



INTERSTATE
Oil & Gas
COMPACT COMMISSION

CARBON SEQUESTRATION

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CONTINUING POLICY ON THE ISSUE OF CARBON STORAGE IN UNDERGROUND GEOLOGIC FORMATIONS

Resolution 08.113

WHEREAS, although the science of climate change is evolving, there is significant and increasing interest within both industry and government in the capture and geologic storage of carbon dioxide (CO₂); and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) in December 2002 established a Geological Sequestration Task Force and in October 2004 created the follow-up IOGCC Carbon Capture and Storage Task Force to examine the technical, policy, and regulatory issues related to safe and effective CO₂ storage in the subsurface, whether for enhanced hydrocarbon recovery or for storage, and to prepare model regulatory guidelines concerning geologic storage to assist member states in regulating the injection and underground storage of CO₂; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) has published recommended regulatory and statutory guidelines on geologic storage of carbon ; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with IOGCC and the Ground Water Protection Council, has proposed draft rules for geologic storage of carbon under the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program; and,

WHEREAS, the long-term geological storage of CO₂ has significant potential for reducing greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, the IOGCC desires to continue the efforts of the IOGCC Carbon Capture and Storage Task Force, the purpose of which will be to continue to facilitate coordination and cooperation among IOGCC member states, the EPA, the U.S. Department of Energy, the Association of American State Geologists, and other organizations with an interest in injection of CO₂ into underground geologic formations, to further develop and refine public policy and the regulatory framework for geologic carbon capture and storage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the IOGCC urges the U.S. Department of Energy, through its Carbon Sequestration Program, which has been instrumental in funding previous and current IOGCC regulatory projects on this subject, to continue to provide future support for continued initiatives promoting the development of rational and experience-based regulatory frameworks and infrastructure to enable development of safe and environmentally sound CO₂ storage projects and transportation systems for CO₂ transmission.

The IOGCC will continue to provide input to the EPA in development of rules for the geologic storage of CO₂ and continue to collaborate with EPA, DOE, and others in the areas of policy and technology associated with CO₂ storage.

ACTION PLAN

1. Send resolution to the President, DOE Secretary and EPA Administrator.
2. Send resolution to all IOGCC Governors and Official Representatives.
3. Send resolution to oil and gas directors in each state.
4. Send resolution to all state geologists.
5. Charge the IOGCC staff to seek grant support for continuing efforts of the Task Force.
6. Charge the IOGCC staff to continue liaison efforts with other government agencies and organizations such as the Association of State Geologists and the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum with interest in developing regulations for storage of CO₂ in underground geologic formations.

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