

WV CCS Work Group – Feasibility Subcommittee Progress Report – November 16, 2009

The Subcommittee met by conference call twice since the October 16 Progress Report (October 21 and November 9). Both meetings involved discussions of cost analysis, an important factor in determining the feasibility of CCS in WV. Both calls involved either all or almost all members of the subcommittee. At the November 9 meeting subcommittee member Cal Kent introduced his colleague Christine Risch of the Marshall University Center for Business and Economic Research as an active correspondent for the subcommittee and earlier the subcommittee had agreed that Rachel Shanteau of Acacia Environmental Group would be welcome to participate as an observer.

The subcommittee is currently compiling various reports that are felt will be helpful to the legislature in assessing the desirability of West Virginia's proceeding on a course of action to encourage CCS. Basic documents dealing with the need for CCS and the types of information needed by the legislators in determining the impacts (economic and otherwise) on West Virginia of a program to support CCS are in preparation. Work on the economics of CCS in light of other methods to be available in responding to a need to reduce carbon emissions have been submitted to the subcommittee and are under discussion by the members. A discussion of several actions that would be helpful to encouraging CCS deployment in the state should the legislature decide such an action is advisable has been developed and discussed. The subcommittee is hoping to have an initial draft discussion ready to be reviewed by the Work group by the date of the plenary session on December 9. The drafts of works currently in progress are to be circulated electronically and an additional conference call meeting may be held prior to the December 9 plenary session..