



# Carbon Interactive Workshop Information Sheet

## Why is this workshop being held?

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes several billion dollars in funding for new carbon management projects (carbon capture and storage and direct air capture hubs), and communities have concerns and questions about what investment in these technologies mean for them. [Carbon capture and storage \(CCS\)](#) refers to capturing carbon at the source of emission, like at power plants or industrial facilities, and then utilizing the carbon in products (fuel, cement) or storing it permanently (in rock formations deep underground). [Direct Air Capture and Storage \(DACCS\)](#) refers to taking carbon out of the ambient air and storing it geologically. The Department of Energy and federal partner agencies want to engage with communities to better understand their concerns regarding these technologies or potential projects.

## Who is invited to participate?

We are hoping to bring together a cross-section of community, labor, environmental, Tribal and Indigenous, land use and development, and local government stakeholders. The workshop is open to the public, but we are planning to close registration after 40 registrants to ensure that multiple perspectives are represented and that the group is small enough to foster meaningful discussion among participants.

## What are the goals of the workshop?

The purpose of the workshop is two-fold:

- For DOE and other state and federal government agencies to learn about community priorities, concerns, and ideas related to carbon projects. In addition, we would like to find out how community members would like to be involved in projects moving forward.
- For community members to learn about the potential carbon projects that might be a fit for their area, the rationale for these projects, and opportunities for public participation along the lifespan of a project.

## How is the workshop organized?

The workshop will take place over one half day, from 12:30 – 5:30pm. It will be divided up into four short sessions, each with brief presentations from federal and local speakers and discussion or breakout activities led by professional facilitators. There will be plenty of time for participants to ask questions, make comments, and engage in dialogue, over the course of the day. Please see below for a preliminary agenda topic list.

### **Session 1: What kind of carbon projects, and why?**

- Short presentations from regional and local voices about social and environmental priorities here, how the energy transition is unfolding, and why carbon capture and carbon removal projects are now coming up as an area of development.

### **Session 2: Would these projects fit here?**

- Short presentations and facilitated discussions on the basics of carbon capture, transport, and storage, the history of infrastructure development and community benefits in this place, and the kinds of concerns that environmental justice advocates have raised about these kinds of projects, with breakout groups to go in-depth.

### **Session 3: What can be done to mitigate project impacts?**

- Representatives from federal agencies explore their roles in regulating the impacts of carbon capture, transport, and storage, with discussion of ways people can participate in project regulation and development.

### **Session 4: Open plan session – Q-and-A exhibits**

- Move around, explore posters and information sources from both researchers and community groups, and ask questions on specific subjects.

## **How do I sign up to participate?**

Registration for the event is through Eventbrite. Please click on the [link](#) and complete the registration form. You will receive a confirmation email after registration. Closer to the event, you will be emailed more specifics about the event location.

## **Who can bring materials to share?**

Participants are invited to bring tabling materials if they want to share information about their organization or work (posters, demonstration materials, brochures, etc.) related to community development, climate, energy, or carbon projects.

## **What if I have questions?**

If you have any questions, ideas, or comments about the workshop, please contact a member of our team (Holly Buck at [holly.buck@hq.doe.gov](mailto:holly.buck@hq.doe.gov) or Kristin Paulsen at [krpaulsen@energetics.com](mailto:krpaulsen@energetics.com)). We hope to see you there!