

Coalition Statement on Trump Administration's Reciprocal Tariffs

This statement is in response to the Trump Administration's executive order announcing the implementation of reciprocal tariffs on imports from nations across the globe. It is attributable to Jessie Stolark, executive director of the Carbon Capture Coalition. The Coalition is a nonpartisan collaboration of more than 100 companies, non-profits, and labor unions working to build broad federal policy support for the nationwide deployment of carbon management technologies.

"Carbon management projects are critical energy infrastructure. Building out these projects requires certainty in the supply chains and affordable products necessary for the timely and efficient build-out of the broader industry. Products such as steel, cement, and chemicals are fundamental components of the carbon management value chain. These include carbon capture retrofits at industrial and power facilities, direct air capture, and carbon transport and storage infrastructure. Due to the safety specifications, CO₂ pipelines generally require more steel than natural gas or oil pipeline systems and are, therefore, more sensitive to price fluctuations than other pipeline types.

"As this burgeoning industry grows and moves the more than 270 announced domestic projects to construction, injecting uncertainty at any time into the process can lead to delays or cost overruns in projects. Carbon management projects are capital-intensive, which has been exacerbated by high inflation over the past several years. Unfortunately, [a significant portion of the much-needed value increase realized to 45Q in 2022](#) has already been lost to inflation and increased borrowing rates over the last several years. Therefore, even relatively small cost increases can imperil project development that would otherwise contribute to job creation and American energy leadership.

"While recognizing the need to strengthen domestic manufacturing and build a resilient supply chain that can support the long-term deployment of carbon management technologies—as with any policy, the details matter. To that end, the US must pursue a balanced approach that ensures access to efficient materials while fostering domestic production manufacturing and supporting family-sustaining jobs. The Carbon Capture Coalition remains committed to working with Congress and the administration to advance policies that support investment in carbon management infrastructure, safeguard American jobs, and ensure no inadvertent barriers placed on innovation and deployment in this essential sector."