CCS Statement – November 2026

“Carbon storage capabilities for the UK and further afield have taken a significant step forward with the agreement at the EU-UK summit to link the EU and UK Emissions Trading Schemes (ETS).

The North Sea Transition Authority, The Crown Estate and Crown Estate Scotland welcome this decision, and the support it will provide for the ambition to attract low carbon European investment and business. It is a vital step forward in establishing a self-sustaining carbon storage market.

The UK already has two major CCS infrastructure projects under construction, more than 20 licences, considerable storage capacity on the UK Continental Shelf - up to a potential 78 Gt or up to 25 years of EU emissions - as well as a world class supply chain.

We must build on this momentum to realise the benefit to the UK's economy, supporting and creating thousands of jobs and unlocking billions of pounds of contracts.

The North Sea Transition Authority, The Crown Estate and Crown Estate Scotland are working closely to help, wherever possible, to streamline our activities and minimise obstacles - to realise the decarbonisation and reindustrialisation opportunity of CCS.”

North Sea Transition Authority

THE CROWN ESTATE

Crown Estate Scotland
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