

CCSA Press Release

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Careful consideration needed in design of Emissions Performance Standards (EPS)

The Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA) has welcomed the Energy and Climate Change Committee's report into *Emissions Performance Standards*.

Commenting on the publication of the Committee's recommendations, Dr Jeff Chapman, Chief Executive of the CCSA said:

"The Committee's report provides the Government with very helpful advice on the role of EPS in delivering low carbon power generation, and we welcome it.

"EPS should only be introduced as part of a suite of policies to incentivise the development of CCS. Taken in isolation an EPS risks major unintended consequences for vitally needed investment in power generation capacity.

"Electricity Market Reform will be vital for providing investment certainty in low-carbon generation going forward and the Committee is absolutely right that EPS should be considered as part of this reform. The CCSA looks forward to giving its evidence to the ECC Committee on its new inquiry into Electricity Market Reform as well as the Government's consultation on the same which will form the basis of a White Paper next year."

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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 Coalition Government has committed to 4 CCS plants in the UK through an industry competition, the funding of the first plant committed through general taxation. A shortlist has been established for the first plant, with the remaining 3 plants to be progressed.
3. An Emissions Performance Standard has been proposed by the Coalition Government, which set a legal limit on the emissions from power generation.
4. The Energy and Climate Change Committee, chaired by Tim Yeo MP, has recommended a carefully designed Emissions Performance Standard be implemented to provide an emissions reduction framework for the power sector, avoid lock-in to high carbon infrastructure and help stimulate the development and deployment of CCS. The Committee recognised that an EPS itself “will not deliver CCS”.
5. Dr Jeff Chapman gave oral evidence to the Committee’s inquiry on Tuesday 19th October 2010.
6. The Committee’s report will be published at 00:01 GMT on Thursday 2nd December 2010.
7. CCS can remove approximately 90% of the carbon dioxide emissions associated with conventional fossil fuel power generation, such as coal or gas fired.
8. CCS therefore makes a significant contribution towards meeting the UK Government’s aspirational target of an 80% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2050.
9. 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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