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On March 4, Governor Dave Freudenthal signed legislation to establish a comprehensive regulatory framework for carbon capture and sequestration. House Bill 89/HEA 18 recognizes that surface owners control the underground pore spaces where carbon dioxide could be stored or sequestered. Its companion, House Bill 90/HEA 25, gives the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality the authority to regulate the long-term storage of carbon dioxide. Governor Freudenthal said the state's Department of Environmental Quality, rather than the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, should oversee the capture, injection and sequestration of the gas underground since it poses clear environmental protection issues. Neither of the two bills will interfere with enhanced oil recovery efforts in Wyoming, which will remain subject to regulation by the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

[Press Release](#)

Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee

<http://www.wyomingcarbon.org/>

The Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee was created through state legislation under the Wyoming Carbon Storage Law. The work of the committee is authorized for eight years from 2001 until 2009.

The main goals of the committee are:

To provide the state with scientifically-sound information and advice concerning management practices and economic opportunities to store carbon in Wyoming's agricultural and forest lands.

Educate the citizens of Wyoming about carbon sequestration, through conferences, presentations, demonstration sites and published media among other means.

Committee [members](#) are appointed by the governor and include people from a wide variety of occupations including agricultural producers, state agency officials, power company executives, federal employees and professors.