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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 263, *Carbon dioxide capture, transportation, and geological storage*.

## Introduction

Carbon capture and storage (CCS) is a technology to mitigate climate change. Many demonstration projects have been conducted worldwide, and CO<sub>2</sub> capture is an important process in CCS and is cost and energy intensive.

CO<sub>2</sub> capture in power industry could be classified through pre, post and oxy combustion. Technologies such as chemical and physical absorption, adsorption, and membrane separation are currently under development and are in various stages of maturity from commercial (110 MW)<sup>[1]</sup> large-scale demonstrations to laboratory-scale evaluation, and should be delivered at low cost and low energy consumption.

The objectives of this Technical Report are to specify and review existing capture technologies, equipment and processes and comprehend CO<sub>2</sub> capture systems so that this Technical Report can provide stakeholders with the guidance and knowledge necessary to develop a series of standards for CO<sub>2</sub> capture and build consensus on this standardization work in advance.

This Technical Report describes CO<sub>2</sub> capture systems based on published papers and other documents and then summarizes the different issues deemed most important by ISO/TC 205. This includes the following:

- boundary for CO<sub>2</sub> capture systems;
- technologies, equipment and processes;
- CO<sub>2</sub> streams, gas streams and emissions, processes and waste products;
- evaluation procedures for capture performance;
- safety issues on each capture system;
- reliability issues on each capture system;
- management system.

# Carbon dioxide capture — Carbon dioxide capture systems, technologies and processes

## 1 Scope

This Technical Report describes the principles and information necessary to clarify the CO<sub>2</sub> capture system and provide stakeholders with the guidance and knowledge necessary for the development of a series of standards for CO<sub>2</sub> capture. This Technical Report also covers technologies, equipment and processes specific to CO<sub>2</sub> capture from the viewpoints of the international standardization for the implementation of CCS.

The purpose of this Technical Report is to provide guidance for the development of an ISO document related to CO<sub>2</sub> capture as part of a CCS chain. This Technical Report covers CO<sub>2</sub> capture systems applicable to CO<sub>2</sub> emission sources and their respective boundaries, as well as capture technologies, equipment and processes. In addition, it can be used for the development of International Standards under TC 265.

The following issues are to be excluded from this Technical Report:

- industrial use of CO<sub>2</sub>;
- compression of CO<sub>2</sub> (not described in detail);
- terminologies not used in this Technical Report.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### **absorbent**

substance able to absorb liquid or gas

### 3.2

#### **affinity**

tendency of substances to react with each other

Note 1 to entry: Also defined as the decrease in Gibbs energy on going from the reactants to the products of a chemical reaction.

[SOURCE: IUPAC Compendium of Chemical Terminology]

### 3.3

#### **air separation unit**

unit separating oxygen, nitrogen and other inert gases from air which delivers the required oxygen for gasification or combustion applications in the context of CCS

### 3.4

#### **alkanolamine**

chemical compound that carries hydroxy (-OH) and amino (-NH<sub>2</sub>, -NHR, and -NR<sub>2</sub>) functional groups on an alkane backbone