

U.S. CCS Policy and Regulatory Timeline

2025

- FEBRUARY 18, 2025**
The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) approves West Virginia's Class VI primacy application.
- MARCH 12, 2025**
Summit Carbon Solutions suspends its Class VI permit application in Mercer, Morton, and Oliver Counties in North Dakota after South Dakota and Iowa passed similar legislation preventing the use of eminent domain to access private land.
- APRIL 7, 2025**
USEPA issues final Class VI permits to Oxy Low Carbon for three wells in Ector County, Texas to store about 722,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) per year.
- MAY 28, 2025**
The Department of Energy terminates \$3.7 billion in grants previously awarded for carbon capture and storage (CCS) projects.
- JULY 4, 2025**
"One Big Beautiful Bill Act" becomes law. The bill maintains the 45Q tax credit for point source capture at \$85/ton and direct air capture at \$180/ton.
- SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**
Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy authorizes construction of its first CO₂ injection well (Hackberry Carbon Sequestration) in Cameron Parish for up to two million metric tons of CO₂ annually for 20 years.
- SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**
The USEPA grants Arizona primacy for all Underground Injection Control (UIC) well classes including Class VI wells.
- SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**
USEPA issues a proposed rule to permanently eliminate most reporting obligations under the GHGRP.
- OCTOBER 2, 2025**
The Department of Energy (DOE) terminates \$7.56 billion in financial awards to 223 clean energy projects.
- OCTOBER 16, 2025**
USEPA issues three Class VI permits to ExxonMobil (Rose Project) for CO₂ storage in Jefferson County, Texas. The project is planned for 13-year injection period for a maximum 53 million metric tons of CO₂.
- NOVEMBER 6, 2025**
The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality issues its third authorization to inject in 2025 to Tallgrass High Plains Carbon Storage as part of the Eastern Wyoming Sequestration Hub in Laramie County, Wyoming.
- NOVEMBER 12, 2025**
USEPA approves Texas' Class VI primacy application.
- DECEMBER 19, 2025**
The Department of Treasury and Internal Revenue Service release Notice 2026-01. It provides "safe harbor" for determining eligibility and the quantity of credits for sequestered carbon oxide.

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