



FY2026 Appropriations Requests and Rationale

Reflecting the Coalition's priorities outlined in the 2025 Policy Blueprint, the Coalition has prepared two targeted appropriations requests for Fiscal Year 2026 that address critical near-term carbon management priorities at DOE and EPA.

Broadly, our priorities for the FY2026 appropriations cycle are to:

- **Build support for core programmatic activities at FECM:** Continue providing funding for core carbon management programs at the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management to ensure that DOE has the resources to carry out programs that operate on funding provided by annual appropriations.
- **Provide robust federal resources to support timely review of Class VI applications in a predictable timeframe:** Class VI well permits are the lynchpin to scaling saline geologic storage at levels necessary to reach carbon management deployment goals. EPA requires robust, sustained funding to ensure the process for reviewing and issuing decisions on these applications can move forward in an efficient and effective manner. Project developers require certainty and predictability to move forward to secure project financing without sacrificing a rigorous review process.

1. Programmatic Funding Request – Carbon Management Technologies

Request level: \$492,200,000 for "Carbon Management Technologies" at the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM); \$64,200,000 increase over the FY24 levels.

Rationale: Protecting funding levels for foundational RD&D programs at the Department of Energy (DOE) crucial. **This request represents a 15 percent increase over the FY4-enacted levels for all of the core carbon management RD&D funding programs at DOE, including carbon capture, carbon utilization, carbon dioxide removal, and carbon transport and storage.** High inflation rates have been felt across the entire American economy in recent years, and energy innovation programs are no exception. The requested funding levels are designed to keep pace with the rate of inflation while providing DOE the necessary tools and staffing to see the various carbon management programs under their purview scale to meet greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, protect and expand a high-wage jobs base and foster American energy and industrial production.

2. Programmatic Funding Request + Report Language Request – Class VI Injection Well Program

Request level: \$6,200,000 for the Underground Injection Program's work on Class VI injection wells at the Environmental Protection Agency; in line with FY24-enacted levels.

Report Language Request: Within the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, the Committee recommends that the Agency review and provide a final decision on individual Class VI injection well applications within 18 months of having been deemed 'administratively complete' by the Underground Injection Control Program. Within 90 days of enactment, EPA will brief the Committee on how the UIC program intends to meet this timeline of review.

Rationale: Class VI injection wells administered by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program are the lynchpin to ensuring that saline geologic storage can scale to meet anticipated storage demand from the now more than [270 carbon management projects](#) that have been publicly announced; the majority of which are intending to store captured CO₂ in Class VI wells. While EPA has signaled that they intend to review and make determinations on completed applications within two years of receipt in a report to Congress in 2022, securing an EPA Class VI permit for secure geologic storage of captured CO₂ can take several years; what is inherently lacking from the process is certainty for project developers to move forward on various pieces of project development and deployment. This uncertainty can place carbon management projects at greater risk of missing key project deadlines including securing financing, as well as other necessary components of project development like project planning and engineering. Timely and rigorous review and decisions on Class VI well applications are pivotal to providing the certainty needed to encourage necessary private investment and catalyze the deployment of this essential industry. **It remains paramount that the EPA has robust, sustained funding to implement the mission-critical Class VI program and process applications for both individual well permits and state primacy applications.**