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**Carbon Capture Impact
Fiscal Year 2027 Requests**

Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Below is an overview of our FY27 request for the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies bill. If you have any questions regarding these requests, or need more information, please contact Madelyn Morrison at mmorrison@carboncaptureimpact.org.

Title of Request: Class VI Wells – Permitting Activities for Carbon Storage

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Account: Environmental Programs and Management

Program: Water: Human Health Protection

Activity: Underground Injection Control Program – Class VI Injection Wells

Amount being requested by stakeholders for FY27: \$6,800,000

Amount Enacted

FY26: \$6,800,000

FY25: \$6,200,000 (via continuing resolution)

FY24: \$6,200,000

FY23: \$6,200,000

FY22: \$5,000,000

Report language requested: The Committee provides no less than \$5,000,000 for the Agency's continued work within the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program related to Class VI wells for geologic sequestration to further develop Agency expertise and capacity. The Committee directs that these funds should be used by the Agency to expeditiously review and process Class VI permits and primacy applications from States and Tribes. In addition, the Committee provides \$1,800,000 to support Class VI regulator education and training programs in conjunction with States or other eligible entities, such as an association of States.

Brief Description and Justification:

Class VI injection wells administered by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program are the linchpin to ensuring that saline geologic storage can scale to meet anticipated storage demand from the now more than 330 announced projects across all phases of development; the majority of which are intending to store captured CO₂ in Class VI wells. While EPA has signaled that they intend to review and make determinations on completed applications within two years of receipt in a report to Congress in 2022, securing an EPA Class VI permit for secure geologic storage of captured CO₂ can take several years; what is inherently lacking from the process is certainty for project developers to move forward on various pieces of project development and deployment. This uncertainty can place carbon management projects at greater risk of missing key project deadlines, including securing financing, as well as other necessary components of project development like project planning and engineering. Not only rigorous but also timely and predictable review and decision-making on Class VI well applications are pivotal to providing the certainty needed to encourage necessary private investment and catalyze the deployment of this industry. It remains paramount that the EPA has robust, sustained funding to implement the mission-critical Class VI program and process applications for both individual well permits and state primacy applications.