

BRITISH COLUMBIA – ALBERTA – SASKATCHEWAN

Memorandum of Understanding

Collaboration on Carbon Capture and Storage Technology and Policy

This Memorandum of Understanding executed this 11th day of September 2009.

Between:

Government of British Columbia

(as represented by the Premier of British Columbia)

and

Government of Alberta

(as represented by the Premier of Alberta)

and

Government of Saskatchewan

(as represented by the Premier of Saskatchewan)

The Government of Saskatchewan, the Government of Alberta, and the Government of British Columbia (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Provinces”) agree to collaborate in the development of carbon capture and storage technology and policy as follows:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish a process whereby the Provinces will work collaboratively to coordinate and advance research, policy and communications activities related to carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies and policies to facilitate achievement of climate change and economic development priorities.

In so doing, the Provinces will:

1. share non-confidential CCS project information, evaluation and analysis;
2. participate in and jointly support CCS projects or programs of mutual interest;
3. engage other governments and industry in CCS projects or programs;
4. undertake any other activities that reduce overlap and duplication and ensure a complementary approach to CCS research and innovation;
5. discuss common messaging regarding CCS; and
6. determine opportunities to jointly collaborate with industry, governments and other stakeholders on CCS.

II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the MOU is to facilitate the pursuit by the Provinces of innovative research, policy and communications activity related to the development and deployment of CCS technology.

The MOU will encourage multiple CCS demonstration projects to increase existing CCS research expertise and capacity in the Provinces.

III. ACTIONS

To meet the objective of the MOU, the Provinces will jointly:

1. engage industry, research providers, and other jurisdictions to accelerate the development and deployment of CCS technologies and policies;
2. support CCS projects or programs of mutual interest;
3. exchange information on planned CCS projects to avoid duplication and overlap of initiatives and to identify research gaps;
4. exchange updates and nonconfidential results of CCS projects and technologies to improve technology transfer, facilitate deployment of successful technologies, and hasten the identification of cost reduction opportunities;
5. exchange information in regards to developing CCS policy;
6. engage in public advocacy and external communications related to CCS; and
7. build trust, create synergies and a win-win approach that will benefit all participants.

IV. COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation of this MOU will be overseen by a Steering Committee which will:

1. approve initiatives to be pursued under the MOU;
2. review and analyze the progress of previously approved activities under the MOU;
3. identify potential new initiatives to be developed for future consideration under the MOU;
4. establish processes to develop proposed joint future initiatives, manage approved initiatives, and monitor and report on progress of approved initiatives;
5. discuss issues related to CCS; and
6. provide joint reports on the results of work conducted under the MOU, as requested by the Premiers of each of the Provinces.

The Steering Committee will consist of the Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for CCS for each of the Provinces or their designate.

Other officials from the Provinces or from other organizations may be invited by mutual agreement to attend all or portions of Steering Committee meetings to assist the Steering Committee in its activities.

The Steering Committee will convene at least twice annually.

Any of the Provinces may identify initiatives to be considered by the Steering Committee.

Initiatives must be unanimously approved by the Steering Committee in order to proceed under the MOU.

V. NO LEGAL OR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS CREATED

This MOU is not a legally binding agreement, but is only a definite expression and record of the purpose and intention of the Provinces.

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed so as to affect the jurisdiction of any of the Provinces.

VI. DURATION

This MOU shall take effect upon signature by all three of the Provinces.

This MOU shall be in effect for a period of three (3) years or until terminated by any of the Provinces with six (6) months notice.

VII. AMENDMENT

This MOU may be amended by mutual written agreement by all three of the Provinces.

Signed:

for Government of British Columbia

for Government of Alberta

for Government of Saskatchewan