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One step forward on the road to developing CCS

The Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA) has today welcomed the publication of the Government's consultation document A framework for the development of clean coal.

The document sets out several options for funding the first generation of CCS plants in the UK including an obligation on suppliers to buy a proportion of CCS electricity, a levy on electricity suppliers, a feed-in tariff and funding through the EU Emissions Trading Scheme.

The Government is also consulting on the development of pipeline infrastructure to transport CO₂ into the North Sea, through a regional cluster approach. Clusters will be concentrated in the Firth of Forth, Thames Gateway, Teesside, Merseyside and the Humber areas.

Urging the Government to maintain momentum in developing CCS, Jeff Chapman, Chief Executive of the CCSA commented:

"The publication of this consultation is a welcome step on the road to developing the first generation of CCS plants in the UK.

"However, this should be a swift, sharp and focussed consultation aimed at developing a robust funding framework for CCS and enabling the infrastructure needed to transport CO₂ for storage.

"We cannot afford to drop the ball at this point. We are close to getting an appropriate framework to develop CCS at a commercial scale.

"Industry stands ready to deliver on CCS and as 2009 is a critical year in terms of tackling climate change and building green jobs, the Government needs to move quickly to ensure CCS can fulfil its climate change potential as well as delivering prosperity and employment."

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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 Government has today published a consultation on a framework for the development of clean coal following a commitment to do so by Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Ed Miliband in March 2009. The consultation and associated documents can be found on http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/consultations/clean_coal/clean_coal.aspx and http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what_we_do/uk_supply/energy_mix/ccs/ccs.aspx
3. CCS can remove approximately 90% of the carbon dioxide emissions associated with conventional fossil fuel power generation, such as coal or gas fired.
4. CCS therefore makes a significant contribution towards meeting the UK Government's aspirational target of an 80% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2050.
5. 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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