Plant	Natural Gas Processing
New England		0.3	8.8		36.4	
Mid Atlantic		5.1	67.1	0.5	165.8	
East North Central	0.8	8.2	303.1	12	219.5	0.5
West North Central	2.5	14.1	425.7	31.5	25.8	0
South Atlantic	1.1	13.7	444.1		238.9	
East South Central	0.9	6.4	214.5	1	147.8	
West South Central	9.7	12.7	326.9	1.4	332.4	9.7
Mountain	0.6	8	219.1		120.4	3.3
Pacific	0.1	10			121.1	
Total	15.6	78.6	2,009.30	46.4	1,408.10	13.6

CO₂ transportation representation

- By pipeline only
- New pipelines include different diameters and pumps:
 - Pass through trans-shipment nodes (trunk)
 - Directly from supply to demand or sequestration (spur)
- Data sources:
 - NETL CO₂ Transport Cost Model
 - Department of Transportation (DOT) National Pipeline Mapping System

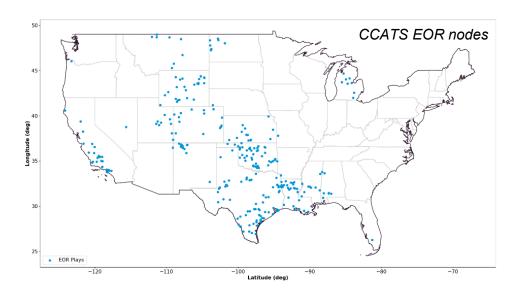


CO₂ transportation: Select cost curves

Pipeline Region	Pipeline Length (miles)	Cost Curve Slope (\$/tonne CO ₂)
New England	150	\$51.42
Great Plains	150	\$23.47
New England	400	\$142.93
Great Plains	400	\$68.67

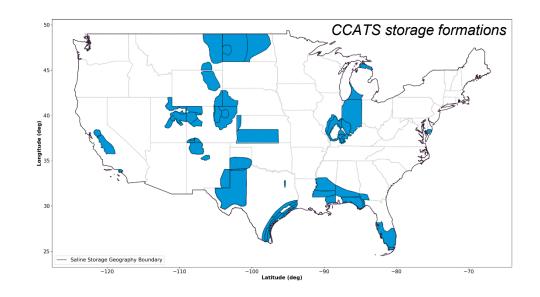
CO₂ EOR representation

- CO₂ demand is limited to endogenous demand from the Hydrocarbon Supply Module (HSM)
- EOR is represented at the geological formation and county level



CO₂ storage representation

- Limited to onshore storage in the Lower 48 U.S. states
- Saline formations from the NETL Saline Storage Cost Model
- Excludes overlaying protected state and federal lands, and urban areas

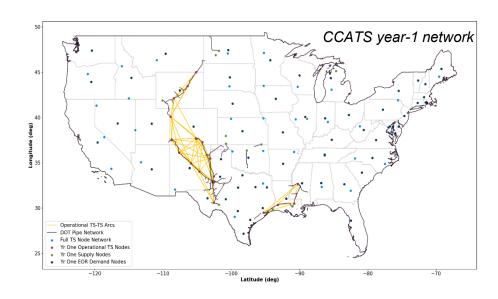


CO₂ storage representation: Summary

	South	Midwest	West	Mideast	Northeast
Area (sq miles)	675,703	262,009	375,353	17,128	8,201
Average maximim CO2 per injection project (Mmtonnes)	7,783,104	5,679,189	8,472,865	4,021,910	5,037,070
Maximum number of injection projects	9,145	3,172	4,357	90	30
Average injection rate per project (Mmtonnes/project/year)	2,334,931	1,135,838	1,694,573	104,064	167,902

Initial network for early model years

- Existing carbon capture facilities
- Existing pipeline network as trans-shipment nodes
- Existing CO₂ EOR demand at the state or Texas RRC level
- Existing CO₂ sequestration volumes assigned to closest saline formation



Model structure

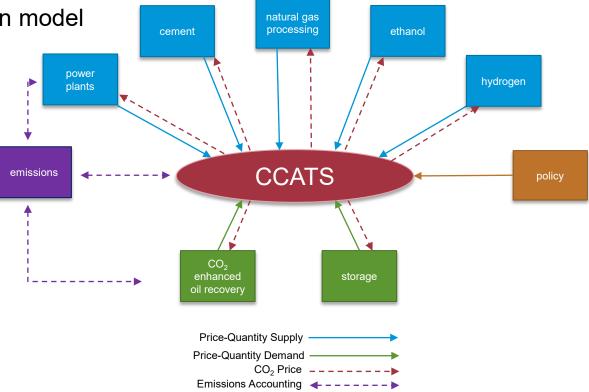
 CCATS is an optimization model that projects:

CO₂ transportation flows

CO₂ EOR demand

CO₂ storage

CO₂ prices



Model formulation

- Centralized optimization allocating CO₂ supply to demand, after assessing various costs and policy incentives
- Optimization problem solves for optimal CO₂ flows, transportation investment, and sequestration investment that minimizes total system costs:
 - Operations costs, investment costs, and policy incentives

Constraints:

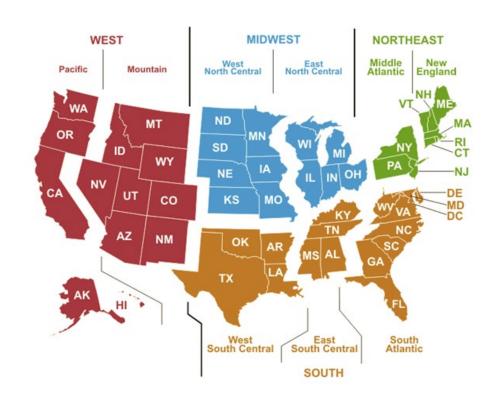
- Transportation capacity (changing over time with investment)
- Demand capacity
- Sequestration capacity (changing over time with investment)

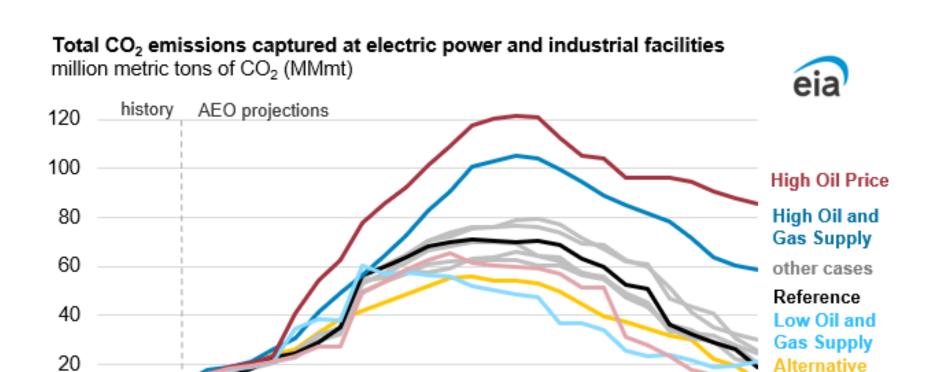
Policy representation

- Policies as of December 2024
 - 2022 Inflation Reduction Act; EPA Rule 111
- 45Q tax credits as legislated in the IRA:
 - CO₂ capture projects must begin construction by 2033 to qualify
 - CO₂ capture projects must meet minimum CO₂ capture volume thresholds
 - \$65 for CO2 EOR, \$80 for saline storage
- CCATS is designed to be flexible to support future policy changes

CCATS output

- On a regional level
- AEO2025 side case analysis:
 - Reference
 - High/low macro
 - High/low oil price
 - High/low oil and gas supply
 - High/low technology cost
 - Alternative electricity
 - Alternative transportation





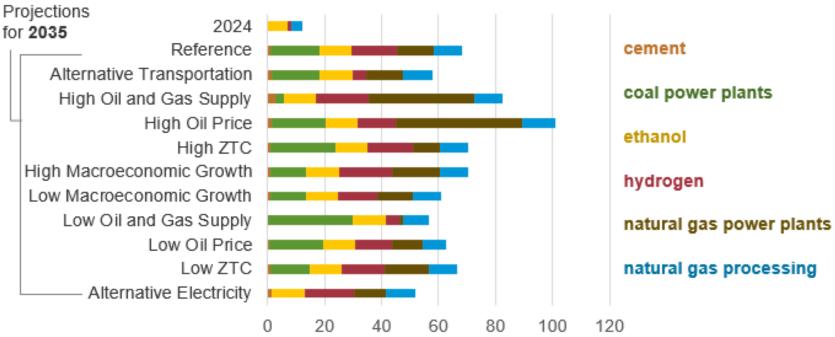


Electricity

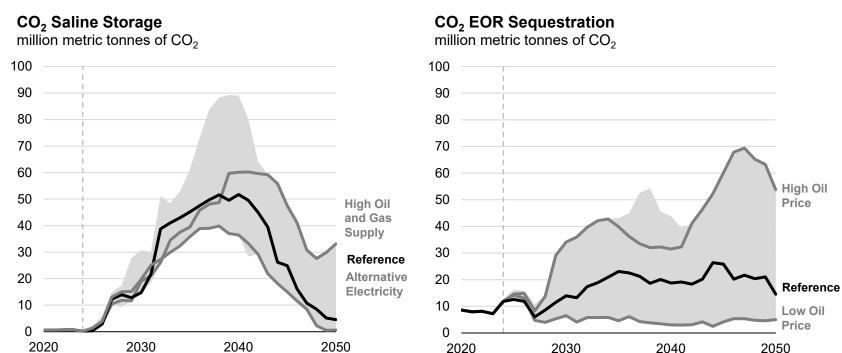
Low Oil Price

Captured CO₂ emissions by source, 2024 and 2035 million metric tons of CO₂ (MMmt)





CO₂ saline storage and enhanced oil recovery (EOR) sequestration

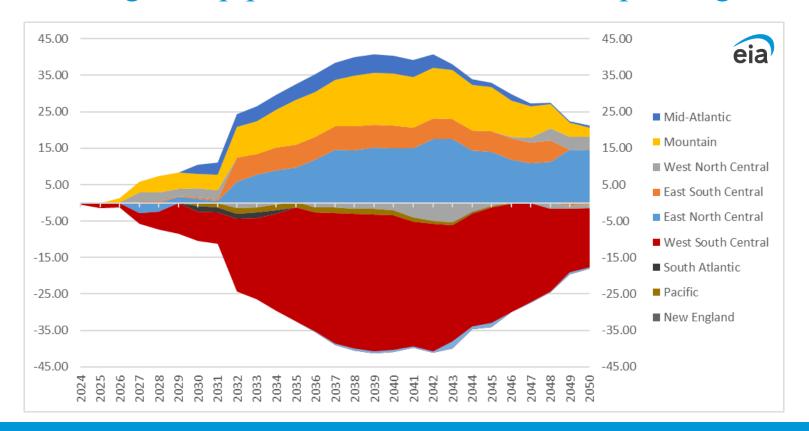


Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2025 (AEO2025)

Note: Existing CO₂ supply is not assigned to discrete CO₂ sequestration sites until model year 2027. Shaded regions represent maximum and minimum values for each projection year across the AEO2025 Reference case and side cases.

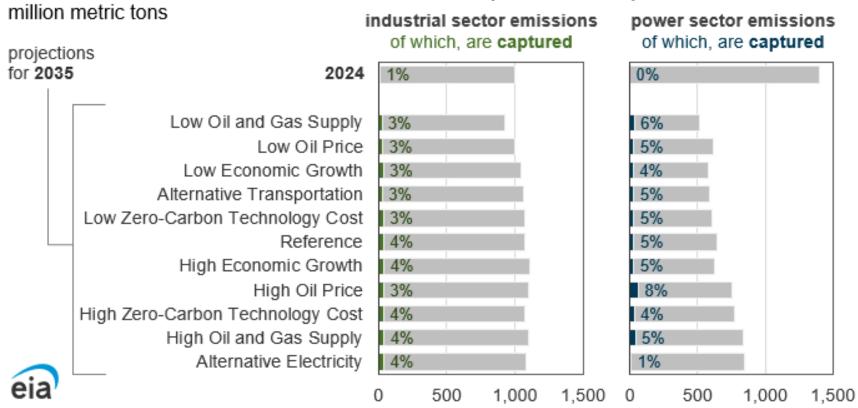


Trans-regional pipeline networks to meet expanding demand





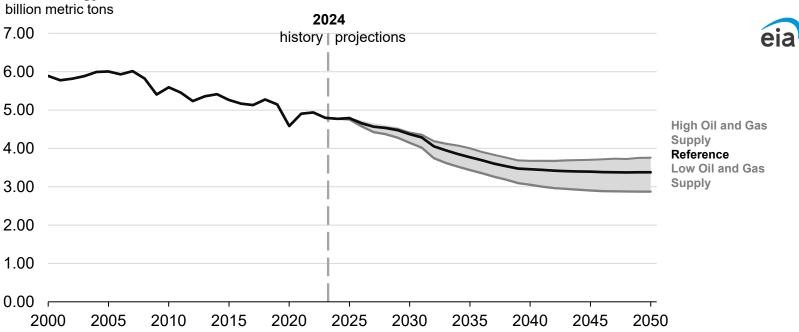
U.S. carbon dioxide emissions in selected sectors (2024 and 2035)





Total energy-related carbon dioxide emissions





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Some next steps for future AEOs

- New policies such as the OBBBA
- Model natural sources of CO2
 - Major source of CO2 for EOR
- Incorporate feedback from our stakeholders

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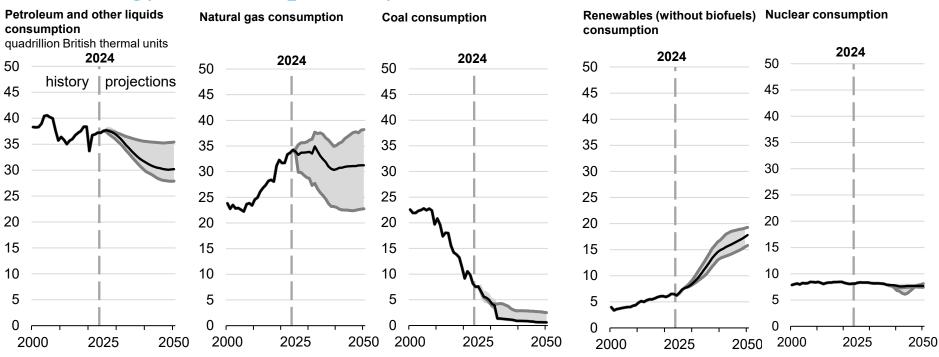
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Appendix

Energy Consumption by Fuel

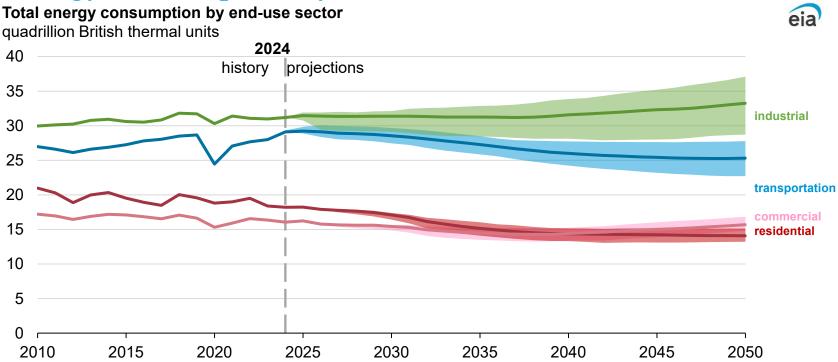


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Energy consumption by sector



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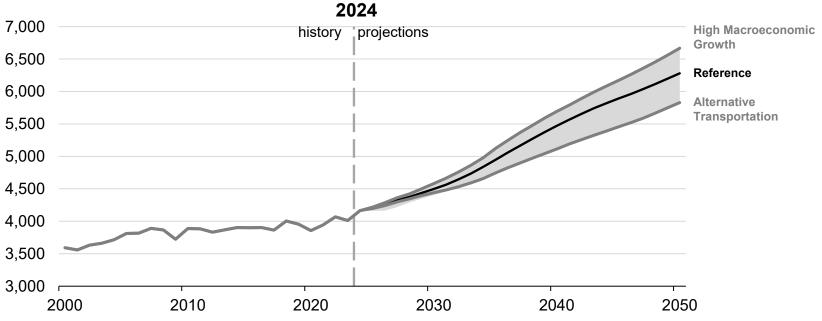
Note: Total consumption in end-use sectors includes purchased electricity and electricity-related losses. Each line represents AEO2025 Reference case projections. Shaded regions represent maximum and minimum values for each projection year across the AEO2025 Reference case and side cases.



Electricity use

Electricity use

billion kilowatt-hours



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