Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage Presentation to the USEA



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U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2014

U.S. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions



U.S. GHG Emissions by Sector



Total: 6,870 Million Metric Tons (MMT) CO₂-e

Electricity: 2,081 MMT CO₂-e Industry: 1,462 MMT CO₂-e

- CCUS is applicable to > 50% of U.S. CO₂ emissions
- CCUS is a key option to deeply decarbonize industry
- (e.g. process emissions from cement, iron and steel, refining, some chemicals)
- CCUS enables deep decarbonization pathways (e.g. BECCS)



Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2014

Role of CCUS in Global Climate Mitigation

CCUS provides 13% of emissions reductions by mid-century in the International Energy Agency's scenario to limit global temperature increase to 2° C.



Figure source: International Energy Agency, Energy Technology Perspectives, 2015



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Without CCUS, a 450ppm Scenario is Highly Unlikely, and More Costly

60% of primary energy must be low carbon by 2050; >90% by 2100

- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Synthesis Report (AR5) concluded that <u>without CCUS</u>:
 - Realizing a scenario with less than 2°C of global temperature rise <u>may not be</u> <u>possible</u> and the <u>costs of mitigation could increase by 138 percent</u>

Mitigation costs increase with limited availability of technologies

(Percent change relative to default technology assumptions)





Source: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, "Climate Change 2014 Synthesis Report, Summary for Policymakers," <u>http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar5/syr/AR5_SYR_FINAL_SPM.pdf</u>, P. 25.

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Incentives for CCUS Projects

CCUS deployment is driven by project economics, but economics are challenging in the current low oil price environment. The Administration supports incentives for CCUS deployment

Tax and financial incentives to support CCUS deployment are currently under consideration:

- Incentives for CO₂ storage and EOR including expansions of the existing 45Q provisions
- CO₂ price stabilization
- Master limited partnerships (MLPs)
- Private activity bonds (PABs)
- Investment tax credits (ITCs)

CCUS Incentives in the President's FY2017 Budget Request:

- A refundable investment tax credit (ITC) for CCUS projects and supporting infrastructure
- A 20 year, refundable sequestration tax credit (STC) for captured CO₂; \$10 per metric ton EOR and \$50 per metric ton saline



DOE White Paper

- In August 2016 DOE released a White Paper on the implications of Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage.
- Describes how CCUS is essential to achieve U.S. climate, economic development, and energy security objectives.
- Contains an analysis of proposed CCUS incentives and R&D.

Available at:

http://energy.gov/fe/downloads/doewhite-paper-carbon-captureutilization-and-storage



SUMMARY

Carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) technologies provide a key pathway to address the urgent U.S. and global need for affordable, secure, resilient, and reliable sources of clean energy. In the United States, fossil fuel-fired power plants account for 30% of total U.S. greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and will continue to be a major part of global energy consumption for decades to come. CCUS technology is necessary to meet climate change mitigation goals at the lowest possible cost to society, but its widespread deployment will require continued improvements in cost and performance. In addition, key sources within the industrial sector, which accounts for 21% of total U.S. GHG emissions, cannot be deeply decarbonized without CCUS. A combination of tax incentives and research, development, demonstration, and deployment (RDD&D) will be critical to developing transformational carbon capture technologies and to driving down the costs of capture.



Analysis of CCUS Technology RDD&D and Proposed Tax Credits

DOE explored the impact of the tax incentives and federal RDD&D on the deployment of CCUS technologies

Policies analyzed include:

- "Base Case": Variation of the AEO 2015 High Oil and Gas Resources Case
- "45Q": Hypothetical revision of the Section 45Q sequestration tax credits to provide \$50/metric ton for CO₂ in saline storage and \$35/metric ton for CO₂ used for EOR
- "**R&D**": DOE technology cost and performance goals for CCUS are achieved
- "Admin": CCUS Incentives in the Administration's FY2017 Budget Request include \$10/metric ton CO₂ for EOR, \$50/metric ton CO₂ for saline storage; investment tax credit for CCS capped at \$2 billion
- "Admin+R&D": Combines "Admin" with "R&D"
- "45Q+R&D": Combines "45Q" with "R&D"



Analysis of CCUS Technology RDD&D and Proposed Tax Credits

Key findings of the analysis include:

- CCUS can play an important role in reducing carbon emissions and meeting a carbon policy
- Federal RDD&D combined with tax credits make CCUS a viable option
- The market price of CO₂ for EOR combined with a sequestration tax credit (\$35 per metric ton) makes EOR a more attractive option for captured CO₂ than saline storage, despite the larger tax credit for saline storage (\$50 per metric ton)
 - However, storing CO₂ in saline formations is preferred to EOR in cases where the EOR sequestration tax credit has a lower value (\$10 per metric ton)
- To the extent that EOR production cannot absorb more CO₂, the package of policies and tax credits provide an incentive for saline storage of CO₂ as well



Analysis: Results

The combination R&D and tax credits significantly increase CCUS capacity, generation, and the associated CO_2 sequestered from power plants, in comparison to business as usual.





Quadrennial Energy Review: CO₂ Pipelines

- In 2015, DOE released the first installment of the QER 1.1: *Energy Transmission, Storage, and Distribution Infrastructure*
- QER 1.1 highlighted CO₂ pipelines as an important enabling infrastructure for reducing GHG emissions.
- Key findings of QER CO₂ pipeline analysis:
 - A national carbon policy would create investment certainty and spur significant new investment in CO₂ pipeline infrastructure.
 - Construction through 2030 to meet a low carbon scenario would more than triple the size of current U.S. CO₂ pipeline infrastructure through an average annual build rate of nearly 1,000 miles per year.



