



Canadian Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage (CCS)

The Canadian Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Network was created under the direction of the Council of Energy Ministers (CEM) in September 2008. It is a federal/provincial/territorial government-based network whereby government officials work collaboratively to address key CCS issues of common interest across Canada.

The Network's objectives are to:

- discuss technical, policy, regulatory, communications and economic issues of common interest;
- explore common interests in proposed and existing CCS initiatives;
- become a one-stop, objective, technically-informed centre of information on CCS in Canada;
- share learnings and best practices, and develop common strategic approaches to technology, infrastructure, policy, regulatory and communication issues;
- provide public education and outreach on CCS.

The mission of this network of policy makers and regulators is to facilitate the rapid deployment and commercialization of carbon capture and storage technologies in Canada. This initiative builds on initiatives such as the G8 commitment to launch 20 CCS demonstration projects globally by 2010 and the Canada-U.S. Clean Energy Dialogue to advance the deployment of transformational technologies through enhanced cooperation. Overall, it is an important step for Canada in addressing the role of CCS in tackling the challenges of climate change and energy security.