



Third Way is a Washington, D.C.-based public policy think tank founded in 2005. Third Way develops policy ideas, conducts public opinion research and hosts issue briefings in four policy areas: Economics, National Security, Clean Energy, and Social Policy & Politics.

Third Way develops and advocates for policies that it says represent the "vital center."

<http://www.thirdway.org/issue/energy>

The mission of Third Way's Clean Energy Program is to develop and promote policies that will help in the fight against climate change. A sampling of the organization's energy initiatives:

"We Need a Mix" – The challenges with a renewables-only climate strategy.

<http://www.thirdway.org/e-binder/we-need-a-mix>

Third Way is concerned by growing calls for a "renewables-only" solution to the climate change issue, a strategy that would intentionally take other climate tools off the table. The organization points to analysis from preeminent climate authorities indicating that mitigating climate change will become even harder if we fail to take advantage of low-carbon technologies like nuclear energy and CCS.

"Setting the Stage for a 'SunShot' for CCS"

<http://www.thirdway.org/third-way-take/setting-the-stage-for-a-sunshot-for-ccs>

Third Way notes that five years ago, DOE launched SunShot, an initiative to make solar cost-competitive with traditional energy sources. Since that announcement, the price of solar has nearly halved, solar industry employment has doubled, and solar electricity generation has grown 20-fold. What we need now is to replicate this policy success with a SunShot for CCS.

"45Q is Key Catalyst to Address Climate Change"

<http://www.thirdway.org/letter/climate-advocates-45q-is-key-catalyst-to-address-climate-change>

Third Way notes "We need CCUS to meet climate goals – full stop." Like other low-carbon energy technologies, CCUS will require federal policies that incentivize its development and deployment. The 45Q tax credit is a cost-effective tool that rewards projects per ton of utilized or stored CO₂ and it's almost always less costly than other low-carbon energy technology incentives.

"Let's Get Serious About CCS"

<http://www.thirdway.org/report/lets-get-serious-about-ccs>

Third Way believes Washington has failed to give CCS the attention it deserves, especially since this technology has the capacity to resolve some the nation's greatest environmental and economic challenges. The organization notes that CCS deployment has been undermined by a combination of market and policy failures and that CCS is not broken, just neglected.

"CCS: A Look Back at 2015"

<http://www.thirdway.org/memo/ccs-a-look-back-at-2015>

Third Way believes momentum for CCS is building, with 2015 being a good year for CCS. The organization sites the launch and milestones associated with CCS facilities worldwide, U.S.-China support for CCUS pilot projects, the XPrize \$20 million competition launch, DOE's CO₂ storage milestone and enhanced state support for CCS.