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CCUS industry welcomes Committee on Climate Change report and challenges the Government to raise its ambition

The Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA), the trade body for the Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) industry in the UK, has welcomed the publication of the Committee on Climate Change's net zero report.

This follows news in March confirming the formation of the CCUS Advisory Group which will work with Government to develop an investment framework necessary to deliver the first CCUS projects in the 2020s. In April the BEIS Select Committee's report on CCUS also called for the Government to raise its ambition, calling for three clusters to be developed by 2025.

Luke Warren, Chief Executive of the CCSA, said:

"As the Committee has emphasised in this report, CCUS is a necessity, not an option, if we are to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. The Government's current plan to develop one CCUS facility by 2025, with an option to deploy at scale in the 2030s, is not consistent with this ambition. We therefore look forward to working with the Government as it responds to this challenge, by cementing CCUS as an essential pillar of its net zero strategy."

Paul Davies, Chair of the CCUS Advisory Group said:

"The CCC has identified that all options for achieving net-zero emissions in the UK require a significant role for CCS. They have understood that the deployment and development of appropriate business models is needed to bring in sustained significant investment from the private sector. This requires long-term policies and a stable commercial structure attractive to investors; precisely what the CCUS Advisory Group is designing with Government. This will give industry and Government the ability to invest in CCUS at scale, realising the ambitions of the IPCC, BEIS Select Committee and the CCC. With these commercial structures in place; the time to invest is now."

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Notes to Editors

- For media enquiries please contact Judith Shapiro on 020 3031 8750 or email judith.shapiro@ccsassociation.org
- To find out more about the Carbon Capture Storage Association (CCSA) please visit the CCSA website at <http://www.ccsassociation.org/>.
- CCUS, or Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage, is a key low carbon solution which enables the production of clean power, clean products (such as steel and cement) and clean hydrogen – which can then be used to decarbonise heating and transport. In addition, CCUS can be combined with bioenergy to deliver negative emissions. CCUS has a vital role to play in meeting UK and global climate change targets at least cost. The Committee on Climate Change has concluded that CCUS “could almost halve the cost of meeting the 2050 target in the Climate Change Act”.
- On the 2nd May, the Committee on Climate Change will publish its report “*Net Zero: The UK’s contribution to stopping global warming*”. The report will be available [here](#).
- On the 25th April, the BEIS Select Committee published its report “*Carbon capture usage and storage: third time lucky?*”. This report recommends that the UK should develop at least three CCUS clusters by 2025 and should set “*a specific target to store 10 million tonnes of carbon by 2030, and 20 million by 2035*”. The report can be found [here](#).
- The IPCC published a Special Report on achieving Global Warming of 1.5°C in October 2018. CCS is highlighted as an important tool for deep emissions reductions, and is vital in all but one scenario that meets the Paris Agreement goal. The report can be found [here](#).
- If you would like more information on CCUS please get in touch using the above details.