
**Carbon dioxide capture, transportation
and geological storage — Vocabulary
— Cross cutting terms**

*Captage, transport et stockage géologique du dioxyde de carbone —
Vocabulaire — Termes transversaux*





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Introduction

The objectives of the document are the following:

- to provide a comprehensive list of terms and their definitions for carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geological storage including through EOR operation in order to facilitate communication among:
 - experts involved in the development of ISO standards on carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geological storage;
 - other carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geological storage stakeholders;
- to provide the basis for common understanding for all future ISO standards for carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geological storage.

Carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geological storage — Vocabulary — Cross cutting terms

1 Scope

This document defines a list of cross-cutting terms commonly used in the field of carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geological sub-surface storage including through storage in association with enhanced oil recovery (EOR) operations.

This document only deals with CO₂ geological sub-surface storage.

The terms are classified as follows:

- general terms and definitions relating to carbon dioxide;
- general terms and definitions relating to carbon dioxide capture, transportation and storage;
- general terms and definitions relating to monitoring and measuring performance in carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geological storage;
- general terms and definitions relating to risk;
- general terms and definitions relating to relationships with stakeholders;

A list of the main acronyms used is given in [Annex A](#).

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 General terms and definitions relating to carbon dioxide capture, transportation and storage

3.1.1

carbon dioxide capture and storage

CCS

process consisting of the separation of CO₂ from industrial and energy-related sources, transportation and injection into a geological formation, resulting in long term isolation from the atmosphere

Note 1 to entry: CCS is often referred to as Carbon Capture and Storage. This terminology is not encouraged because it is inaccurate: the objective is the capture of carbon dioxide and not the capture of carbon. Tree plantation is another form of carbon capture that does not describe precisely the physical process of removing CO₂ from industrial emission sources.

Note 2 to entry: The term "sequestration" is also used alternatively to "storage". The term "storage" is preferred since "sequestration" is more generic and can also refer to biological processes (absorption of carbon by living organisms).

Note 3 to entry: Long term means the minimum period necessary for geological storage of CO₂ to be considered an effective and environmentally safe climate change mitigation option.

Note 4 to entry: The term Carbon dioxide Capture, Utilization (or use) and Storage (CCUS) includes the concept that isolation from the atmosphere could be associated with a beneficial outcome. CCUS is embodied within the definition of CCS to the extent that long term isolation of the CO₂ occurs through storage within geological formations. CCU is Carbon Capture and Utilization (or use) without storage within geological formations.

Note 5 to entry: CCS should also ensure long term isolation of CO₂ from oceans, lakes, potable water supplies and other natural resources.

3.1.2

CCS project life cycle

entirety of phases of a CCS project from concept through to post-closure

Note 1 to entry: The CCS project life cycle includes mainly concept, design, obtaining permit, construction, operation, monitoring, measurement and verification, decommissioning, closure and post-closure (see [Annex B](#)).

3.1.3

life cycle assessment

LCA

compilation and evaluation of the inputs, outputs and the potential environmental and health impacts of a CCS project or a component part throughout its life cycle

[SOURCE: ISO 14040:2006, 3.2 modified — "and health" and "a CCS project or a component part" have been added and "of a product system" has been deleted. The Note 1 to entry has been added.]

Note 1 to entry: Boundaries of the assessment include all equipment and processes necessary to evaluate a CCS project or component part. The main input and output flows may include raw materials, process gases, electricity, fossil fuels, water, CO₂, emission in air and water, solid and liquid waste, co-products, etc.

3.1.4

value chain

entire sequence of activities or parties that provide or receive value in the form of [products](#) or [services](#)

[SOURCE: ISO 26000:2010, 2.25]

3.1.5

CCS energy consumption

total energy used within defined boundaries of a CCS project

Note 1 to entry: It could be expressed in gigajoules.

3.1.6

intermittency

lack of continuity in operation, as measured by the frequency or extent to which a process or installation is stopped or unavailable

Note 1 to entry: Intermittency includes variable CO₂ flows among project components.

3.1.7

closure period

period between the cessation of CO₂ injection and the demonstration of compliance with the criteria for site closure

3.1.8**post-closure period**

period that begins after the demonstration of compliance with the criteria for site closure

Note 1 to entry: In some countries, demonstration of compliance may need approval from a third party.

3.1.9**geological storage complex**

subsurface geological system extending vertically to comprise storage unit(s) and primary and secondary seals, and extending laterally to the defined limits of the CO₂ storage project

Note 1 to entry: Limits can be defined by natural geological boundaries, regulation or legal rights.

3.2 General terms and definitions relating to CO₂**3.2.1****supercritical CO₂**

CO₂ at pressures and temperatures above both the critical pressure and critical temperature

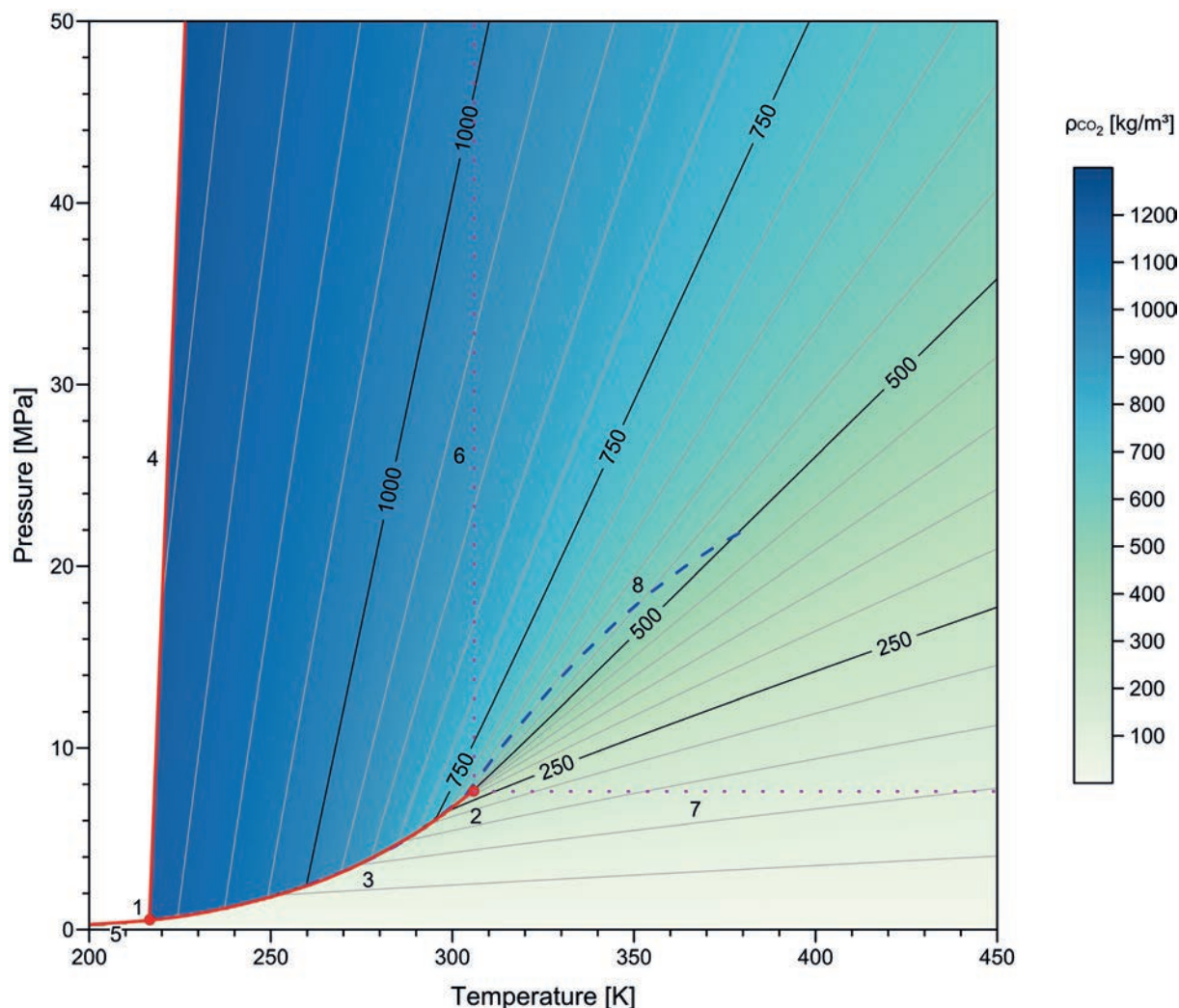
3.2.2**dense phase CO₂**

CO₂ in its liquid or supercritical phases

Note 1 to entry: Compression and transport of dense phase CO₂ are commonly achieved using pumps. Compression and transport at lower densities are commonly achieved with turbo-compressors.

Note 2 to entry: Not all supercritical CO₂ is in a dense phase and not all dense phase CO₂ is supercritical.

Note 3 to entry: [Figure 1](#) illustrates pure CO₂ phase diagram and density plots, calculated according to Reference [16], and plotted as a function of temperature and pressure.



Key

- 1 triple point
- 2 critical point
- 3 liquid-gas phase boundary
- 4 solid-(dense) fluid phase boundary
- 5 solid-(gaseous) fluid phase boundary
- 6 critical temperature
- 7 critical pressure
- 8 lower operation limit for radial pumps

Figure 1 — Pure CO₂ phase diagram and density plots

Note 4 to entry: The curve defined by Key number 8 is shown as an example illustrating typical operation limits specific to individual pumps, according to Reference [17].

- Fluid CO₂ in the p-T-range between lines 3, 4 and 6 is often named liquid CO₂.
- Fluid CO₂ in the p-T-range between lines 3, 5 and 7 is often named gaseous CO₂.
- Fluid CO₂ in the p-T-range between lines 6 and 7 is often named supercritical CO₂.
- Solid CO₂ in the p-T-range between lines 4 and 5 is often named dry ice.
- Fluid CO₂ in the p-T-range above lines 3 and 8 is often named dense phase CO₂.

Note 5 to entry: In thermodynamic equilibrium, liquid and gaseous CO₂ do only coexist at p-T-values specified by line 3 between points 1 and 2.

3.2.3

critical point

highest temperature and pressure at which a pure substance (e.g. CO₂) can exist as a gas and a liquid in equilibrium

Note 1 to entry: For a multicomponent fluid mixture of a given composition, the critical point is the intersection of the bubble and the dew point curves.

3.2.4

critical pressure

vapour pressure at the critical temperature

Note 1 to entry: According to Reference [16], the critical pressure for pure CO₂ is expressed in absolute pressure as 7,3773 MPa (gauge pressure 7,28 MPag).

3.2.5

critical temperature

temperature above which liquid cannot be formed simply by increasing the pressure

Note 1 to entry: According to Reference [16], the critical temperature for pure CO₂ is 304,1282 K.

3.2.6

CO₂ equivalent

unit for comparing the radiative forcing of a GHG to carbon dioxide

Note 1 to entry: The carbon dioxide equivalent is calculated using the mass of a given GHG multiplied by its global warming potential.

[SOURCE: ISO 14064-2:2006, 2.21]

3.2.7

global warming potential

GWP

factor describing the radiative forcing impact of one mass-based unit of a given greenhouse gas relative to an equivalent unit of carbon dioxide over a specified period of time

[SOURCE: adapted from ISO 14064-2:2006, 2.20]

3.2.8

CO₂ emission reduction

calculated net decrease of CO₂ emissions between a baseline scenario and the CCS project output

Note 1 to entry: In most cases, a CO₂ emission reduction may be referred to as “CO₂ avoided”. CO₂ avoided may also refer to CO₂ removals from the atmosphere.

[SOURCE: ISO 14064-2:2006, 2.7 modified — “greenhouse gas” and “GHG” have been replaced by “CO₂” in the term and the definition. “project” has been replaced by “CCS project output”.]

3.2.9

abatement

reduction in the amount, degree or intensity of emissions of CO₂ or other pollutants

[SOURCE: IPCC:2005 modified]

3.2.10

CO₂ stream

stream consisting overwhelmingly of carbon dioxide

Note 1 to entry: the CO₂ stream typically includes impurities and may include substances added to the stream to improve performance of CCS and/or to enable CO₂ detection.

3.2.11

CO₂ stream phase state

thermodynamic state of CO₂ stream, which is a function of the composition of the stream (the chemical characteristics and proportions of the components), and the physical state of the stream (temperature, pressure and volume)

3.2.12

impurities

non-CO₂ substances that are part of the CO₂ stream that may be derived from the source materials or the capture process, or added as a result of commingling for transportation, or released or formed as a result of sub-surface storage and/or leakage of CO₂

Note 1 to entry: As a subset of impurities, contaminants are non-CO₂ substances whose presence in the CO₂ stream is generally unwanted.

Note 2 to entry: As a subset of impurities, additives are substances added to the stream for the purposes of managing its physical or chemical behaviour (e.g., hydrate and corrosion inhibitors), for or from interaction with equipment (e.g., lubricants), and to track its distribution in the subsurface after injection (geochemical tracers).

3.2.13

pressure limit

pre-defined extrema of pressure for safe and effective operation of components of a CCS project

3.2.14

CO₂ leakage

unintended release of CO₂ out of a pre-defined containment

Note 1 to entry: Containments can include both surface containers (e.g. compressors, pipelines, trucks, ships, trains) and subsurface containments (e.g. storage complex).

3.3 General terms and definitions relating to monitoring and measuring performance in CCS

3.3.1

monitoring

continuous or repeated checking, supervising, critically observing, measuring or determining the status of a system to identify change from a baseline or variance from an expected performance level

Note 1 to entry: In case of geological storage, monitoring is not restricted to the technical infrastructure of an operator, it also includes the wider surroundings of the surface and/or subsurface storage site.

3.3.2

baseline

reference basis for comparison against which project status or performance is monitored or measured

3.3.3

detection limit

smallest value of a property of a substance that can be reliably detected by a specified measuring method in a specific context

3.3.4

threshold

limit value, which can be a function of time, space or other variables, beyond which an action or frame of reference is triggered

3.3.5

verification

confirmation by examination and provision of objective evidence that specified criteria are met

Note 1 to entry: In the context of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), the independent review by a designated operational entity of monitored reductions in anthropogenic emissions.

3.3.6**validation**

confirmation that the system under consideration meets in all respects the specification of that system

3.3.7**uncertainty (of measurement)**

parameter, associated with the result of a measurement that characterizes the dispersion of the values that could reasonably be attributed to the measured property

[SOURCE: ISO 20988:2007, 3.1]

3.3.8**uncertainty analysis**

process that leads to qualitative and/or quantitative statement on the uncertainty of the data and/or the assumptions that contribute to the assessment

3.3.9**certification**

third-party attestation related to products, processes, systems or persons

[SOURCE: ISO 17000:2004, 5.5]

3.3.10**area of review****AOR**

geographical area(s) of a CCS project or part of it, designated for assessment of the extent to which a CCS project, or part of it, could affect life and human health, the environment, competitive development of other resources, or infrastructure

Note 1 to entry: The delineation of an area of review defines the outer perimeters on the land surface or seabed and water surface within which assessments will be conducted as may be required by regulatory authorities.

3.3.11**sampling strategy**

set of technical principles or steps that aim to establish, depending on the objectives and the site considered, the sampling density, distribution location(s) and frequency for each sampling area

3.4 General terms and definitions relating to risk

NOTE Some definitions in this clause relating to risk have been adapted from ISO Guide 73 and from CSA Z 741 for the context of CCS.

3.4.1**risk**

effect of uncertainty on project objectives (e.g. on performance metrics for an element of concern)

Note 1 to entry: An effect is a deviation from the expected — positive and/or negative.

Note 2 to entry: Objectives can have different aspects (such as financial, health and safety, and environmental goals) and can apply at different levels (such as strategic, organization-wide, project, product and process).

Note 3 to entry: Risk is expressed in terms of a combination of the severity of consequences (negative impacts) of an event and the associated likelihood of their occurrence.

[SOURCE: ISO Guide 73:2009, 1.1 modified — “(e.g. on performance metrics for an element of concern)” has been added. Note 4 to entry has been deleted and Note 3 to entry modified.]

3.4.2**overarching risk**

risk that affects a CCS project as a whole or CCS projects in general

3.4.3

cross-cutting risk

risk that affects one or more part(s) of a CCS project and has an impact or effect on other parts

3.4.4

risk treatment

process to reduce a specified risk through implementation of risk controls

3.4.5

risk control

measure whose purpose is to reduce a specific risk or avoid escalation of risk

3.4.6

risk scenario

combination or chain of circumstances through which a threat can cause an event to occur and through which the consequences of an event can have a negative impact on elements of concern

3.4.7

acceptable risk

risk borne by the project operator and others having regard to legal obligations and management policies

Note 1 to entry: A tolerable risk is a risk of significant level considered as temporarily or conditionally acceptable. It is tolerated in order to facilitate a gradual response (e.g. monitoring of risk treatment) until the risk has been reduced.

[SOURCE: ISO 27914:2017, 3.2]

3.4.8

unacceptable risk

risk of a nature and level that is regarded as unacceptable by the project operator and others or by an authority whose approval is required for the project to proceed

3.4.9

preventive measures

measures that aim to reduce the likelihood that a specific event occurs

Note 1 to entry: These measures are thus implemented before a hazardous event has occurred or before a process has led to unwanted impacts (e.g. exceeded predefined thresholds)

3.4.10

mitigation

limitation or reduction of actual or potential undesirable effects of a particular event or process

3.4.11

remediation

process of correcting a failure or impacts on affected elements of concern

3.4.12

emergency response plan

systematic procedures that clearly detail what is to be done, how, when, and by whom before, during and after the time an emergency occurs

Note 1 to entry: In some jurisdictions, it can be called “emergency and remedial response plan”, “contingency plan”, etc.

Note 2 to entry: Emergency response plans often also cite preparations to be completed before an emergency occurs

3.4.13

environmental impact

change, which may be adverse or beneficial, to the environment, wholly or partially resulting from CCS project activities

3.4.14**expert elicitation**

structured process for obtaining expert opinion

Note 1 to entry: Structured discussions, interviews, questionnaires, and polling or voting are among the methods used for expert elicitation.

Note 2 to entry: Expert opinions may be needed to assess quantities, consequences, probabilities, etc.

3.4.15**elements of concern**

valued elements or objectives for which risk is evaluated and managed

3.5 General terms and definitions relating to relationship with stakeholders**3.5.1****stakeholder(s)**

individual, group of individuals, or organization whose interests are or could be affected by a CCS project

3.5.2**operator**

entity legally responsible for all or part of the CCS operations

3.5.3**regulator**

entity or entities that have the authority to permit, approve, and/or otherwise authorize one or more CCS project activities, and/or monitor compliance with the terms of a permit

[SOURCE: CSA Z741-12 modified]

3.5.4**communication plan**

document describing when, what and how to communicate with project stakeholders

Note 1 to entry: A communication plan may provide information relating to issues such as monitoring and verification, environmental impacts, risk treatment.

3.5.5**stakeholder engagement**

consultation process that involves stakeholders identifying and addressing issues of common importance and sharing information on CCS projects

3.5.6**third party**

entity that is independent of the parties involved with the issues in question

Annex A **(informative)**

List of acronyms

| | |
|------|--|
| CCS | Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage |
| CCU | Carbon Dioxide Capture, Utilization (or use) |
| CCUS | Carbon Dioxide Capture, Utilization (or use) and Storage |
| LCA | Life Cycle Assessment |
| CDM | Clean Development Mechanism |
| EOR | Enhanced Oil Recovery |
| GHG | Greenhouse Gases |
| GWP | Global Warming Potential |
| IPCC | Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change |

Annex B

(informative)

CCS project life cycle

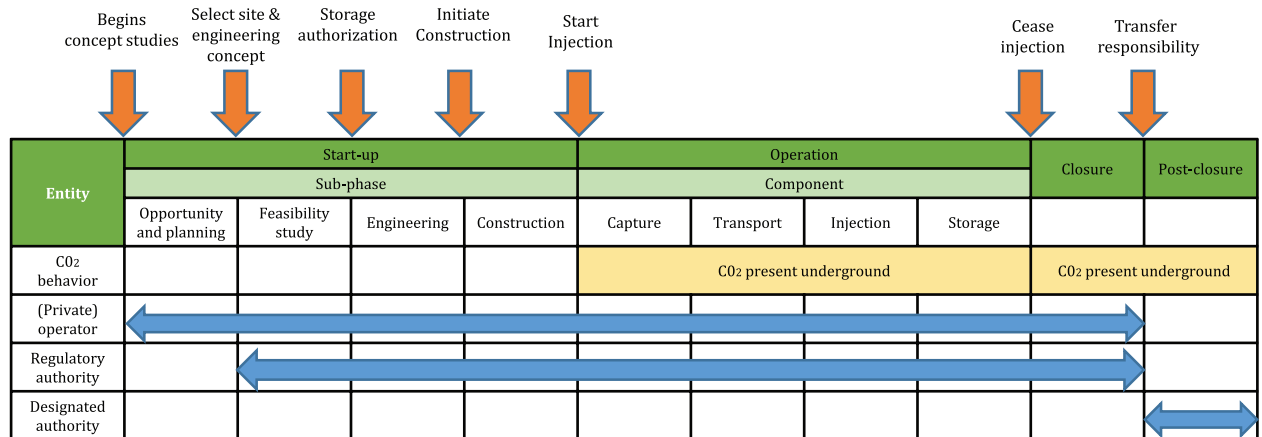


Figure B.1 — CCS project life cycle¹⁾

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