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US CDR developer picks new standard for project certification

US-based CO2 removal (CDR) developer Cowboy Clean Fuels (CCF) has selected compatriot outfit Absolute Carbon Standard (ACS) to certify its projects.

The credits will be issued through Evident's C-Capsule registry, marking a move away from an earlier plan announced in June 2023 to use Finland-based registry Puro.earth for CCF's first project.

"By pairing ACS's system-level accounting with Evident's trusted registry infrastructure, the partnership provides buyers with transparent, independently verified credits backed by real operational data," said CCF in a statement.

Absolute Climate's framework is designed to measure how carbon moves through industrial systems, including what is captured, stored and emitted, in order to arrive at a certified net emissions figure.

"By tracking carbon flows across the full system, this approach allows projects like CCF to account for both carbon removal and renewable fuel production, ensuring that each outcome reflects its true atmospheric impact," the statement said.

Evident, which was acquired by environmental markets firm Xpansiv in 2025, will provide the infrastructure for issuing the resulting credits in the C-Capsule registry.

The 'Triangle Unit Renewable Energy and Carbon Capture and Storage' hub in the US state of Wyoming's Powder River Basin is the developer's first commercial project.

The project converts agricultural biomass into renewable natural gas (RNG) while permanently sequestering CO2 underground.

The process has been described as a biomass carbon removal and storage plus RNG (BiCRS+RNG) pathway.

In January, CCF received an operating permit from the Wyoming authorities that would allow the company to boost operations..

The Quantum View: The standard selection comes after a period of growing visibility for the company. In May 2025, CCF signed a 10-year offtake agreement with commodity trader Mercuria for RNG generated under its BiCRS+RNG methodology. In December, it was also announced as a new member of the US industry group Carbon Removal Alliance. The CRA is widely viewed as a de facto filter for corporate CDR buyers and a 'pre-screen' for the Frontier Coalition, which rely on third-party signals of credibility when selecting suppliers