



CO₂ CAPTURE AND STORAGE **LIMITS AND MORATORIUM**

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- Key components were directing a moratorium on new Class VI applications, an implementation of a prioritization process to focus on applications that were the readiest and an emphasis on transparency with local governments and landowners.
- The order directs the Department of Conservation and Energy (C&E) to set a framework for these goals, seeking to alleviate the volume of applications received in the first year of primacy.

What It Does

Moratorium

Puts a pause on any new applications for Class VI injection wells submitted after October 15, 2025. The order does not cancel existing project applications.

Concentrates on Specific Class VI permits

Ordered C&E to reevaluate the status of applications for assessment and prioritization for the Class VI permits.

- C&E to prioritize projects based on the completeness of application, timing of submission to the department, prospective industrial demand for the project and the complexity of the proposed project in terms of geology and existing well penetrations.
- C&E to identify areas in the process that can be improved to ensure that the review timeline is more efficient without sacrificing the integrity of the process.

Purpose

Provide a clear roadmap for citizens and local officials, ensuring that applications for Class VI projects comply with existing Louisiana rules for carbon injection and CO₂ pipelines.

Permit Requirements

C&E's Class VI application process requires satisfaction of rules involving emergency operation plans, well control procedures, identification and mitigation of any existing wells, materials analysis, plume modeling analysis, comprehensive site characterization, a plugging and abandonment plan and adequate financial security.

Pipeline Safety

For pipelines transporting CO₂, operators must adhere to the existing hazardous wastes and hazardous materials requirements in Louisiana, and monitor any updates to PHMSA rules and incorporate those federal standards into its requirements.

Public Engagement

Applicants must engage in transparent public outreach. C&E will approve Community Engagement Plans and give substantial consideration to local governments' comments.

Landowner Rights

Local government comments will be given consideration, and landowner protections will help to guide all permitting, pipeline certificates and unitization.

Coordination with Louisiana Economic Development (LED)

For proposed projects applying for Class VI permits with the potential for significant economic impact, LED will be consulted to ensure that project benefits to the local economy are maximized in balance with protection of public health, safety, or environmental standards.

Public Transparency

C&E will provide public access via its website to all draft permits, project summaries and final approved permits.