

# IIJA and IRA Funding Opportunities

## Issue Area – Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS)

### ***Class VI Injection Well Program***

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act appropriated \$25 million (five million annually) to the EPA for permitting Class VI wells for underground storage of CO<sub>2</sub>. The Act appropriated an additional \$50 million to provide grants to support the establishment and operation of an underground injection control program by Tribes, states, and territories.<sup>1</sup>

### ***Eligibilities***

*Eligible Applicants* – Tribes, states, and territories\*

*Eligible Uses* –

Development and implementation of a Class VI well permitting program

\* ND and WY have been granted Class VI primacy. LA's application under review, and AZ and WV are in the "pre-application phase."<sup>2</sup>

### ***References***

<sup>1</sup> EPA. 2023. "Underground Injection Control Grants." U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. January 19, 2023.

[https://www.epa.gov/uic/underground-injection-control-grants#ClassVI\\_grants\\_01-19-2023](https://www.epa.gov/uic/underground-injection-control-grants#ClassVI_grants_01-19-2023)

<sup>2</sup> Lahlum, Patrice. 2022. "EPA's Class VI Program Key to Deploying CO<sub>2</sub> Geologic Storage." Great Plains Institute. February 17, 2022.

<https://betterenergy.org/blog/epas-class-vi-well-program-key-to-deploying-co2-geologic-storage/>

### ***State Legislative Opportunities to Support***

- Authorize the department of environment to develop a Class VI permitting program and submit an application for primacy to the U.S. EPA. Require that permitting programs incorporate public participation and environmental justice considerations.
- Instruct the department of environment to inventory potential capacity for geologic sequestration of carbon. The inventory could include proximity to existing gas production and to gas distribution infrastructure.
- Instruct the department of environment to map existing pipeline rights of way available (now or in the future) for carbon transport.
- Develop or strengthen state incentives for the development and deployment of carbon capture technology.



IIJA Section 40306



EPA Permitting: \$25 million FY 2022 - 2026



State Grants: \$50 million FY 2022 - 2026



Status – Letters of Intent due March 20, 2023



Competitive – Yes



Expiration Date – 2026



Lead Agency – Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Links –

- [EPA - Targeted UIC Program Grants for Class VI Wells](#)
- [GPI – EPA's Class VI Program Key to Deploying CO<sub>2</sub> Geologic Storage](#)