



Union of Concerned Scientists  
Citizens and Scientists for Environmental Solutions

Dear Senator Sanders:

We strongly support your amendment which would require the recipient of a cooperative agreement under the large-scale carbon storage program to obtain adequate liability coverage through the private insurance market.

The Department of Energy should not be in the business of indemnification for technologies which have yet to demonstrate success and for which the dangers and risks posed to human health have not been tangibly studied. Carbon capture and storage technology already receives a tremendous amount of federal assistance including \$3.4 billion in direct funding for demonstration projects and \$6 billion in loan guarantees through the stimulus package.

Moreover, CCS technology would be eligible for billions of dollars in additional loan guarantees through the proposed Clean Energy Deployment Administration (CEDA). In order to maintain an even playing field for all innovative energy technologies which reduce green house gases, the federal government ought not eliminate the liability for those technologies which may have adverse effects on human health. The DOE should not be picking winners and losers through indemnification, as this would needlessly expose the taxpayer to undue financial risk.

We applaud your willingness to address this important issue.

Sincerely,

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