

# Legislative Work Group

February 25, 2026



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# Agenda

**Housekeeping**

**Congressional / Political Outlook**

**FY2027 Appropriations Requests**

**EPA GHGRP Repeal / Treasury Safe Harbor Updates**

**Permitting / Pipeline Safety**

# Housekeeping

- Carbon Capture Impact Hill Day:  
Thursday, March 19
  - Timing: 8:00 am – 6pm
    - Morning breakfast prep session beginning at 8:00am
    - Scheduled Hill meetings beginning at 9:00am
    - Afternoon reception beginning at 4:30pm
  - **Sponsorship opportunities available!**
  - **Please register by Friday, March 13**
- Confirmation Hearing: Kyle Haustveit to be Undersecretary of Energy at DOE
  - HGEO Assistant Secretary TBD



# Congressional / Political Outlook



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State of the Union Address

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FY27 Appropriations

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Permitting Reform

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Updates on Budget Reconciliation 2.0

# Proposed Carbon Capture Impact FY27 Appropriations Requests

Programmatic funding request: Coal and Carbon Utilization – Hydrocarbon and Geothermal Energy Office

- **Request level: \$359M;** representing a \$50M increase over FY26-enacted levels

Programmatic funding request + report language request: Safe Drinking Water, Class VI injection wells

- **Request level: \$6.8M;** \$5M for Class VI program at EPA; \$1.8M for regulator education & training
- **Report language request:** Report language consistent with language included in the final Joint Explanatory Statement

Programmatic funding request + report language request: State and Tribal Assistance Grants at EPA – UIC

- **Request level: \$17.294M;** representing a \$5M increase over FY26-enacted levels
- **Report language request:** Of the increase provided, no less than \$5M be made available to states with Class VI primacy to bolster program implementation

# Updates on EPA GHGRP / Treasury Safe Harbor

- Supplemental CCC/CURC letter to Treasury on suggested modifications to the released safe harbor guidance submitted on February 11
- The letter was accompanied by a redline of the guidance notice that addresses the gaps in accordance with the CCC's/CURC's initial model guidance submitted in December

## GHGRP Update:

- **Timing:** Unclear; any intel to share?
- **Congressional letter:** Rep. Carol Miller (R-WV) and Rep. Marc Veasey (D-TX) leading House letter to EPA on GHGRP and 45Q
  - **Additional outreach needed:** looking for additional bipartisan signatories
  - **Deadline to sign: Friday, March 6**
- Conversations continue regarding codifying parts of GHGRP in statute

# Permitting and Pipeline Safety

## Permitting:

- **Impact to endorse:** ClearPath led proposal to provide optional federal siting pathway for interstate CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines
- **Impact signed:** US Chamber of Commerce-led letter to Senate urging bipartisan action on permitting reform

## Pipeline Safety:

- **House Energy & Commerce Hearing:** Energy subcommittee holding legislative hearing on PHMSA reauthorization
- **Coalition engagement with PHMSA:**
  - Coalition letter to PHMSA reinforcing the need for modernized safety regulations
  - Coalition meeting with PHMSA Deputy Administrator on Thursday, February 26