



ISO Update: TC265 - Geologic Storage of CO₂

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ISO Standards



Standards

- Standards
 - Developed based on a consensus of the members and revisable
 - Voluntary – not rules or laws; not mandated
 - If there is a regulation or law, the standard cannot be preferred. Standard may be incorporated or adopted into regulation, in whole or part
- Standard development
 - Technical Committees comprised of subject matter experts, write standards
 - Participating member countries approve standards
 - Standards reviewed to be revised/updated every 5 years
 - Standards are primarily taken into use by private stakeholders in project documentation
 - Countries may adopt the standards

Goals and Benefits of Standards



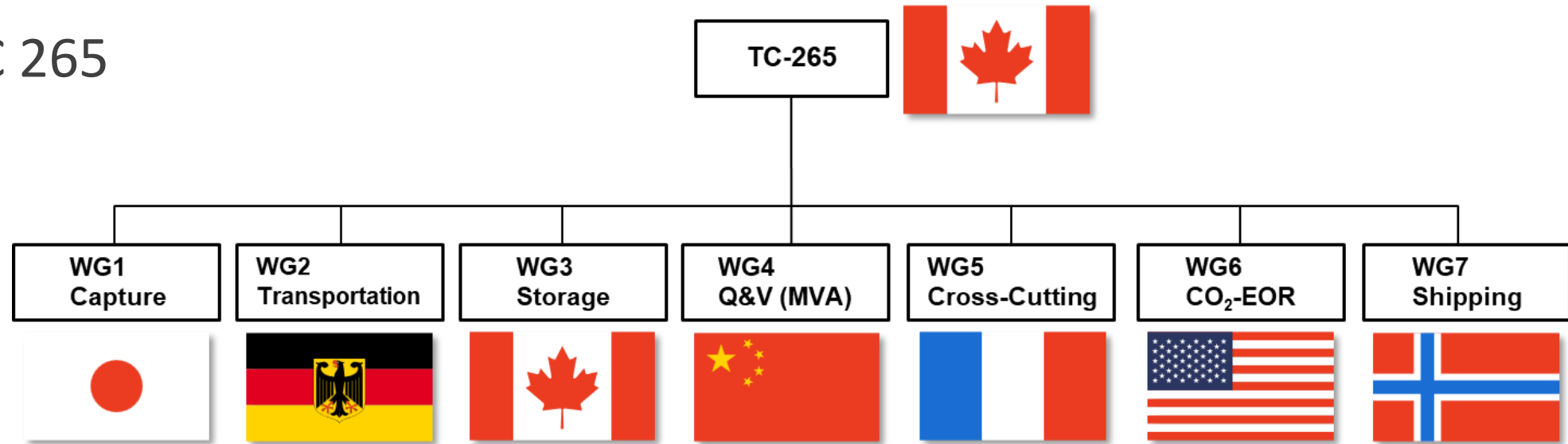
Standards

- Promote knowledge transfer and dissemination;
- Unlock legal challenges;
- Provide industry-driven guidelines;
- Enable incentives;
- Support viable public-private partnerships and allocation of risk and liability;
- Enable cost reductions and economic growth; and
- Support public acceptance and trust

ISO/TC 265 – Carbon Capture, Transportation, and Geological Storage

- In 2012, CSA successfully led the establishment and leadership of an ISO International Technical Committee for standardization in Carbon Capture and Storage (ISO/TC265 – Carbon Capture, Transportation, and Geological Storage).
- This was due, in large part, to the development of CSA Z741 on Geological Storage.
- Z741 – Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide: establishes requirements and recommendations for the geological storage of carbon dioxide.
 - The purpose of these requirements is to promote environmentally safe and long-term containment of carbon dioxide in a way that minimizes risks to the environment and human health.
 - Developed by American and Canadian technical committee members over a period of 2 years, Z741 went on to become the seed document for ISO 27914

ISO/TC 265



25 Participating “P” Members

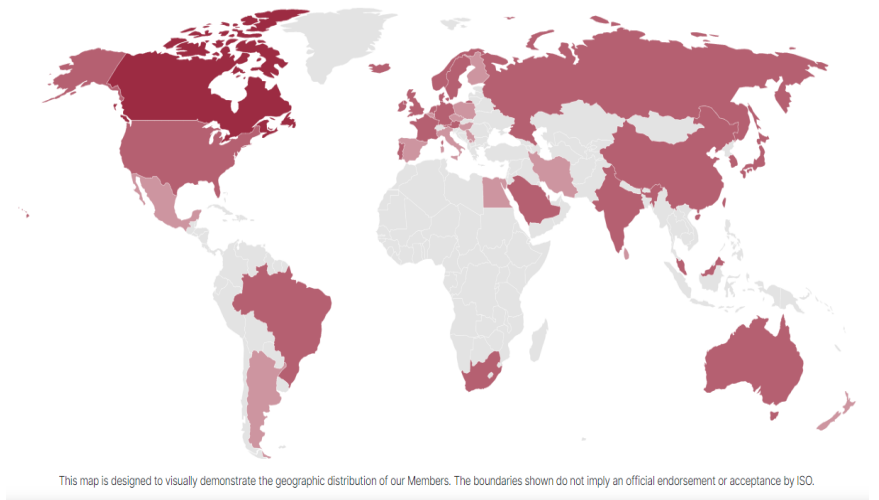
- Obligated to vote on all questions formally submitted for voting
- Standards organization of a country is the POC for the country

17 Observing “O” Members

- Receive committee documents
- Right to submit comments & attend meetings

Liaisons

- Similar rights/duties to O members



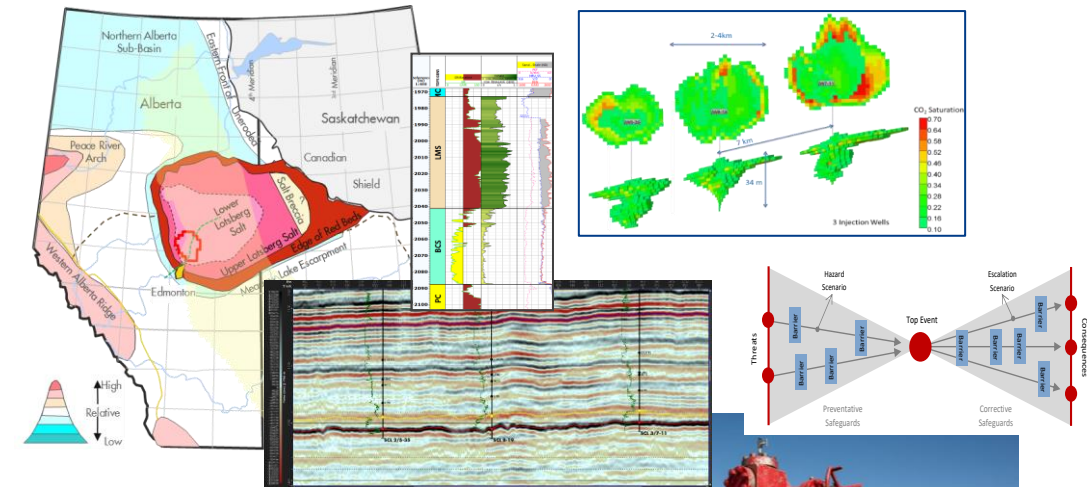
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Intent of TC 265:

- International Standards for the
 - design,
 - construction,
 - operation,
 - environmental planning and management,
 - risk management,
 - quantification,
 - monitoring and verification,
 - and related activities

in the field of carbon dioxide capture, transportation, and geological storage.

- The focus is on CO₂ being emitted from large stationary point sources.



General Principles of ISO/TC 265 Standards

- Technology neutrality
 - No patented rights
 - No explicit descriptions of technology or product
 - Fits both onshore and offshore
- Regulatory neutrality
 - Performance-based rather than descriptive
 - No time periods specified
 - No criteria for reporting
 - No criteria for decommissioning
 - No explicit references to e.g., transfer of liability
- Complements other standards
 - TC 265 standards
 - Other ISO standards
 - Specific technical standards from other standardization bodies



TC265 – Published Standards

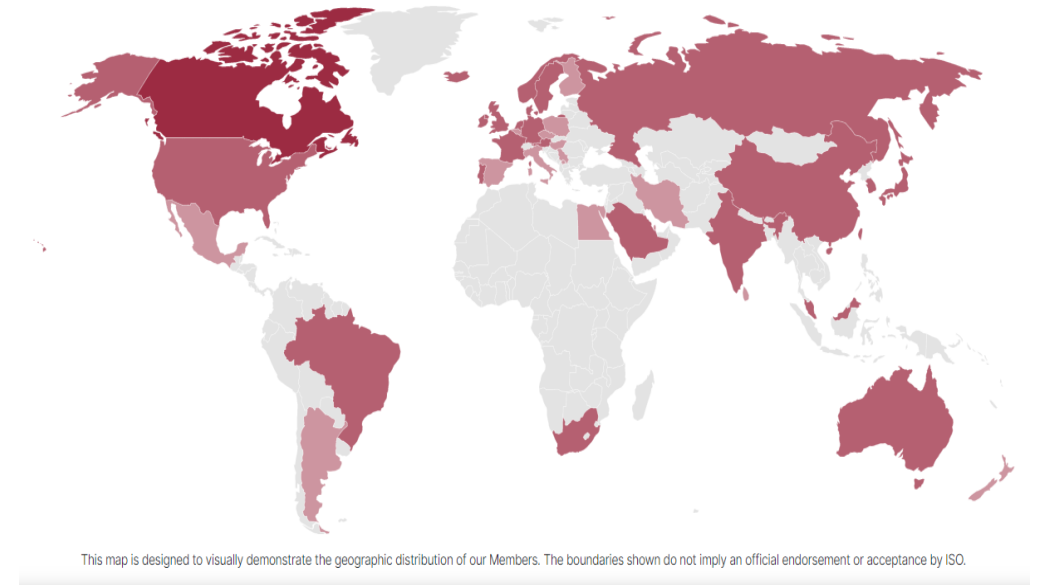
- ISO 27913 – Pipeline transport of CO₂
 - Developed in 2016. Under revision
- ISO 27914 – Geological storage of CO₂
 - Developed in 2017. Under revision, added scope: quantification and verification
- ISO 27916 – the storage of carbon dioxide using enhanced oil recovery
 - Developed in 2019
- ISO 27917 – Vocabulary for cross cutting terms
 - Developed in 2017
- ISO 27919-1 – Performance evaluation methods for post-combustion capture integrated with power plant
 - Developed in 2018
- ISO 27919-2 – Evaluation procedure to assure and maintain stable performance of post-combustion capture plant integrated with a power plant
 - Developed in 2021

W G 1	Capture
W G 2	Transportation
W G 3	Storage
W G 5	Cross Cutting Issues
W G 6	EOR Issues
W G 7	Transportation of CO ₂ by Ship

How Standards are Used by Regulators

Many countries have a long tradition of referring to technical standards for performance-based framework

- Usually referred to as optional
- Offshore petroleum operations rely on a large number of standards for technical operations and HSE
- A number of existing standards and best practices for petroleum operations may be reused for offshore CCS
- CCS specific standards are already being referred to and taken into use



Some Examples

- USA – references standards and best practices in guidelines and frameworks



- ISO 27916 standard referenced by the Internal Revenue Service as an available (non-mandatory) tool to obtain tax credits under the 45Q regime

- Norway – references standards and best practices in guidelines and not directly in the act or regulation



- Regulations relating to safety and working environment for transport and injection of CO₂ on the continental shelf: guideline for assessing the well barriers to existing wells when storing CO₂ indicates that ISO 27914 should be used

- Canada – references standards and best practices in regulatory guidance and protocols



- CCS Summary Report of the Regulatory Framework Assessment relied heavily on the experience provided by CSA 741, the seed document for ISO 27914

- European Union – the EU Taxonomy establishes a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities



- For the exploration and operation of CCS storage sites in third countries, the activities must comply with ISO 27914

Revising the 27914 Standard for CO₂ Geological Storage

- ISO 27914 originally published in 2017
 - Purpose: to promote commercial, safe, long-term containment of carbon dioxide in a way that minimizes risk to the environment, natural resources, and human health
 - Covers:
 - Management Systems
 - Site screening, Selection and Characterization
 - Risk Management
 - Well Infrastructure
 - Injection Operations
 - Monitoring and Verification
 - Quantification and Verification (new scope added in 2022)
 - Site Closure
- Reopened for revision in 2022
 - Will be updated to incorporate experience and learnings since original publication in 2017
 - The planned timeline is 24 months for the revision
 - Expect to have draft ready in October, vote later in the fall

