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Attention: news business and energy correspondents

TUC report: milestone in the campaign to embrace carbon capture

Unite, Britain's biggest union, has hailed the joint report published today (Monday) by the TUC and the Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA) as an important milestone in the campaign to embrace carbon capture technology.

The report – *The Economic Benefits of Carbon Capture Storage (CCS) in the UK* – shows that a number of actions need to be taken by government in order to take advantage of the significant benefits to the UK economy of Carbon Capture technology (see notes to editors).

CCS is the process of capturing waste carbon dioxide (CO₂) from sources such as coal fired power stations, transporting it to a storage site, and depositing it where it will not enter the atmosphere, normally underground.

Unite national officer Kevin Coyne said: ***“Carbon capture is a ‘no brainer’. The technology can reduce CO₂ emissions, create thousands of jobs and even cut energy bills. Carbon capture also has the potential to regenerate Britain’s coal industry and help make the UK energy self-sufficient. You would think the government would be doing everything possible to create the right conditions to make carbon capture technology a reality in the UK.***

“The joint report published by the TUC and the CCSA as an important milestone in the campaign to embrace carbon capture technology. We hope the government will act on the report’s recommendations.”

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Notes to editors:

The report *The Economic Benefits of CCS in the UK* can be found here
<http://www.tuc.org.uk/sites/default/files/carboncapturebenefits.pdf>

Unite is Britain and Ireland's largest trade union with over 1.4 million members working across all sectors of the economy. The general secretary is Len McCluskey.

