## Overview of Brine Extraction Storage Test (BEST) Projects Phase II



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- nitoring CO<sub>2</sub> plume and brine pressure front
- Predicting and monitoring CO<sub>2</sub> plume and brine pressure front movement, stabilization, and impacts.
- Optimization of reservoirs for CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity.
- Developing and validating risk-assessment strategies.
- Mitigating risks, such as leakage from old wells and induced seismicity.
- Carrying out (large-volume and Fit-for-Purpose) field tests for different storage types and depositional environments.









## **Collaborating to Address Technical Issues**





### RCSP Development Phase: Large Scale Field Projects With CO<sub>2</sub> Injection









# Storage Program BEST Projects - Phase I

Fit-for-Purpose Field Project: Developing and Validating Pressure Management and Plume Control Strategies through a Brine Extraction Storage Test (BEST)



Electric Power Research Institute – Gulf Coast field demonstration at a flagship power plant site: Assessment of opportunities for optimal reservoir pressure control, plume management and produced water strategies



University of Texas at Austin- Pressure management and plume control strategies through a brine extraction storage test (BEST) at the Devine Test Site (DTS) in Texas

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### **Research objectives:**

- R&D projects for managing formation pressure plumes as well as measuring/monitoring the movement of the differential pressure and CO<sub>2</sub> plumes in the subsurface for future saline CO<sub>2</sub> storage projects.
- Brines extracted shall be utilized as a part of a test-bed for brine treatment technologies
- Projects completed in two phases:
  - Phase I Gap and water LCA for brine technologies and develop plans for field project
  - Phase II Validation testing employing water/brine injection
- Phase I 5 projects were awarded, with a total budget of \$9.35 million (Cost share = \$2.15 million)



EERC, University of North Dakota – Developing and Validating Pressure Management and Plume Control Strategies in the Williston Basin through a Brine Extraction and Storage Test

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**Illinois State Geological Survey** – Brine extraction and treatment strategies to enhance pressure management and control of  $CO_2$  plumes in deep geologic formations



University of Wyoming – Field demonstration of an active reservoir pressure management through fluid injection and displaced fluid extraction at the Rock Springs Uplift



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## BEST Projects – Phase II

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- Brines extracted shall be utilized as a part of a testbed for brine treatment technologies
- Projects completed in two phases:
  - Phase I Gap and water LCA for brine technologies and develop plans for field project. This phase has been completed under Phase I funding.
  - Phase II Validation testing employing water/brine injection

Electric Power Research Institute -

- Injection and extraction test at Plant Smith Generating Station, Bay County, Florida.
- Perform injection/extraction using passive and active pressure management plans to optimize plume conditions.







Energy & Environmental Research Center -

- Validate pressure management and plume control strategies at the Nuverra Environmental Solutions operated salt water disposal facility in Johnsons Corner, ND
- Injection and extraction scenarios will be varied to study pressure response.



### Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC), UND

Developing and Validating Pressure Management and Plume Control Strategies in The Williston Basin Through A Brine Extraction and Storage Test (BEST) – Phase II

- *Partners:* Nuverra Environmental Services; Schlumberger Carbon Services; Computer Modelling Group Ltd. (CMG)
- Project Location: Johnsons Corner, ND
- *Current Field Activities:* Active saltwater disposal (SWD) site. Currently two commercial SWD wells injecting brine approximately 300,000 ppm into the Inyan Kara.
- *Wells Proposed:* Addition of an extraction well from the Inyan Kara (expected TDS approximately 5,500 ppm) and an injection well into the Broom Creek.
- *MVA Proposed:* Chemical tracers; borehole-to-surface electromagnetics (BSEM); well head and bottom hole pressure; integration with history matched reservoir model
- *ARM Plan Design:* Initially a variety of scenarios including injection and extraction pulses at varying rates at varying wells to see pressure responses at the wells and allow for pressure restoration to normal field operating conditions in between. This is followed by more sustained injection/extraction periods.
- *Brine Treatment Proposed:* Well designed indoor surface facility with pretreatment options that can be utilized or bypassed. Ability to blend brines to desired TDS and storage tanks to allow variability of flow rates. Includes wastewater collection and independent water quality testing pre and post treatment.







# Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)

Phase II Field Demonstration at Plant Smith Generating Station: Assessment of Opportunities for Optimal Reservoir Pressure Control, Plume Management and Produced Water Strategies

- *Partners:* Advanced Resources International; Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; CH2M; Southern Company Services and its subsidiary Gulf Power Company
- **Project Location:** Bay County, Florida (near Panama City)
- *Current Field Activities:* Plant Smith with existing injection well permitted by Gulf Power to dispose of ashpond and reclaimed blow-down water.
- *Wells Proposed:* Addition of an injection well (Lower Tuscaloosa) and an extraction/monitoring well (Lower Tuscaloosa) with anticipated TDS of 166,000 ppm. Passive relief would be conducted in the existing injection well (completed in the entire Lower Tuscaloosa/Lower Cretaceous formations)
- *MVA Proposed:* Downhole temperature and pressure measurements; cross-well and borehole to surface electromagnetics; InSAR
- *ARM Plan Design:* Pressure management plans utilize both passive and active relief in order to optimize the plume conditions. The preliminary modeling shows that by doing both, the pressure management is much more efficient. LBNL recently developed and applied rapid optimization methods for reservoir pressure control, which will be used.
- *Brine Treatment Proposed:* Outdoor facility (gravel pad) with utility connections for electricity, cooling, and service water, and collection equipment for produced water. Area lighting will be provided along with portable toilet facilities. Includes independent water quality testing pre and post treatment.







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