CANMET Energy Technology Centre

Oxy-fuel Combustion Technologies with CO₂ Capture for Near-Zero Emission Power Generation



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This R&D program is managed by CANMET Energy Technology Centre (CETC) of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), in Ottawa, Ontario.

The program aims at developing near-zero emission fossil fuel technologies with focus on oxy-fuel combustion systems with CO₂ capture for permanent storage in geological formations.

The program manages the CANMET CO₂ R&D Consortium and receives funding from various sources, including NRCan's Panel on Energy Research and Development (PERD), and Technology and Innovation (T&I), while working in partnership with industrial stakeholders and providing technical support for large-scale demonstration of advanced near-zero emission technologies for power generation.



PILOT-SCALE FACILITY:

The experimental component of this R&D program is supported by a highly modular state-of-the-art combustion research facility with a nominal output of 0.3MW_{th}. Natural gas, coal, coal slurry, oil and bitumen can be burned in controlled combustion environment in air- and oxy-fired modes.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

The program covers a wide range of R&D activities at bench-scale, pilot-scale, and pre-commercial demonstration levels.

Current activities include:

- Development and pilot-scale evaluation of next generation near-zero emission oxy-fuel combustion technologies
- Modeling of advanced near-zero emission cycles including supercritical and ultra supercritical power plants with CO₂ capture
- Development of multi-pollutant control technologies
- Design and development of CO₂ capture and compression processes and evaluation of CO₂ phase behavior
- Development of models for Canadian oil sands operations with H₂ production and CO₂ capture
- Evaluation and design of advanced integrated gas turbine and solid-oxide fuel cell (SOFC) cycles





