# **Is Your State Carbon Capture Ready?**

# **State-Level Carbon Capture Checklist**

State policies can play an important role in complementing federal policy to help carbon capture projects cover cost gaps and achieve financial feasibility.

### Carbon capture ready policies include:

#### **State Regulatory Policies**

- ✓ Establish regulatory regime
- ✓ Declare CO₂ storage to be in the public interest
- ✓ Streamline siting processes to reduce delays in permitting
- ✓ Require regulated utilities to consider carbon capture technology in their integrated resource plans

### Rules for Long Term CO<sub>2</sub> Storage

- ✓ Establish a public trust fund to pay for a state's long-term oversight of CO₂ injection and storage
- ✓ Clarify CO₂ ownership laws
- ✓ Designate specific pathways for projects to meet federal requirements

#### Rules for CO<sub>2</sub> Transport and Storage Space

- ✓ Clarify pore space ownership
- √ Tax abatement for CO₂ pipelines

### Rules for Clarifying the Purpose of CO<sub>2</sub> Injection

✓ Clarify rules on CO₂ injection for EOR and geologic storage

#### **Financial Incentives for Carbon Capture**

- ✓ Offer financial assistance for carbon capture projects and CO₂ pipelines
- ✓ Design off-take agreements to provide a guaranteed buyer
- ✓ Include carbon capture as an eligible technology for cost recovery mechanisms
- ✓ Qualify carbon capture as eligible in electricity generation portfolio or clean energy standards or voluntary goals
- ✓ State assumption of long-term liability for stored CO<sub>2</sub>
- ✓ Advocate for federal authorization for and state use of private activity bonds for carbon capture
- ✓ Establish low-carbon credit programs
- ✓ Enact procurement programs that require state governments to include purchase electricity, fuels or products produced through carbon capture

## **Tax Incentives/Optimization**

- ✓ Provide incentives or optimize state tax codes through:
  - Tax credits for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR storage and saline storage
  - Corporate income tax reductions
  - Exemptions from property and sales taxes on CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and geologic storage machinery and equipment
  - Severance tax reductions on oil produced through CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR using anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Provide for ad valorem and property tax abatement for carbon capture and transport infrastructure



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