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On June 18, 2013 the Science, Space, and Technology Committee held a hearing to discuss the Department of Energy's (DOE) science and technology priorities. Testimony was heard from the newly appointed Secretary of Energy, Ernest Moniz.

Moniz emphasized the DOE's commitment to the President's "all-of-the-above" energy strategy, as well as interest in natural gas and carbon capture and sequestration technology. DOE plans to evaluate natural gas exporting permits as quickly as possible, and expects to begin issuing permits within the calendar year. DOE is also working to lower the cost of renewable energy, and continuing to support research and development efforts in carbon capture and sequestration.

Opening statements and witness testimony, as well as a video archive of the entire hearing, are available from the committee website.