

COMMENTS ON THE WEST COAST REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

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The California Energy Commission has recently been given one of the regional CO₂ sequestration partnerships from the US Department of Energy (DOE). The purpose of this talk will be to provide an overview of DOE's efforts in developing a sustained program commencing in 1997. There will also be a discussion on some of the related sequestration efforts by the Energy Commission and its partners which includes Oregon, Alaska, Washington, and Nevada, Electricity Innovation Institute, BP, Shell/AERA, Occidental Petroleum, Lawrence Berkeley and Lawrence Livermore National, Kinder-Morgan, and utility partners. The discussion will focus on the need for a balanced portfolio to address atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration increases within the sequestration area. The discussion will also focus on the need to address key technological and infrastructure barriers, as well as addressing environmental, institutional, regulatory, and public perception issues for terrestrial, geological, and ocean sequestration.