

Carbon Sequestration Working Group Meeting

Casper Aug 14-15, 2008

The second meeting of the Wyoming Carbon Sequestration Working Group (CSWG) was convened in Casper on Aug 14, 2008 to continue work on tasks assigned by House Bill 90 which was passed during the 2008 session of the Wyoming legislature (see <http://legisweb.state.wy.us/2008/Bills/HB0090.pdf> for details). Working group members present at this meeting were: Ian Andrews, Ralph Brokaw, John Corra, Kevin Frederick, Nancy Freudenthal, Bob Green, Ken Hendricks, Don Likwartz, Lyle Witham and Ron Surdham. Also present were Daniela Golden from Region 8 EPA, Bob Van Voorhees of Brian Cave (and active with the Carbon Capture and Sequestration Contact Group), and Shannon Anderson with the Powder River Basin Resource Council.

Following introductions, the group reviewed work from their initial meeting in June and again focused on their stated purpose as outlined in the statute - "To review available technical, geological, financial, and risk management factors associated with the geologic sequestration of CO₂ so that an appropriate and effective bonding and financial assurance system can be recommended to the legislature." There were then a series of presentations by group members.

- Bob Green provided an overview of financial assurance in the coal mining industry
- Daniela Golden then gave a presentation on financial assurance procedures that apply to sites covered by the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)
- To complete the morning's agenda, Dan Clark gave a brief overview of the Price Anderson Nuclear Industries Indemnity Act of 1957
- Following a lunch break, Bob Van Voorhees presented information on Underground Injection Control Financial Assurance Requirements and Carbon Sequestration Site Stewardship
- The group then reviewed the new EPA proposed rule for carbon sequestration and discussed future tasks to cover at subsequent meetings
- Opportunities were given for public input and Shannon Anderson provided comments on issues of interest to her constituency. Those inputs were noted and will be considered in subsequent meetings of the working group
- The following morning, the group traveled to Midwest, WY for a presentation and tour of the Anadarko CO₂ enhanced oil recovery operation

The next meeting of the group will be Oct 8 – 9 in Rock Springs. The focus of this meeting will be reviewing the various instruments that can be used to provide financial assurance for geological sequestration of CO₂. There will likely also be additional presentations on industry perspectives and time will be set aside to work on the interim report to the legislature which is due in November, 2008. The meeting agenda and logistics details will follow as plans develop.

These notes and the presentation materials from this meeting will be posted on the DEQ web site at: <http://deq.state.wy.us/carbonsequestration.htm>.

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