



Carbon Capture Impact Legislative Work Group April 22, 2026 Meeting Notes

Meeting Summary

Carbon Capture Impact convened the Legislative Work Group to discuss several ongoing policy and advocacy developments affecting carbon management, with discussion centered on the evolving congressional landscape, FY2027 appropriations, and emerging developments related to EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP) and Treasury safe harbor guidance. The meeting focused on translating recent engagement on Capitol Hill into near-term advocacy opportunities, including an upcoming Impact letter on FY2027 appropriations priorities, updates on energy prospects for a second budget reconciliation process, and a readout on Carbon Capture Coalition Class VI permitting workstreams. Lindsay Garcia from KDCR Partners also briefed the group on the broader political environment, including prospects for additional budget reconciliation activity and the status of permitting reform negotiations. Staff also emphasized several active member engagement opportunities, including participation in the 2027 Federal Policy Blueprint Work Group, support for the bipartisan House GHGRP sign-on letter, and upcoming input opportunities through the SEEC Institute's Thriving Economy Project.

To access the links below, you will need to use the member password: ccc12345q.

Important Resources

- [Meeting Slides](#)
- 2027 Blueprint Work Group; sign-up link [here](#)
- [Thriving Economy Project](#)
- Carbon Capture Impact FY2027 Appropriations Letter (attached)
- Bipartisan Letter on 45Q/GHGRP + Accompanying Email Template (attached)
- [Summary: Senate ENR FY2027 DOE Budget Request Hearing](#)

Key-Takeaways

- Discussions continue around a second budget reconciliation package, though a third package and tax credit provisions appear unlikely in the near-term.
- Carbon Capture Impact's FY2027 Appropriations Letter will be submitted to Congress next week as House appropriators move toward May markups.
- EPA regional administrators sent letters to Class VI applicants outlining a goal of issuing draft permits within one year, a potentially significant permitting development.
- Staff are exploring an appropriations strategy to reinforce congressional support for EPA administration of the GHGRP.
- Additional member outreach remains needed to support the bipartisan House letter led by Reps. Carol Miller (R-WV) and Marc Veasey (D-TX).

Next Steps & Action Items

- **Support outreach for the bipartisan GHGRP Congressional letter**
 - Continue outreach to House Republican offices through next week to encourage additional sign-ons.
- **Register for the 2027 Federal Policy Blueprint Work Group**
 - Workstream meetings begin in earnest in mid-May.
 - [Registration link](#)
- **Submit questions for EPA Class VI briefing**

- Staff welcome member questions for a forthcoming briefing request with EPA.

Notes

Housekeeping Items

CCC 2027 Federal Policy Blueprint Work Group

Staff reported that the Carbon Capture Coalition's Federal Policy Blueprint Work Group formally kicked off last week and will begin substantive, policy-focused meetings in mid-May. The workstream will serve as the primary forum for shaping Coalition priorities for the next Congress. Importantly, Carbon Capture Impact will translate the broad scope priorities identified in the Blueprint into actionable measures for Congress and the Administration for 2027-2028.

- Members interested in helping formulate and draft the next federal policy blueprint were encouraged to sign up.
- Staff urged organizations to express interest in joining future work group meetings, this week.

Class VI Work Group

- Staff indicated that the next draft of Class VI recommendations is expected to be shared with the work group next week, with an eye to wrapping up recommendations by the end of Q2.

CCS EACs Standards & Guidance

Staff shared that NorthBridge Group has opened a comment period on its draft standard and guidance for environmental attribution certificates tied to natural gas + CCS.

- The comment period closes on June 6.
- The Carbon Capture Coalition is not responding directly, but the Great Plains Institute is assisting organizations interested in responding. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sangeet Nepal (snepal@carboncapturecoalition.org).

CCI Invoices

Staff reminded members that most **invoices were due March 31** and encouraged anyone with outstanding questions to coordinate with staff directly.

Political/Congressional Updates

Carbon Capture Impact consultant, Lindsay Garcia, KDCR Partners, provided a brief update on the political and congressional landscape.

Key Topics Covered:

- Permitting Reform
- Budget Reconciliation 2.0
- FY27 Appropriations/President's Budget Request
- Secs. Wright and Burgum testifying on Capitol Hill

Permitting Reform:

Discussions on permitting reform continue to move incrementally.

- Current Senate discussions continue to draw from the Barrasso-Manchin framework (Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024) and the Hickenlooper-led transmission proposal, with SPEED Act concepts layered in.
- Progress continues largely through bipartisan Energy and Natural Resources Committee and Environment and Public Works Committee channels.
- Overall outlook remains slow-moving but active.

Budget Reconciliation:

Staff provided a readout of discussions regarding additional reconciliation efforts.

- The Department of Homeland Security has technically remained closed for more than 60 days.
- Following the vote-a-rama in the Senate this week, a budget resolution was passed along party lines, providing committee instructions for a second, extremely narrow, budget reconciliation package. The resolution included instructions for two committees—Homeland Security and Judiciary.
- While some have speculated about a third package and renewed tax discussions, signals from key Senate offices suggest those prospects remain limited.

In an effort to remain nimble and prepared for potential tax negotiations to restart, Impact staff recently met with Senator Kevin Cramer's (R-ND) office to gauge if conversations around a third reconciliation package would potentially include energy tax considerations. That conversation indicated:

- There is very little expectation that a third reconciliation package could come to fruition ahead of the November 2026 midterm elections.
- There remains extremely limited interest in reopening energy tax credit discussions again this Congress.
- As we look ahead to 2027, there is interest in remaining coordinated on possible 45Q-focused priorities that will lay the groundwork and provide additional momentum for the 120th Congress.

Impact staff also noted that Carbon Capture Impact's Advisory Council will revisit 45Q priorities at an upcoming meeting.

FY2027 Appropriations

Staff noted that appropriations work is accelerating, particularly in the House, with subcommittee markups beginning in May.

House timeline:

- House Energy & Water Subcommittee Markup: May 15
 - Full Committee Markup: May 20
- House Interior-Environment Subcommittee Markup: May 21
 - Full Committee Markup: June 3

Senate timeline:

- Markups could begin as early as late June, but that is an optimistic scenario.
- Continuing resolution negotiations on the horizon as Congress prepares for few legislative days between August recess and September 30 funding deadline.

Carbon Capture Impact's FY2027 Appropriations Letter is expected to be transmitted to Congress early next week. Discussion also covered:

- Uncertainty around possible repurposing of funding and committee priorities.
- Ongoing coordination with Senate and House appropriators.
- Potential appropriations avenues being explored to reinforce support for EPA's administration of the GHGRP.

Staff noted they are working with Climate Leadership Council to explore whether there is interest in championing report or bill language to send a positive congressional signal in support of the program.

Congressional Budget Hearings

Trump Administration officials continue to appear before various committees of jurisdiction to discuss the FY2027 budget requests.

- Last week, DOE Secretary Chris Wright appeared before the House Energy and Commerce Energy Subcommittee, and the House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee.
 - Sec. Wright's testimony included confirmation that DOE has concluded review of more than 2,200 projects, sharing that more than 80% will proceed.
 - This week, Wright appeared before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Energy & Water Appropriations Subcommittee. A summary of the ENR hearing is linked above.
- Interior Secretary Doug Burgum appeared before the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee on Monday and the Senate Appropriations Interior Subcommittee on Wednesday.
 - Though Impact staff submitted a question for the record regarding anticipated timing of a draft rule for storing CO2 in the OCS, the topic was not discussed.
- We anticipate EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin to appear before committees of jurisdiction beginning on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Class VI Update:

Staff briefed the group on letters sent by EPA regional administrators to Class VI applicants for pre-construction permits regarding permitting review timelines.

- Letters appear to have been sent nationwide, including Regions 5 and 6.
- Region 5 reportedly identified approximately nine priority projects.
- EPA stated an eventual goal of issuing draft permits within one year.
- A new "updated completeness tool" will be used to evaluate pending applications.

Members noted this shift in review aligns with remarks from EPA's Shawn Waldron during CCI Hill Day. Staff indicated they will request a staff-level briefing from Mr. Waldron and invited members to submit questions for that engagement.

EPA/GHGRP Update:

Staff reminded members of the bipartisan House sign-on letter led by:

- Rep. Carol Miller (R-WV)
- Rep. Marc Veasey (D-TX)

Additional outreach to House Republican offices remains needed through next week.

Key offices to engage: Fedorchak (R-ND), Max Miller (R-OH), Feenstra (R-IA), Miller-Meeks (R-IA), John Joyce (R-PA), Randy Weber (R-TX), Balderson (R-OH), Pfluger (R-TX), Houchin (R-IN), Gabe Evans (R-CO), Craig Goldman (R-TX), Adrian Smith (R-NE), Mike Kelly (R-PA), Schweikert (R-AZ), LaHood (R-IL), Estes (R-KS), Hern (R-OK), Fischbach (R-MN), Moore (R-UT), Mike Carey (R-OH), Rudy Yakym (R-IN)

Treasury Safe Harbor:

Staff briefly noted follow-up from Treasury engagement and ongoing work related to safe harbor implementation.

Updates included:

- Sharing of a Subpart RR vs. ISO comparison matrix.
- Treasury is requesting comments from stakeholders on 2026-2027 priorities.
 - Carbon Capture Coalition will be responding with a truncated, reframed version of priorities on 45Q identified following the enactment of the Inflation Reduction Act and recent positions regarding Treasury's safe harbor guidance.
 - Related work expected to continue through the Coalition's Regulatory & Guidance Work Group.
 - Treasury comments on 2026–2027 priorities are due May 29.