

Carbon Sequestration Working Group Meeting

Rock Springs Oct 8-9, 2008

The third meeting of the Wyoming Carbon Sequestration Working Group (CSWG) was convened in Rock Springs on Oct 8, 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, Bob Green, Ken Hendricks, Don Likwartz, Lyle Witham and Ron Surdam. Also present were presenters Laura Ladd, an advisor for Governor Freudenthal on energy and economic matters; John Villar, a private consultant; Fred Eames of Hunton and Williams; and Malcolm Anderson of Southern California Edison; and three members of the public.

Following introductions, the group reviewed work from their previous meetings 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 as outlined below:

- Laura Ladd provided an overview of financial assurance options for carbon sequestration in Wyoming
- John Villar then provided an entrepreneurial view of carbon sequestration including global level information from a recent international meeting in Dubrovnik, Croatia
- On the morning of Oct 9, Fred Eames presented a utility company view of financial assurance for carbon sequestration
- Then Malcolm Anderson gave an overview of what Southern Cal Edison is doing in terms of green energy sources coupled with carbon sequestration

On the afternoon of Oct 8th, the group took a tour of the Jim Bridger Power plant arranged by Ian Anderson of PacifiCorp. During both the tour and the presentations, there was considerable discussion about the challenges involved in geological sequestration of CO₂ and obtaining funding for both the technology development and long term financial assurance for liability that will accompany the process. While time was provided for public input during the meeting, there were no comments from the members of the general public in attendance. The group also reviewed a draft outline for an interim report to the legislature that was provided by Nancy Freudenthal. Details of this report will be worked via electronic media in coming weeks.

The next meeting of the group will be Dec 3 – 4 in Cheyenne. The focus of this meeting will be reviewing insurance instruments that could potentially be used to provide financial assurance for geological sequestration of CO₂. There may also be additional presentations on technical issues and time will be set aside to develop a set of questions to help guide the next phase of the group's work. 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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