



ClearPath, Coal Industry Tout Senate GOP CCUS Support

WASHINGTON (July 14, 2016) – Senate Republicans, including Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, made an important step today toward continuing vital federal support for the development of carbon capture, utilization and storage technologies for fossil-fuel power plants and industrial facilities to harness our nation’s abundant energy resources for a clean energy future. These Republicans – including Shelley Moore Capito and Roy Blunt – are bringing essential bipartisan support to a bill from Democratic Sens. Heidi Heitkamp and Sheldon Whitehouse that would extend the 45Q tax credit, while also creating a more expansive credit system for spurring innovation. The bill builds on the important bipartisan support for legislation sponsored by Rep. Mike Conaway (R-Texas) that has already netted the backing of 26 Republican and 12 Democratic cosponsors representing about two-dozen states.

In response, leading coal companies Peabody Energy, Cloud Peak Energy and Arch Coal, the Coal Utilization Research Council and ClearPath Action issued the following joint statement:

“Ensuring the vital role coal will play in a low-carbon, clean energy economy is a goal supported by both sides of the aisle. Lawmakers, NGOs and consumers increasingly recognize the importance of commercial-scale carbon capture and storage to achieve our environmental goals as it is simply unrealistic to just rely on wind and solar power to lower carbon emissions. This broad group of Republican and Democratic senators understand that capturing carbon emissions from reliable and affordable coal power is part of a necessary master plan to keep our energy affordable and clean. We will put our combined efforts toward making it clear that we stand side by side with a diverse array of policymakers and interested parties to make this necessary federal investment in our clean coal future a reality.”



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