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## Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee EE-002, Carbon dioxide capture, transportation, and geological storage.

The objective of this Standard is to define 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.

The terms are classified as follows:

- (a) general terms and definitions relating to carbon dioxide;
- (b) general terms and definitions relating to carbon dioxide capture, transportation and storage;
- (c) general terms and definitions relating to monitoring and measuring performance in carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geological storage;
- (d) general terms and definitions relating to risk;
- (e) general terms and definitions relating to relationships with stakeholders.

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## Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 265, *Carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geological storage*.

## 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.

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## 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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).