

RESOLUTION

A resolution by the Louisiana Municipal Association to express disapproval of companies, including Aethon Energy Operating LLC, to drill a Class V stratigraphic test well in Vernon Parish, Louisiana. These test wells are part of the first step to determine if the area in Vernon Parish is suitable for carbon capture and storage of vast quantities of carbon dioxide (CO₂). The Executive Board of the Louisiana Municipal Association is opposed to this project, and this resolution is a method to voice our opposition and concerns on this project.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) is committed to promoting sustainable and environmentally responsible practices within our communities;

WHEREAS, carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies are often promoted as solutions to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, yet they raise significant concerns regarding environmental safety, land use, and community impacts;

WHEREAS, there is growing evidence that carbon capture drilling can pose risks to groundwater resources, air quality, and the health of local ecosystems;

WHEREAS, the economic benefits associated with carbon capture drilling are often overstated and may not provide a net positive impact for local economies, particularly in vulnerable communities;

WHEREAS, local municipalities should retain the authority to regulate land use and protect the health and welfare of their citizens;


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Municipal Association disapproves of the implementation of carbon capture drilling within the state of Louisiana;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LMA calls upon the State Legislature to consider the environmental and social implications of carbon capture drilling and to promote sustainable energy solutions that prioritize the health and safety of our communities.

Adopted by the Executive Board of the Louisiana Municipal Association on this 15th day of October 2024.



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