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**CCTFT SALUTES FINAL PASSAGE OF SB 1387**  
**Bill provides clear guidance on long-term underground carbon storage**

AUSTIN, Texas (May 21, 2009)—The Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas is proud to announce the unanimous and final passage of SB 1387 by Sen. Kel Seliger. The bill clearly defines the legal jurisdiction for long-term carbon sequestration and enhanced oil recovery.

According to the bill, SB 1387 grants legal authority to the Railroad Commission of Texas (RCT) for carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) that is used for the production of oil or natural gas. Also known as *enhanced oil recovery* (EOR), CO<sub>2</sub> injection has been used to extract oil for over 35 years and is responsible for over 15% of production in Texas today.

The RCT also has legal authority to permit CO<sub>2</sub> injection into *saline aquifers* that exist beneath oil and gas fields, a sequestration technique often referred to as *stacked storage*. All CO<sub>2</sub> injected solely in saline formations will reside under the authority of the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Texas," said CCTFT Executive Director Jay Dauenhauer. "Texas has the ability to store CO<sub>2</sub> in saline and recover billions of barrels of oil through CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR. This bill clarifies important legal issues so the state can be the leader in carbon storage of all kinds."

In addition, SB 1387 directs the TCEQ, RCT, and Texas Bureau of Economic Geology (BEG) to conduct a study to determine which agency should best oversee the long-term liability of carbon storage.

*The Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas was founded in January, 2004, as a non-profit entity to promote the use and development of clean coal technologies that will result in reliable, low cost, and environmentally responsible energy for Texas.*

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