

Carbon Dioxide Pipelines and Enhanced Oil Recovery

High-pressure carbon dioxide (CO₂) pipelines are being built to transport captured CO₂ from hydrocarbon-fired power plants and/or from ethanol plants in the Midwest, often under the guise of providing climate benefits through Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS). Some of the high-pressure CO₂ pipelines are, in fact, sending CO₂ to oil fields in North Dakota, southern Illinois, and elsewhere, to serve the purpose of injecting the CO₂ into underground oil and gas-producing deposits and facilitating Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR).

The intent of this resolution is to oppose the construction of pipelines carrying highly pressurized carbon dioxide captured from ethanol and hydrocarbon-fired power plants to drilling locations where it is used to facilitate the recovery of oil. Additionally, the resolution opposes use of eminent domain by or on behalf of private pipeline companies for the acquisition of property on which to build pipelines for carrying highly pressurized carbon dioxide.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Izaak Walton League of America assembled in Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 29, 2023, opposes using captured carbon dioxide for Enhanced Oil Recovery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Izaak Walton League of America opposes the use of eminent domain condemnation of privately owned land for the purpose of constructing carbon dioxide sequestration pipelines.