



## 2025 Blueprint Process Outline

### **Summary:**

The Carbon Capture Coalition’s Federal Policy Blueprint (Blueprint) is re-released at the start of each Congress. The Blueprint articulates a comprehensive and ambitious but necessary federal policy agenda to help achieve the goal of economywide carbon capture deployment and reach net zero emissions by 2050. Doing so is paramount to meeting midcentury climate goals while strengthening and decarbonizing domestic energy, industrial production, and manufacturing and retaining and expanding a high-wage job base.

### **Purpose & Audience:**

The 2025 Federal Policy Blueprint builds upon our previous blueprints ([2019](#), [2021](#), and [2023](#)) and subsequent policy victories, including the historic investments made to deploying carbon management technologies in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and critical enhancements to the 45Q tax credit in the 117th Congress. It will reflect the federal policy priorities of the Coalition for the 119th Congress, outlining the legislative, regulatory, and implementation agenda necessary to realize economywide deployment of carbon capture, removal, and utilization technologies and associated CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage infrastructure.

The Blueprint is a high-level messaging document used for communicating with policymakers, media, and outside stakeholders. While the Blueprint may reference specific bills the Coalition has endorsed that have not yet passed, it is not a complete compilation of all relevant and important policies to the broader carbon management agenda, nor does it go into detail on individual policy design.

This Blueprint focuses on federal policy priorities for carbon management technology deployment. As such, and while the Coalition recognizes the important role that complementary industries and policies will play in carbon management project deployment – including hydrogen production, sustainable aviation fuel and others – the primary emphasis of the Coalition is carbon management technologies and associated policies. Additionally, while the Coalition recognizes the importance of state policy in complementing federal policies to support the commercial deployment of the full suite of carbon management technologies, **it does not specifically address state-level policies.**



### **Blueprint Formation, Review, & Approval Process:**

The Blueprint lays the foundation for Coalition members and staff to prioritize issues, develop tactics, and identify strategies across various policy topics relevant to the economywide deployment of carbon management technologies throughout the 119th Congress.

**The Coalition will form a series of Policy Blueprint Work Groups (WGs). Any member organization is welcome to join a WG or receive periodic updates on the WG process.**

Coalition staff will work to ensure that individual WGs reflect the diversity of sectors present in Coalition membership. WG members are expected to meaningfully engage in the process, including attending regularly scheduled WG meetings and providing feedback to Coalition staff on the formulation of positions and proposals for inclusion in the Blueprint.

Any previous consensus Coalition position, either from a prior Blueprint or resulting from a WG discussion, may be included in the Policy Blueprint. The WGs will meet regularly to discuss new topic areas, including new consensus positions, for potential inclusion in the next Blueprint. Once a WG reaches a consensus on topics for inclusion in the Blueprint, the full Coalition can provide feedback on the outline of topics.

### **Blueprint Structure & Work Groups:**

The members of the Blueprint WGs will meet to discuss Coalition priorities and frameworks for foundational principles for our work and more specific policy development and support. The following WGs align with previous and existing Coalition policy priorities and reflect a broader range of topics the Coalition sees as gaining importance in the foreseeable future. WGs are intended to have a wide scope to facilitate discussion of overlapping topics, so the brief descriptions below should not be considered exhaustive but illustrative.

In general, the following topics for discussion by the WGs and for potential inclusion in the Blueprint fall under two primary areas: **1) Guiding Principles**, which provide foundational principles for Coalition priorities, and **2) Policy Development**, which focuses more narrowly on specific policy priorities that may ultimately be included in the Blueprint.



### Guiding Principles:

1. Implementing Supportive Policies (**will not form a separate WG, but is discussed as necessary through the various WGs**)
  - a. Retain and improve upon previous policy wins to continue building strong support for carbon management technologies at the federal level.
  - b. Ensure that federal funding is timely, transparent, and consistent with congressional intent.
2. Communities (**WG 1**)
  - a. The Communities WG will structure its discussion around two major topic areas:
    - i. **Jobs and Economic Development:** which may include Community Benefit Plans (CBPs) and Community Benefit Agreements (CBAs), Justice 40, and job creation/retention; **or**
    - ii. Address **Environmental Justice and Frontline Community** concerns around project development and provide information on potential co-benefits of proposed projects.

### Policy Development:

1. Demand-Side Policies (**WG 2**)
  - a. Incentivize demand for carbon management technologies.
2. Transport and Storage Infrastructure (**WG 3**)
  - a. Identify and prioritize the needs of CO<sub>2</sub> transportation and storage infrastructure.
3. Resources for Next Generation Technology Deployment (**WG 4**)
  - a. Identify funding and technical needs to continue improving upon and developing the next generation of carbon management technologies.
4. Ensuring Investment Certainty (**WG 5**)
  - a. Ensure the 45Q tax credit creates investment certainty for project developers as envisioned by Congress.



### **Work Group Timeline:**

Our anticipated timeline for Work Group activities is as follows:

1. **May:** Creation of WGs for Coalition members to register for participation (**5 WGs total**); Coalition staff will work with the Governance Board to update and finalize our separate messaging document, as well as the Coalition's mission and vision
2. **June:** Initial informational meeting on Blueprint drafting process
3. **June-September:** WGs meet twice over this time period (will send out individual calendar holds); Coalition staff finalize messaging document internally
4. **October:** Coalition staff finalize work product resulting from WG meetings; present draft outline at **in-person Blueprint meeting (Date/Time: TBD, Location: Washington, DC)**; present finalized messaging document; begin work on Blueprint final draft internally with designers
5. **November:** Coalition staff finalize draft outline and circulate with WGs and Coalition staff for review/edits; continue work on Blueprint final draft internally
6. **December:** at the annual meeting, Coalition staff present the final Blueprint outline and messaging document to the full Coalition membership; and send the final draft of Blueprint to the full membership for review before the Winter holidays
7. **January:** Coalition staff incorporate any remaining member feedback into the final draft by mid-January; work with designers to finalize Blueprint
8. **February:** publish 2025 Federal Policy Blueprint in **February 2025**, with a public release event