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International Conventions

- London Protocol – amended Nov 06
 - Created a basis in international environmental law for CO2 storage
- OSPAR Convention – amended June 07
 - Permits CO2 storage under the seabed (when ratified)

UK legislative approach

- Enabling legislation to regulate CO2 storage
- Extend only to offshore (at the moment)
- HSE considering changes to health and safety regulations

Key elements of new regime

- Crown rights to CO2 storage extended to EEZ
- Storage prohibited except under licence
- Obligation for operator to decommission structures and pipelines used
- Expect HMG to take responsibility for liabilities at some point after decommissioning
- Petroleum Act licensing continues to apply where EoR takes place

Legislative Process

- Primary legislation in first session Bill – to provide enabling powers
- Detailed arrangements set out in secondary legislation
- Consult on detail towards end of the year
- Aim to have regime in place by end 08

Health and Safety Regulations

- HSE considering making changes to relevant health & safety regulations –
 - E.g. whether CO₂ to be treated as “dangerous substance” when stored or being transported

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