

The federal government is committed to CCS. How committed are you?
A welcoming note from the Right Honourable Stephen Harper.



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I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone participating in the 4th Annual Carbon Capture and Storage Conference, and to welcome all of the international delegates who have travelled to Calgary for this event.

Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) technology has tremendous promise to balance our need for energy with our need to protect the environment. In response to a changing climate, the Government of Canada has identified CCS as an integral part of its plan to reduce our emissions. Canada is in an excellent position to use this technology on a wide scale, as the Canada-Alberta ecoENERGY Carbon Capture and Storage Task Force has estimated that our nation has the potential to store as much as 600 million tonnes of carbon dioxide underground each year. This equals roughly three-quarters of our current annual emissions of greenhouse gases.

The Government of Canada is committed to assisting industry to become a leader in adapting and integrating technology for the effective use of our energy resources with minimal environmental impacts. Canada is one of the founding members of the Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute, and last year, we provided \$240 million for one of the world's first and largest full-scale commercial demonstrations of CCS at the Boundary Dam project. With the new the Clean Energy Fund for research and development, the Government will provide \$650 million over five years for large-scale CCS projects.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my best wishes for a productive meeting.



The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

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