## **CCS POLICY IN THE U.S.**

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## SURVEYING THE U.S. POLICY LANDSCAPE



### **Brief**

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## **3 PILLARS OF CCS POLICY**





## **TIMELINE OF ENACTED CCS POLICY IN THE U.S**





# Carbon Capture in the US & Europe

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**Carbon Intensive Energy System** 

#### **Decarbonized Energy System**



## Innovation imperative for decarbonization





## **CATF Technology Innovation Framework**



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#### Priority 45Q Enhancements

- Direct Pay
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- 10 year extension of commence construction
- Eliminate thresholds



#### Power Plants with Carbon Capture

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- Historic multi-billion Euro investments by Dutch and Norwegian government in full chain carbon capture projects with capacity to expand to accommodate future CO2 storage demand
- UK: Investment in industrial decarbonization clusters as part of 10-point plan with further policy action in planning
- Policy announcements from governments of Sweden, Denmark, and Germany
- EU: CATF focused on advocating for comprehensive deployment strategy as more must be done to commercialize carbon capture, removal and storage technologies, while optimizing the current policy framework and Fit for 55 Package
  - Inclusion of CO2 storage and transport in Ten-E revision
  - EU Emissions Trading System and Innovation Fund Reform

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## Germany's 2045 Net-Zero Goal Means Accepting Unpopular Technologies

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# Future Areas of Collaboration and Shared Learnings



- Climate-forward innovation
- CO2 capture-specific deployment incentives via 45Q
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## Carbon Capture & Storage Policy for a Net-Zero Future

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## **Recent Carbon Capture Announcements**



Fresno County, CA **Biomass with Carbon Capture**  **Ethanol Corridor** 



## Policy should push clean technology up the global "S-curve"



## Lower the Cost



Federal investment in Research, Development, & Demonstration (RD&D)

- Investment in RD&D is critical to reducing the cost of carbon capture and enabling new projects
- Innovation needed for difficult to decarbonize sectors
- Energy Act of 2020 called for an unprecedented wave of new commercial-scale technology demonstrations on a rapid timeline



#### Extension and Expansion of 45Q Tax Credit

- 45Q tax credit is viewed as the single most useful tool in spurring the development of CCUS projects
- Utility could be improved by increasing the credit value, allowing direct pay, reducing minimum capture thresholds, and extending duration
- Multiple proposals in Congress currently



## **Build out of Infrastructure**



Source: Elizabeth Abramson, Great Plains Institute, 2020.

### Storing CO<sub>2</sub> and Lowering Emissions (SCALE) Act

- Significant buildout of CO<sub>2</sub> transport and infrastructure needed for widespread deployment
- Enables more CO<sub>2</sub> capture by connecting storage locations and emitters, realizing economies of scale, and creating a carbon management market
- SCALE Act establishes programs to support the buildout of infrastructure
  - Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) studies
  - Loan and Grant Program
  - Builds on Depart of Energy carbon sequestration program

## **Streamline Project Permitting**

#### The Six "Classes" of Injection Wells



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Source: Environmental Protection Agency 2021

#### Class VI Program Reform

- Class VI wells are used to inject CO<sub>2</sub> into deep rock formations for the purpose of long-term underground storage – known as geologic sequestration
- Class VI requirements are a key factor in costeffective deployment of CCUS
- There are currently only two active Class VI wells, which took six years each to obtain permits
- Changes can be made to streamline permitting process while still ensuring environmental protection
- Enabling state primacy will further accelerate deployment