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No Time For Delay on CCS

The Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA) has today welcomed the publication of the Government's response to the Department for Energy and Climate Change's 'A framework for the development of clean coal' consultation.

The document outlines a funding mechanism for the development of CCS in the UK, a framework for developing pre- and post-combustion CCS and criteria for assessing the stage at which CCS has moved to commercial viability.

Urging the Government to maintain momentum in developing a robust long-term framework for CCS, Jeff Chapman, Chief Executive of the CCSA, commented:

"The Government is now getting to grips with the importance of a sustainable funding mechanism for CCS and we welcome the commitment that levy revenue will be made available for the retrofit of demonstration plants."

"The UK lost out to other countries in the development of wind power, and we must not lose out in the opportunity to develop CCS. The race to develop CCS is well and truly underway, with several other countries coming forward with funding announcements towards large-scale CCS projects."

"We also welcome the publication of the National Policy Statements on Energy Policy & Safety and look forward to working with Government to develop the vital CCS infrastructure which will help kick-start regional investment in the UK."

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Notes to Editors:

1. The Carbon Capture and Storage Association exists to represent the interests of its members in promoting the Business of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS). The Association works to raise awareness, both in the UK and internationally, of the benefits of CCS as a viable climate change mitigation option, and the role of CCS in moving towards a low-carbon global economy
2. The Department for Energy and Climate Change has published its response to the 'A framework for the development of clean coal' consultation today, following a three month consultation period:

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/consultations/clean_coal/clean_coal.aspx and draft National Policy Statements:
www.energynpsconsultation.decc.gov.uk[external Link]

3. The Government has committed to developing “up to four” CCS plants.
4. The levy on consumer electricity bills will be made available to fund the retrofit of existing coal fired power stations, once CCS has been deemed commercially viable.
5. CCS can remove approximately 90% of the carbon dioxide emissions associated with conventional fossil fuel power generation, such as coal or gas fired.
6. CCS therefore makes a significant contribution towards meeting the UK Government’s aspirational target of an 80% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2050.
7. The UK has at least 10 proposals for power projects incorporating CCS in the public domain, ranging from technologies using pre combustion as well as post combustion capture as well advanced oxyfuel combustion.

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