

New Orleans City Council
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PROTECTING NEW ORLEANS FROM **CARBON WASTE PROJECTS**

(AKA CCS)



City Council Resolution 22-219

Introduced by Councilmember Helena Moreno

- Resolves to protect the people of New Orleans and our environment from carbon capture storage projects that involve the underground disposal of carbon waste and the buildout of hazardous pipelines
- Recognizes the threats of climate change that include rising sea level, stronger storms, extended periods of extreme heat, and forceful tornadoes
- Affirms our Bill of Rights in the New Orleans Home Rule Charter to health that requires protection of our environment
- Supports transitioning to renewable and clean energy

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- Observes the growing number of companies proposing a new wave of polluting industries with carbon capture storage
- Reports the truth about our poor environmental regulations in the state that increases the risks and burdens of carbon waste projects
- Calls on the City to prohibit the build out of carbon capture storage projects and facilities
- Commits the City Council to not invest in or incentivize any carbon capture storage project



Carbon capture and storage (CCS): a highly risky waste project



12 CCS projects now planned in Louisiana



**More toxic pollution
Stronger hurricanes**



STATE OF LOUISIANA
GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS

LOUISIANA CLIMATE ACTION PLAN



CLIMATE INITIATIVES TASK FORCE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR

February 2022



Recognizes that carbon capture storage projects (CCS):

- 1) involve technology that can negatively impact communities, ecosystems, and cultural resources
- 2) require a new regulatory and legal framework
- 3) need further assessment to fully understand the impacts

May 27, 2021

Report by the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council concluded that carbon capture storage projects will not benefit communities.

A screenshot of a news article from The Hill. The header features the 'THE HILL' logo in white on a blue background, followed by navigation links: 'News', 'Policy', 'Opinion', 'Events', 'Jobs', 'HILL.TV' (in a red box), and 'Chan Ame'. Below the header, the article is categorized under 'ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT'. The main headline reads 'White House environmental justice advisers express opposition to nuclear, carbon capture projects'. At the bottom of the article preview, it says 'BY RACHEL FRAZIN - 05/17/21 2:49 PM ET'.

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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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Harmful oil field waste next to
Grand Bois



Bayou Corne sinkhole disaster

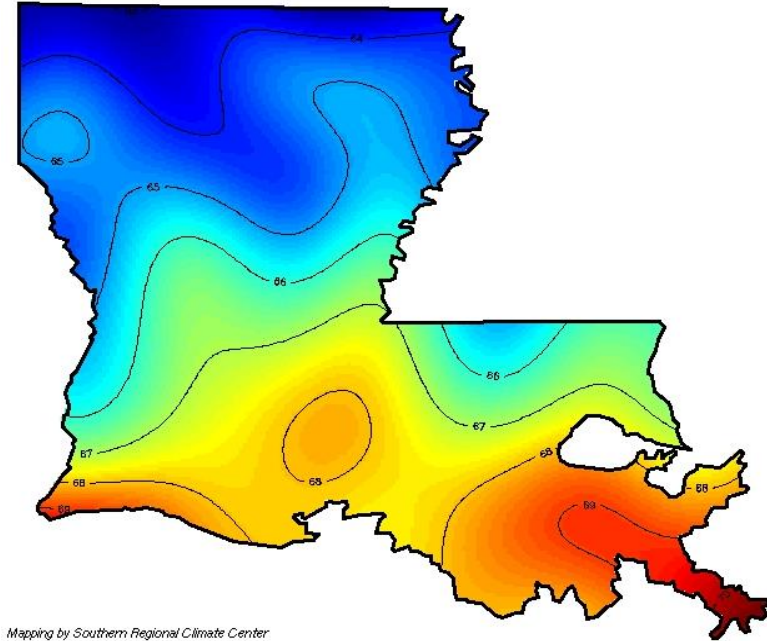


Abandoned oil wells



All public comments oppose the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources' application for permitting authority over carbon capture storage projects.

Comments opposed: **27** Comments in favor: **0**



Climate goals: reduce greenhouse gas emissions by . . .

- Pres. Biden: 50-52 percent reduction of 2005 level by 2030 in United States
- Gov. Edwards: 40-50 percent reduction of 2005 level by 2030 and “net zero” by 2050 in Louisiana

PROGRESS



- ✓ The City Council put New Orleans on the map as the first in the Southeast Region to require 100 percent of electricity we use to come from renewable and non-carbon sources by 2050
- ✓ Mayor Cantrell formed partnerships across the city to develop a climate action strategy centered on equity
- ✓ Faith-based, community, culture bearer and small business groups are moving on efficient and renewable energy solutions to power outages, climate change, and high bills



SHOULD NEW ORLEANS BE A TARGET FOR
CARBON WASTE PROJECTS?

NO!