Social outreach - introducing CCS to communities



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Outline

- What has been done to guide communicators
- Talking about CCS challenges and ideas





What has already been done to guide communicators

- Toolkits/guidelines for engaging the community in CCS projects
- Social research into the effectiveness of communication in CCS projects



Toolkits for engagement

- ESTEEM toolkit: resulting from the FP6 Create Acceptance Project, available at http:// www.esteem- tool.eu/.
- WRI (2010) CCS and community engagement. Guidelines for Community Engagement in Carbon Dioxide Capture, Transport, and Storage Projects. World Resources Institute (WRI), Washington, Nov 2010
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- IISD (2007) Carbon Capture and Storage Communication Workshops. University of Calgary, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), Climate Change Central (Canada) CCS projects Climate Change Central (2007)
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Before talking about CCS

- Who is the target group?
- Listen

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- What do they already know?
- What are they interested
 - in finding out?
- What are their concerns?





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The challenge of introducing CCS

• The problem does not have major consequences now but in the future



• The problem concerns an invisible gas (carbon dioxide)

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 Carbon Capture and geological Storage (CCS), stores the gas deep underground – but it cannot be seen, so how do we know it stays there?



Challenges for new technology in general

- Lack of trust for the technology
- Cost of the technology
- Change needed for the technology
- Do the benefits of the technology outweigh the disadvantages?



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The importance of context

 Social research has shown that CCS needs to be introduced in the context of delivering energy and reducing carbon dioxide emissions





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Major ideas

- Portfolio or range of solutions – wedges
- Need fossil fuel for energy security in near-term



 Geological storage of carbon dioxide mimics nature



Talking about CCS

Where:

- Face to face meetings
- Television, newspapers
- Online

With:

- Diagrams/text
- Videos
- Physical props (rocks/core, carbonated water/ balloons etc)

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Keeping it simple

 No need for detailed understanding of science

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- The earth as a "container"
- Rocks can store gases/liquids
- Depth for effective storage
- Isolation from ground water
- Testing for possible leaks



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Who should talk about CCS?

"The CCS communicator needs ... to have adequate understanding of and be able to communicate in multiple ways about geologic concepts such as permeability, porosity, fluid movement, rock composition, and earthquakes. These concepts should be presented in simple, informative, and interesting ways that provide visual, aural, and textural ways of understanding CCS and these common questions."

In Communication of carbon capture and storage: Outcomes from an international workshop to summarise the current global_position, CSIRO 2010

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Points of misunderstanding

- Where electricity comes from
- Carbon, carbon dioxide and methane
- Time need for transition to renewables
- Underground storage
- Depth of storage
- Coal seam gas operations

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Big CCS – excellent animation of the contribution of CCS to emission reduction

http://www.sintef.no/Projectweb/BIGCCS/ Animation/

CCS in five minutes - Bellona

http://bellona.org/ccs/bellona-and-ccs/bellonastudies/why-do-we-need-ccs.html

ZEP (Zero emissions platform) - The Hard Facts behind Carbon Capture and Storage – CCSa

http://www.zeroemissionsplatform.eu/

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Australian Coal Association, why we can't just stop using coal. Middle of the video 1:27 to 2:05

http://www.newgencoal.com.au/videos.aspx? video=vE2oP489BSM

Australian Coal Association 1st minute

http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=ROEFaHKVmSs

Construction of capture facilities

http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=KDtC5DCA4Bg&feature=related

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CCUS from the energy institute.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dm1esCpzR0

LBNL animated video

http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=gr9cznZFuIc&feature=related

NETL – animation of storage

http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=svAHIYdkoks&feature=related

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Alberta CCS

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0i6dhEPSwU

CCS by Atticus (10 minutes)

http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=3hdghPdYEyo&feature=endscreen

CO2CRC – subsurface trapping

http://www.co2crc.com.au/imagelibrary2/ vid otway leading storage research.html

CO2CRC – storage rocks and sealing rocks

http://www.co2crc.com.au/imagelibrary2/ vid_chocolate_ccs.html

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CO2CRC

http://www.co2crc.com.au/imagelibrary/

Scottish Carbon Capture & Storage

http://www.geos.ed.ac.uk/sccs/public/teachers/

CO₂ Capture Project

http://www.co2captureproject.org/ image_library.html

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Conclusion

- There are many resources available now
- Resources should be tested to see if they are effective
- Know your audience
- Start simply visual, tactile
- Be ready to listen to concerns and be prepared to answer questions
- The communications team should understand CCS and have access to technical information

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Thank you