



Texas Carbon Capture & Storage Association 2011 Legislative Agenda

Advancing America's Energy Security with Clean Texas Technology

The Texas Carbon Capture and Storage Association (TxCCSA) is committed to promoting energy security and reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the advancement of carbon capture and storage (CCS) in Texas.

The association is advocating on behalf of industrial plants, utilities, the oil and gas industry and their service providers to advance market-based policies and incentives to encourage the development of a commercial CCS industry in Texas.

As energy demand grows here and around the world, CCS technology will be a critical component of our country's long-term energy strategy, enabling energy production and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

During the 2009 Legislative session, the Association worked with Sen. Kel Seliger and Rep. Myra Crownover to craft the landmark SB 1387, which established the regulatory framework for CCS in Texas and is now being implemented across several state agencies. The Association plans to build on its previous success with these 2011 legislative initiatives:

- **RRC Jurisdiction Over all Geologic Storage.** In addition to the jurisdiction granted to the RRC under SB 1387 for CO₂ storage in connection with oil and gas production, authorize RRC jurisdiction for CO₂ geologic storage in all formations.
- **Long-Term Stewardship.** Insure long term stewardship by transferring responsibility for certain geologic storage facilities to the state. Providing certainty for the public and liability relief for operators in the geologic storage arena.
- **SB 1387 Update.** Modify the CCS Rules in Texas by changing the structure of the Storage Trust Fund and using standard terms like "underground sources of drinking water" rather than "freshwater" throughout the statute.
- **Property Rights Acquisition.** Initiate dialogue regarding the mechanism to allow storage operators to acquire the subsurface rights necessary to implement a geologic storage facility.

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