

CCC Member Talking Points DOE Project Cancellations

Rapid Response – DOE Project Cancellations

“The cancellation of DOE-funded carbon management projects is a serious setback for the American carbon management industry and the nation’s global leadership in developing and deploying these innovative technologies. These were rigorously reviewed projects designed to demonstrate carbon management at commercial scale across the nation – exactly as Congress intended through bipartisan laws like the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Actions like these threaten more than \$77 billion in planned investments across the country in carbon management projects. **With DOE canceling these projects, we now face a worst-case scenario in which the American taxpayer and businesses have invested billions without any results, all while driving investment and innovation abroad.**

Despite these proposed cancellations, these technologies are not dead—in fact, they are advancing rapidly here in the US and around the world. But if we don’t provide a consistent framework at home, investors will take their capital and innovation elsewhere. By canceling these projects, we’re chasing away jobs and private investment and ceding technology leadership to other nations that are moving faster.

The U.S. must restore certainty, maintain its competitive edge, and ensure carbon management remains a cornerstone of affordable, reliable, and clean energy.”

- Rapid Response – For Hill meetings

DOE’s cancellation of dozens of carbon management projects undermines the strong and sustained bipartisan intent of Congress to demonstrate and deploy these technologies at commercial scale. These projects have already passed rigorous DOE technical review and were funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and annual appropriations with strong bipartisan support.

- Despite these proposed cancellations, these technologies are not dead – in fact, they are accelerating both in the US and globally. But without a clear and consistent federal framework that works together to catalyze deployment, we risk billions of dollars in investments in local economies and communities. Furthermore, terminating these projects provides companies and investors the opportunity to take their capital, jobs, and innovation to countries like China, Canada, and nations in the EU that are offering long-term certainty.
 - Carbon management remains essential to US energy reliability, industrial competitiveness, and preserving family-sustaining jobs. Congress should reaffirm its commitment by ensuring DOE implements the programs as intended and maintains stable support for the next generation of carbon management projects.
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Carbon Capture Coalition – Member Talking Points

Subject: DOE Cancellation of Carbon Management Projects (October 2025)

1. Key Message

- The recent Department of Energy cancellations of selected carbon management projects are a **serious setback** for US energy innovation, economic development, and global competitiveness.
- These projects had **already undergone rigorous technical review** and were selected for funding – pulling them now undermines confidence in federal decision-making and deters future private investment.
- **Carbon management technologies are not dead** – there remains significant momentum, investment, and bipartisan support both in the US and internationally. However, this decision **risks more than \$77 billion in planned investments in local economies across the nation and pushes innovation and jobs overseas.**

2. Economic and Energy Security Impacts

- The cancellations threaten **billions in private investment** and **thousands of high-quality American jobs** already pledged in every region of the country.
- DOE's own estimates show that **carbon management investments generate 2x to 4x economic multipliers**, driving manufacturing orders, materials demand, and community benefits.
- **More than 270 carbon management projects** have been publicly announced across the U.S., representing over **\$77 billion in capital expenditures** – momentum that now faces uncertainty.
- By pulling back, the U.S. risks **ceding leadership** to countries like China, Canada, and EU member states that are rapidly expanding their own carbon management frameworks.

3. Credibility and Policy Stability

- These cancellations send a **damaging signal** to the private sector: that federal commitments cannot be trusted.
- Businesses, investors, and workers need **policy certainty and predictability** to continue building here at home.
- The projects in question were **lawfully selected through a transparent, expert-driven process**; reversing those decisions undermines faith in the integrity of U.S. energy programs.

4. Global and Strategic Context

- The U.S. has been a **global leader in carbon management for decades** – from carbon capture and storage to direct air capture and industrial decarbonization.

- International competitors are now **moving aggressively** to create investment frameworks, tax incentives, and permitting support.
- Without a consistent domestic framework, **capital and talent will migrate** to jurisdictions offering greater clarity and stability.

5. Congressional and Bipartisan Support

- Federal funding for carbon management programs has enjoyed **decades of bipartisan backing** from Congress – including through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), and annual appropriations.
- Congress has **repeatedly reaffirmed its support** for these technologies as vital to US energy security, job creation, and global competitiveness.
- Coalition members should emphasize that **this decision contradicts clear congressional intent** and undermines bipartisan momentum built over many years.

6. Moving Forward

- The Coalition remains **committed to working with DOE, Congress, and the administration** to restore confidence in the program and keep projects on track.
- Coalition members should underscore that this is a **temporary setback**, not the end of US carbon management leadership.
- The Coalition will continue to **monitor impacts**, provide **data and stories from affected projects**, and make the case for stable, long-term support for deployment.
- Members can help by **sharing local economic and workforce data** to illustrate how these cancellations affect communities.

7. Suggested Framing for Conversations

- **If asked whether this signals a failure for carbon management:**
“Not at all. The technology, private investment, and bipartisan support remain strong. What’s needed now is consistent federal follow-through.”
- **If asked why this matters to the average American:**
“These projects mean local jobs, cleaner industries, and US leadership in the next generation of energy innovation. Pulling them risks losing those benefits to other countries.”
- **If asked what comes next:**
“We’re working with bipartisan congressional leaders and our diverse coalition – labor, industry, and NGOs alike – to ensure the US remains the global leader in carbon management technology and deployment.”