



## Carbon Capture Impact Legislative Work Group April 08, 2026 Meeting Notes

### Meeting Summary

Carbon Capture Impact convened the Legislative Work Group for a detailed discussion of recent advocacy activities and federal policy developments impacting carbon management. The meeting focused heavily on translating outcomes from the 2026 Hill Day into ongoing congressional engagement, assessing early movement in the FY2027 appropriations process, and providing initial analysis of the FY2027 President's Budget Request (PBR). Staff also walked through evolving dynamics around EPA's proposed repeal of the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP), ongoing technical engagement with Treasury on 45Q safe harbor guidance, and several near-term policy workstreams that will require coordinated member input.

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### Important Resources

- Meeting Slides
- [2026 Carbon Capture Impact Capitol Hill Day Recap](#)
- [FY2027 President's Budget Request Topline Summary](#)
- Bipartisan Letter on 45Q/GHGRP + Accompanying Email Template (Attached)
- FY2027 Appropriations Letter (Attached)
- [Treasury Request for Guidance on 2026 – 2027 Priorities](#)
- [SEEC Institute – Thriving Economy Project](#)

### Key-Takeaways

- Hill Day engagement was strong (32 meetings) but reinforced that many offices—particularly those with
- newer staff—still require foundational education on carbon management and deployment challenges.
- Early appropriations outreach is yielding traction, particularly in the House, where some offices have indicated they will submit Impact's requests to the committee.
- The FY2027 PBR reinforces the administration's posture on carbon management technologies writ-large, proposing large-scale rollbacks of carbon management funding.
- EPA is signaling it will move forward with a full GHGRP repeal despite industry and congressional pushback, elevating the importance of near-term legislative engagement.

### Next Steps & Action Items

- **Review** Carbon Capture Impact FY2027 Appropriations letter to Congress.
  - **Review deadline: Friday, April 17**
- **Action Needed:** Please conduct outreach to House Republican offices to encourage members to sign GHGRP/45Q letter to EPA led by Reps. Carol Miller (R-WV) and Marc Veasey (D-TX).
  - New deadline for signatures is Friday, March 6
- **Register for Carbon Capture Coalition 2027 Federal Policy Blueprint Work Group**
  - [Registration link](#)
  - **First meeting – April 15**

## Notes

### Housekeeping Items

#### **2026 CCI Hill Day Recap**

Staff provided a detailed recap of the 2026 Hill Day, during which Impact members conducted 32 meetings across House and Senate offices. While engagement levels were strong, a significant portion of meetings required foundational discussions on carbon capture, transport, and storage—particularly with newer staff and offices less familiar with carbon management policy.

- Core discussion topics included Class VI permitting timelines, the role of GHGRP in enabling 45Q, and broader deployment barriers.
- Offices were generally receptive, with several expressing interest in continued engagement and follow-up materials.
- Feedback gathered during these meetings will inform both near-term advocacy and longer-term policy development.
- All Hill Day materials (fact sheets, talking points, slide deck) are available on the member portal.

#### **CCC 2027 Federal Policy Blueprint Work Group**

- First meeting April 15; sign-up link [here](#)

### Political/Congressional Updates

MJ Kenny, KDCR Partners, provided a brief update on the political and congressional landscape.

#### **Key Topics Covered:**

- Permitting Reform
- Budget Reconciliation
- FY27 Appropriations

#### **Permitting Reform:**

- Discussions underway in the Senate:
  - Initial thinking for Energy and Natural Resources Committee efforts is Democrats will move forward with Energy Permitting Reform Act + Sen. John Hickenlooper's (D-CO) transmission proposal as the base for negotiations.
- Prevailing feeling: odds of something happening this session are long.
- Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Ranking Member of Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, likely moving to leadership position on Judiciary Committee next Congress; this is another factor for why it would be advantageous to wrap up permitting before the end of the 119th.

#### **Budget Reconciliation:**

- In recent weeks there has been renewed interest by Republicans in both chambers to potentially pursue a second budget reconciliation package, this Congress.
- This is due to the US joining Israel in the war with Iran and the continued Department of Homeland Security shutdown.
- Republicans see budget reconciliation as a way to get funding for both priorities across the finish line without support from congressional Democrats.
- A potential package could also include some tax and healthcare measures, though likely minimal
  - Impact staff are doing our due diligence with champions in Congress to be prepped for a potential opportunity to move energy tax priorities; staff will continue to keep this group updated on those conversations.

## **FY2027 Appropriations & President's Budget Request**

### **FY2027 Appropriations**

Staff emphasized that appropriations activity is moving quickly, particularly in the House, where earlier-than-usual deadlines have accelerated stakeholder engagement. Impact has submitted its three core FY2027 appropriations requests to more than 60 offices, focusing primarily on appropriators while also engaging key champions.

- A few House appropriations offices have already confirmed they will advance Impact's requests into the subcommittee process.
- Engagement is ongoing to reinforce these requests in all Hill interactions, particularly as members begin drafting submissions.
- Impact also coordinated with Senate EPW staff on Senator Whitehouse's annual carbon removal-focused appropriations Dear Colleague letter.
  - EPW staff indicated that the letter will likely include Impact priorities related to Class VI permitting and STAG grants, alongside broader DOE carbon management R&D funding.
- Staff underscored that early engagement will be critical this cycle, given compressed timelines and competing priorities.

### **President's Budget Request (FY2027)**

The Administration's FY2027 budget request was discussed at a high level, with staff noting that it reflects a markedly different posture on carbon management compared to prior years. The request proposes canceling approximately \$4.6 billion in funding for carbon management programs originally authorized under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

- Programs referenced include DAC hubs, CarbonSAFE, CIFIA financing, FEED studies, and carbon utilization efforts.
- Staff assess that these figures likely include funding that has already been obligated, awarded, or cancelled.
- As a result, the stakeholder community should view this request as a policy signal rather than a precise budget proposal.
- Messaging in DOE budget justification materials reinforces a broader deprioritization of carbon capture technologies.
- Looking ahead, staff noted that the release of the budget request will trigger a series of congressional hearings, providing opportunities for oversight and engagement.
- DOE Secretary Chris Wright is scheduled to testify before House Energy & Commerce on April 16.
  - Impact will coordinate submission of Questions for the Record and provide a summary to members following the hearing.

## **EPA GHGRP and Treasury Engagement Updates**

### **EPA Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program**

Staff shared a readout of a recent EPA briefing to House Republican offices regarding the agency's intent to proceed with a full repeal of the GHGRP. The discussion was described as challenging, with staff raising pointed questions about impacts on industry and the 45Q tax credit.

- EPA argued that tax credit-related data collection should be handled exclusively by Treasury.
- The agency also cited statutory constraints under the Clean Air Act and expressed a preference for third-party verification systems.
- EPA indicated it does not view GHGRP as materially beneficial for international competitiveness.
- Based on this engagement, staff assess that EPA is likely to proceed with repeal, increasing the importance of congressional intervention.

- Impact is working with Rep. Carol Miller’s office to finalize a GHGRP / 45Q letter to EPA by the end of April.
  - Outreach is underway to build Republican support ahead of an end-of-month target.
  - Impact members are encouraged to assist with outreach where possible.

### **Treasury & 45Q Safe Harbor**

Staff also provided an update on ongoing engagement with Treasury regarding 45Q safe harbor guidance. Recent discussions have focused on technical differences between Subpart RR reporting and ISO-based frameworks.

- A comparison matrix has been developed and will be shared with Treasury to support ongoing discussions between Subpart RR and ISO.
- Separately, a new ISO standard for non-EOR geologic storage was recently released.
- The Coalition’s Regulatory & Guidance Work Group will review the new standard and assess implications for policy alignment.

### **Upcoming Workstreams & External Engagement**

Staff highlighted two near-term workstreams that will require coordination across Impact and Coalition membership.

#### **Treasury Request for Guidance on 2026-2027 Priorities**

- Comments Due May 29
- Carbon Capture Coalition will be responding with an abridged version of comments we submitted to Treasury in 2023 following the enactment of the IRA **and** more recent positions, including those developed on Treasury’s interim safe harbor guidance.
  - The comment will be reframed for the current audience.
- This workstream will be funneled through the Coalition’s Regulatory & Guidance Work Group.

#### **SEEC Institute ‘Thriving Economy Project’**

Impact will develop a submission focused on gaps in the IRA and forward-looking policy needs to catalyze deployment of carbon management technologies. Draft development for submission will begin immediately, with a work group review planned for the week of April 20 and submission targeted for early May.

- The report will focus on ~2027 – 2029 (near-term, next Congress) timeframe
- Especially interested in:
  - Policy recommendations and concrete proposals
  - Success stories and case studies
  - Barriers you are seeing in your community
  - Data and other insights that should inform future policy
- Impact Staff Proposed Timeline:
  - Staff begin drafting, using current consensus positions of the membership, including those cited in the 2025 Federal Policy Blueprint and positions developed since its publication.
  - **Week of April 20:** Draft ready for review by the Legislative Work Group
  - **Week of May 1:** Submit