

Role of government in stakeholder engagement

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Identifying the role for government and regulation

- What is the role for government and regulation when it comes to engagement?
- How does current government practice match up with best practice principles?
- Theme for Edition 3, *IEA Carbon Capture and Storage Legal and Regulatory Review* (2012):
www.iea.org/publications/freepublications/publication/CS_Review_3rdedition_FINAL.pdf

What role for government and CCS regulation?

- Is government better placed than project developers to undertake certain aspects of engagement?
- What positive or negative impacts might CCS regulation have?
- Is law and regulation the right tool for engagement?
- How might stakeholder perceptions of CCS impact on framework development?

Key conclusions

- Public policy, government-level debate
 - Engagement in the context of broader energy (and climate) policy development is crucial
- NUMBY can translate to “not in my jurisdiction” if engagement at the level of policy formation isn’t handled well
- Having appropriate CCS regulatory frameworks in place can have a positive influence on stakeholder engagement
- Engagement in law-making processes is generally recognised as important

Assessing current approaches against best-practice

- Defining best practice
 - Investigate, adapt, engage *versus* decide, announce, defend
- Many governments apply existing stakeholder engagement requirements through environmental impact assessment (EIA) laws
- Unfortunately, international guidance on effective engagement isn't reflected in many governments requirements