



Carbon Capture Impact Legislative Work Group July 08, 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. Staff provided updates on planning for the Coalition's 2026 Annual Policy Forum, ongoing development of the 2027 Federal Policy Blueprint, and upcoming Legislative Work Group activities. Members also received updates on the FY2027 appropriations process, EPA's regulatory agenda, Treasury's work on alternative reporting mechanisms for Section 45Q, and recent engagement related to Class VI permitting and Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP) implementation.

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Important Resources

- [Meeting Slides](#)
- [Carbon Capture Coalition Memo: 45Q Reporting Mechanisms](#)
- [Fact Sheet: Natural Gas & CCS](#)
- [Save the Date: Carbon Capture Coalition 2026 Innovation & Policy Forum](#)

Key-Takeaways

- The Coalition's annual meeting will be rebranded as the Carbon Capture Coalition Annual Policy Forum, with the inaugural event taking place October 20 in Chicago.
- Development of the 2027 Federal Policy Blueprint continues, with topical work group discussions leading to an in-person strategy session in September and publication targeted for February 2027.
- The Legislative Work Group will pause during the August congressional recess, with biweekly legislative updates continuing throughout the month.
- FY2027 appropriations negotiations remain slow, particularly in the Senate, as staff continue advocating for preservation of remaining Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding supporting carbon management.
- EPA's Unified Regulatory Agenda places the proposed repeal of the GHGRP in the final rule stage, though staff continue to expect publication later this fall.
- Treasury continues evaluating alternative reporting pathways for Section 45Q should the GHGRP be repealed, reinforcing the importance of Coalition consensus around ISO-based reporting standards.
- Impact staff will continue engagement with congressional offices, EPA, and Treasury throughout the summer and provide additional updates as developments occur.

Next Steps & Action Items

- Participate in the Coalition's follow-up discussion on alternative Section 45Q reporting mechanisms with Bob Van Voorhees.
- Review the memorandum summarizing the Section 45Q reporting mechanisms webinar.

Notes

Housekeeping Items

CCC Annual Meeting

Staff announced that the Coalition's annual meeting will be renamed the **Carbon Capture Coalition Annual Policy Forum** beginning this year. The updated name is intended to better reflect the event's expanded policy focus and role as the Coalition's premier annual convening for members and stakeholders.

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

CCC 2027 Federal Policy Blueprint update

Staff provided an update on development of the Coalition's 2027 Federal Policy Blueprint. The workgroup continues to advance topical discussions that will form the foundation of the Coalition's long-term federal policy agenda.

Recent and upcoming workgroup discussions include:

- Transport & Storage
- Market Development
- Energy Innovation (July 29)
- Investment Certainty (August)

These discussions will culminate in an in-person strategy session in September, during which members will develop a draft outline of the Blueprint. Following that meeting, the Legislative Work Group will begin developing the Coalition's accompanying **Roadmap for Action**, a supplemental document intended to translate Blueprint priorities into specific legislative recommendations and policy positions.

Staff anticipate presenting the Blueprint outline during the Annual Policy Forum in October, with publication of the final Blueprint targeted for February 2027.

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.
- The final Legislative Work Group meeting before recess will be held **Wednesday, July 22 at 2:00 p.m.**

- The July meeting will feature:
 - A midterm election briefing from KDCR Partners.
 - A strategic discussion on Coalition advocacy priorities for the remainder of the 119th Congress and early planning for the 120th Congress.

Congressional / Political Updates

FY2027 Appropriations

Staff provided an update on the status of the FY2027 appropriations process.

House Energy & Water Development Bill

- The House FY2027 Energy & Water Development bill remains in legislative limbo following postponement of floor consideration.
- Staff continue to monitor leadership discussions regarding a revised floor schedule.

Senate Appropriations

Senate appropriations activity continues to move at a considerably slower pace than the House.

Key updates include:

- Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Susan Collins (R-ME) and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) remain significantly divided on topline spending allocations.
- Senator Lindsey Graham's (R-SC) death and Senator Mitch McConnell's absence further complicates the ability to mark up appropriations bills.
- Impact staff are continuing engagement with Senate Energy & Water Development Committee staff to advocate for preservation of remaining Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding supporting carbon management programs.

Senate Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Bill

Staff also provided an update on discussions surrounding the Senate Interior bill.

Impact engagement has had positive conversations with Senate majority Interior staff particularly on dedicated funding for states that have received Class VI primacy.

Current status:

- Senate majority staff remain interested in including the Coalition's request to establish a dedicated **\$5 million State and Tribal Assistance Grant set-aside** for Class VI primacy states.
- Staff are awaiting additional technical assistance from EPA before legislative language can be finalized.
- Additional updates are expected during the next Legislative Work Group meeting.

Regulatory Updates

2026 Unified Regulatory Agenda

The Administration recently released its **2026 Unified Regulatory Agenda**, which outlines anticipated federal rulemaking priorities across executive agencies including moves on the GHGRP and carbon storage on the outer continental shelf:

Outer Continental Shelf Carbon Storage

Staff noted that the Department of the Interior has moved its anticipated rulemaking for carbon dioxide storage on the Outer Continental Shelf to the agency's inactive agenda.

As a result:

- Interior is no longer actively developing regulations governing offshore carbon storage.
- Staff will continue monitoring for any future changes to the Department's regulatory priorities.

Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP)

Staff also reviewed the latest developments regarding EPA's proposed repeal of the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program.

Key updates include:

- The Unified Agenda now lists the proposal as being in the **final rule stage**.
- While the Agenda identifies July as the target publication date, congressional and agency contacts continue to indicate that publication is more likely in the fall, potentially closer to the midterm elections.

Staff also discussed the recent announcement that EPA Office of Air Administrator Aaron Szabo will be departing the agency. Coalition staff will continue monitoring any potential impacts to the rulemaking schedule and encourage members to share any additional intel from congressional or agency contacts.

Treasury & 45Q Reporting Mechanisms

Staff provided a recap of the Coalition's recent educational webinar on alternative reporting mechanisms for Section 45Q featuring Bob Van Voorhees, Executive Director of the Carbon Sequestration Council.

The webinar examined the relationship between:

- EPA GHGRP Subpart RR.
- ISO 27916 for enhanced oil recovery.
- The newly published ISO 27914 standard for secure geologic storage.

Staff noted that Treasury continues evaluating potential reporting pathways should EPA finalize repeal of the GHGRP. Recent conversations suggest Treasury prefers to reference an existing third-party reporting standard rather than develop a new federal reporting methodology.

As a result, Coalition staff emphasized the importance of establishing a clear consensus position regarding ISO 27914 and its potential role within future Section 45Q implementation.

Next steps include:

- Convening a follow-up member discussion with Bob Van Voorhees in the coming weeks.
- Developing Coalition consensus recommendations for Treasury.
- Distributing a memorandum summarizing the educational webinar and outlining potential next steps for member review.