#### **CCC Comments Outline**

### **Reconsideration of the GHG Reporting Program**

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/09/16/2025-17923/reconsideration-of-the-greenhouse-gas-reporting-program

### I. Introduction

- a. Overview of the Carbon Capture Coalition
- Historical background of the Coalition's engagement on MRV requirements for secure geologic storage, including the GHGRP
  - Coalition comments/model guidance to Treasury & IRS, including use of Subpart RR for the purposes of reporting volumes of CO<sub>2</sub> stored on IRS Form 8933 (<u>June 2019</u>, <u>November 2018</u>)
- c. Express concern/consternation from the CM industry on the repeal of Subparts PP, RR, UU, VV

# II. Underscore the importance of the four subparts (focus on RR) to realizing nationwide deployment

- a. Inextricable linkage to electing the federal Section 45Q tax credit for secure geologic storage.
  - 45Q statute requires the Treasury Secretary to confer with EPA Administrator, DOE Secretary and Interior Secretary on regulations regarding secure geologic storage
    - 1. 2021 final regulations are a direct result of that consultation
  - ii. You must be in compliance with:
    - 1. applicable requirements under 40 CFR Part 98 subpart RR (saline storage **OR** EOR); **OR**
    - 2. ISO Standard 27916 (EOR); **AND**
    - 3. UIC injection well regulations for Class VI (saline storage)

      OR Class II
  - iii. IRS Form 8933 requires:
    - Your statement of election must show your name, address, taxpayer identification number, location, and the identification number(s) assigned to the facility by the EPA's electronic Greenhouse Gas Reporting Tool (e-GGRT ID number(s)
  - iv. Annual subpart RR reports:
    - 1. For an EOR or natural gas recovery project in which you reported volumes to the EPA pursuant to 40 CFR Part 98

subpart RR, you may self-certify the volume of carbon oxide claimed for purposes of the credit

- b. Broad industry support
  - i. Industry consensus built into the 2021 final guidance on 45Q
  - ii. Limited cost to compliance
    - 1. Examples from small and large emitters
  - iii. Self-reporting and EPA verification is preferred under subpart RR
- c. Public transparency is vital to the success of 45Q and the broader industry
- d. Ability to demonstrate low carbon intensity of American-made products, allowing for American companies to compete abroad

### III. Impacts of a repeal of relevant subparts of the GHGRP

- a. Causes immediate uncertainty for investors in carbon management projects and to some extent, hydrogen projects
  - i. Introduces uncertainty for taxpayers electing the 45Q tax credit
  - ii. Introduces uncertainty for taxpayers electing the 451/ tax credit
- b. Removes public transparency aspect of the tax credit program
  - Important to maintaining policymaker and public confidence in the program and the technology
  - ii. Important mechanism for the responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars
- c. Impacts on market development
  - American companies use subparts of the GHGRP to demonstrate the carbon intensity of their products, allowing for American companies to remain competitive in global markets and avoid burdensome carbon taxes
- d. Implementation of Class VI wells in the queue and applications at the state level
  - Demonstrate the intricacies and nuances of this program's impact on getting projects built

## IV. Carbon Capture Coalition Priority Positions

- a. Maintain the four relevant subparts of the GHGRP (PP, RR, UU, VV), as is
- b. Maintain the four relevant subparts of the GHGRP (PP, RR, UU, VV), but make them voluntary
  - i. Taxpayers claiming 45Q would be unaffected; those electing the credit would still report, as necessary

### V. Conclusion