



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

Meeting Summary

Carbon Capture Impact convened the Legislative Work Group to provide updates on Carbon Capture Coalition and Carbon Capture Impact activities, congressional developments, and federal regulatory actions affecting carbon management deployment. More specifically, staff discussed the anticipated Senate FY27 Energy and Water Development bill and detailed recent conversations with Committee leadership. Staff also provided an update on the House Energy and Commerce (E&C) markup and several bills that advanced out of Committee, including the Ratepayers Protection Act and the House E&C version of the PHMSA reauthorization, the Pipeline Safety Authorization Act of 2026. Members were also briefed on the upcoming rule from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) repealing the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP), as staff have been told it is now at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) awaiting final review prior to publication. The meeting concluded with a presentation from our consultants, KDCR Partners, on the outlook ahead of the 2026 midterm elections.

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Important Resources

- [Meeting and Presentation Slide Deck](#)
- [Energy and Commerce Markup Summary](#)
- [Carbon Capture Coalition 2026 Innovation & Policy Forum Save-the-Date](#)

Key-Takeaways

- The Legislative Work Group will pause for August recess; work group members will receive biweekly updates in lieu of meeting.
- Senate Appropriations minority staff noted the Industrial Demonstrations Program as an area to explore for FY28 appropriations requests.
- Impact's FY27 appropriations request under the State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) program at EPA is unlikely to move forward in current fiscal environment; technical assistance provided to majority appropriations staff from EPA signaled that they would require an increase to the overall STAG funding to designate specific funding totals to Class VI primacy states.
- House PHMSA bill includes an amendment that added an explicit section on CO₂ pipelines.
- The final rule from EPA repealing the GHGRP is with OMB for final review prior to publication.

Notes

Housekeeping Items

CCC Annual Meeting

Staff announced that registration for the **Carbon Capture Coalition 2026 Innovation & Policy Forum** will open next week. Work group members received a save-the-date last week.

Key event details include:

- **Location:** Chicago, Illinois

- **Tuesday, October 20:** Annual Policy Forum
- **Monday, October 19:** Welcome reception
- **Wednesday, October 21:** Optional site visit to ADM facilities

Carbon Capture Impact Legislative Work Group – Pausing for August recess

Staff reminded members that the Legislative Work Group will pause during the August congressional recess before reconvening in September.

Additional updates included:

- Members will continue receiving biweekly legislative updates throughout August.
- Upon reconvening in September, work group members will begin developing Impact's 2027 'Roadmap for Action', a supplemental resource to the Coalition's 2027 Federal Policy Blueprint.

Congressional / Political Updates

FY2027 Appropriations

Staff shared updates from recent conversations with Senate Energy & Water Development Subcommittee staff regarding development of the FY2027 appropriations bill.

Senate Energy & Water Development Bill

- Given the tight timeframe before the August recess and the absences of both Sens. Lindsay Graham (R-SC) and Mitch McConnell (R-KY) on Committee, we expect a partisan, Senate Republican Energy and Water bill to drop before August recess, bypassing the markup process.
- Current expectations for the bill include:
 - Funding for the Direct Air Capture Hubs program is expected to be preserved following continued outreach with Subcommittee Chair, Senator John Kennedy's (R-LA) office.
 - Remaining CIFIA funding is still expected to be redirected toward nuclear energy and other departmental priorities.
 - Additional reductions to DOE carbon management programs remain likely.
- Committee staff also identified the Industrial Demonstrations Program (IDP) as a potential opportunity for FY2028 appropriations requests.
 - While several IDP projects have been cancelled with other clean energy Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding, DOE has not repurposed the funding and continues making smaller awards.

Senate Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Bill

- Staff also provided an update on Impact's FY27 request for a dedicated **\$5 million State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG)** allocation for Class VI primacy states.
 - Key updates include:
 - Senate Republican staff remain supportive of the request in concept.
 - EPA recommended that the request only move forward if the overall STAG account is increased by \$5 million.
 - Given current EPA funding levels, Committee staff indicated they are unable to accommodate the request this fiscal year.

- Staff continue discussing alternative approaches to encourage STAG funding to be awarded to Class VI primacy states.
- Although the request is unlikely to advance this year, staff noted the conversations have strengthened Impact's position for future appropriations cycles.

Continuing Resolution Outlook

- Staff continue to expect Congress to rely on a Continuing Resolution beyond September 30.
 - Recent developments include:
 - The House passed a Continuing Resolution extending funding through **December 4**.
 - The proposal includes provisions expected to face opposition in the Senate.
 - Senate leadership has indicated it will pursue a bipartisan funding agreement.

House Energy and Commerce Mark-Up

Staff reviewed recent House Energy & Commerce Committee action on recent energy-related bills.

- The Committee advanced the **Pipeline Safety Act of 2026**, the House's version of a Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) reauthorization, including new provisions specific to carbon dioxide pipelines.
 - The legislation would:
 - Directs PHMSA to strengthen its oversight of carbon dioxide (CO₂) pipelines by addressing safety issues unique to transporting CO₂.
 - Requires the agency to evaluate existing regulations and, where appropriate, update safety standards and guidance.
- The House bill generally aligns with the Senate-passed legislation but does not include the Senate requirement that PHMSA promulgate updated CO₂ regulations within two years.
- Impact staff will continue monitoring discussions as the House and Senate work toward a final package.

Regulatory Updates

Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP)

Staff discussed the latest developments regarding EPA's proposed repeal of the GHGRP.

- Current updates include:
 - The final rule is reportedly under review at OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA).
 - The rule has not yet appeared on RegInfo.gov, and staff are continuing to verify its status with congressional offices.
- Members were encouraged to share any additional information they receive regarding the rulemaking timeline.

Permitting Reform

- House Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman Brett Guthrie recently released the [Permitting Our Way to an Energy Resurgence \(POWER\) Act](#) discussion draft, which is framed as a 'wish list' of permitting reform measures to stabilize the grid.
- Impact staff are reviewing the discussion draft and will share any highlights and provisions relevant to carbon management and permitting in the coming days.