

The Crown Estate's role in granting seabed rights for carbon dioxide (CO₂) transportation and storage

The Crown Estate is the manager of the UK's territorial seabed around England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Crown Estate holds the seabed rights for CO₂ transportation and storage within the United Kingdom's Exclusive Economic Zone excluding Scotland.

The Crown Estate is able to grant rights to developers for pipelines, injection wells, platforms and manifolds, storage sites and other offshore facilities to deliver a carbon capture utilisation and storage (CCUS) project.

The Crown Estate will consider applications for CO₂ transportation and storage rights from developers associated with a full chain CCUS project identified in the July 2018 CCUS Cost Challenge Taskforce Report namely:

- The HyNet Project in the North West of England
- The Teesside Clean Gas Project
- The Humber Industrial Project

Applicants will need to be able to provide evidence of appropriate commitment and capability to receive CO₂ for storage from one of these clusters and have had an application for an offshore CO₂ storage licence accepted for consideration by the Oil and Gas Authority (the OGA).

Any rights from The Crown Estate will be conditional on the OGA granting an offshore CO₂ storage licence to the applicant as part of an appropriate legislative and regulatory regime.

The grant of any seabed rights to an applicant meeting these criteria will be subject to The Crown Estate advertising its intention to do so on its website to enable it to take account of any relevant information or views from any other interested parties.

The Crown Estate will review this document and periodically and publish any changes to it.

If you have any questions, please contact us at CCUS@thecrownestate.co.uk

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