

Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum

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Dear Colleague:

As you know, the next meeting of the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF) Policy Group will be held June 29-30, 2009 in San Francisco. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the upcoming Ministerial that will be held in October in London. Ministers have been invited and it is up to us to ensure their meeting is successful.

We have a very full agenda for this important June meeting. Among other things, we need to elect the CSLF leadership for the coming three years, and we must carefully consider and take action on the draft updated CSLF Strategic Plan and the Technology Roadmap. The plans outlined in these documents set the direction of our future activities. They build upon the success of the CSLF to date and embrace and implement the recommendations of the G8 on actions necessary to achieve widespread deployment of carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies. Furthermore, we must consider how to best coordinate our activities with those of the new Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute (GCCSI), as well as with our ongoing partner, the International Energy Agency (IEA).

Worldwide, the activities regarding all aspects of CCS have been significant in recent years, and these activities are accelerating. Since the CSLF Policy Group last met in Cape Town, the G8 has strongly endorsed the recommendations on CCS made by the CSLF and the IEA. The GCCSI was founded, providing another important mechanism for international collaboration on CCS. Governments and industry have intensified their efforts to make CCS a viable commercial option by the year 2020 in accordance with the goal of the G8 recommendations. Many new CCS projects are under development, and notably the world's first power plant with fully integrated CCS technology is now operational in Germany. Geologic storage tests around the world, such as those conducted through the Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnerships in North America, are demonstrating encouraging results.

I have now been the Chairman of both the Policy and Technical Groups of the CSLF and that has given me an insight into the importance of the CSLF and the work it does. The CSLF has made a remarkable contribution to the accomplishments regarding all aspects of successful CCS deployment. Now more than ever it is critical for the CSLF to stay engaged and to build upon its success. The CSLF is a tremendous resource for all its Members and it is up to each of us ensure the continued success of the CSLF. It is up to each of us take advantage of the resources CSLF has to offer and the opportunities before us. Together we can and will make a difference.

Sincerely,

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