Integrated Midcontinent Stacked Carbon Storage Hub

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Project Overview

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- CarbonSAFE Program Objective: Develop a midwestern carbon storage facility having multiple sites with a 50-Mt or greater capacity to safely, permanently, and economically store CO$_2$ by 2025.

- $9.4M funding with $3M cost share. POP: Aug 10, 2020
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Project Area: Source Corridor

- Optimize/maximize the number of sources/amount of CO₂ to develop market and infrastructure for CCUS
  - Ethanol plants in the corridor with annual emissions of greater than 5 Mt. Capture in the $12/t range
  - Saline storage at many of the ethanol plants in NE
  - Bring in electric utility generated CO₂ as capture comes on-line. Existing market from ethanol derived CO₂ will provide certainty that a utilization market and storage is possible
  - 5 other sources (4 electric utility and 1 refinery) with 20 Mt annual emissions. Capture in the $57/t range (NETL, 2015)
Stacked Storage Corridor

- Three candidate sites evaluated:
  - Madrid Site, Perkins County, NE – existing data study only
  - Sleepy Hollow Field (SHF), Red Willow County, NE – new well
  - Patterson-Heinitz-Hartland (PHH), Kearny County, KS – Seismic and new well
- Great stacked storage potential
  - Alternating sequences of deep saline formations, oil-bearing reservoirs, shale, and evaporite units
- Co-locate infrastructure for saline and CO₂ EOR
New Feasibility Data Collection

Sleepy Hollow Field

• Drilled one new characterization well: Sleepy Hollow Reagan Unit 86A
• Whole core for specialized core analysis (e.g. rel. perm, geomechanics)
  • 110 ft from Admire, Wabaunsee, Oread, Marmaton
  • 28 sidewall core samples
• Advanced wireline log data: e.g. elemental spectroscopy, nuclear magnetic resonance, micro-imagers.
• Well tests – DSTs, mini-frac, to evaluate injectivity, permeability, pressure response.

Patterson-Heinitz-Hartland

• 3D seismic acquisition for structural framework & characterization well siting (26 mi²)
• Drilled two new characterization wells: Patterson KGS 5-25 and Hartland KGS 6-10
• Whole core acquisition & testing
  • 778 ft of core from Atoka, Morrow, Merimecian, Osage, Kinderhook, Viola, Simpson, Arbuckle, Reagan/Granit Wash, and Precambrian Granite
• Advanced wireline log data
• Well tests
Static Earth Modeling Update

Sleepy Hollow Field

- In this model update, the SEM incorporates the latest subsurface interpretations derived from the SHRU 86A well data.

- The new GR facies model used as the basis for partitioning the Pennsylvanian

- Porosity and permeability were adjusted, so that reservoir quality was in alignment with the cyclic facies concept describing Pennsylvanian rock in this area\(^1\).

- These adjustments ensure that mudstones and shales are correctly represented and have low effective porosity and low permeability.

\(^1\)(Dubois, 1985; Watney, 1980; Young, 2011)
Dynamic Modeling Update

Sleepy Hollow Field

- The newly acquired data from SHRU-86A, including the formation pressure and temperature gradients, salinity, and capillary pressure data, etc. were integrated into the simulation model.

- Of 10 potential storage formations, 4 were selected for the simulations (Wabaunsee, Topeka, Oread, and Deer Creek)
  - LKC intervals did not significantly contribute to total injection capacity, and thus were excluded
  - Pleasanton–Marmaton groups were excluded despite having favorable permeability due to simulated CO₂ leakage to the underlying non-injection, oil-bearing basal sandstone unit, which raised the concern of “out-of-injection-zone” leakage

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**Geomechanical Modeling**

*Sleepy Hollow Field*

- Modeling efforts included coupled geomechanical simulations with 4- and 10-well injection configurations and a sensitivity analysis.

- In both the 4- and 10-well injection cases, geomechanics simulation results did not compromise formation integrity within the caprock nor reservoir.

- Geomechanics results between the 4 well and 10 well injection cases do not differ significantly.

- Additional injection in the Topeka and Deer Creek with 10 well case can dissipate the additional CO$_2$ volume without developing localized stress concentrations that would result in formation integrity issues.
New 3D Seismic Analysis

Patterson-Heinitz-Hartland

- Two major reverse faults exist at the PHH Site that offset the reservoir and seal intervals and constitute an uplifted block in the Patterson Area.

- Fault displacements are maximum at the Precambrian basement and decrease upward.

- Identified three- and four-way structural closures at the Patterson Site can assist trapping CO₂ in the Arbuckle-Osage reservoirs.

- Further research should focus on fault reactivation tendency and fault sealing characteristics of the pre-existing faults.
Static Earth Model Updates
Patterson-Heinitz-Hartland

• Newly acquired 3D seismic reflection surveys allowed for more accurate definition of the structural model (i.e., traps and seals) for at the PHH Site.

• A new element of the stratigraphic model: meandering valley system incised into the Meramecian surface was discovered through seismic attribute analysis.
Dynamic Modeling Updates

Patterson-Heinitz-Hartland

- Dynamic reservoir modeling demonstrates that 50 Mt of CO$_2$ can be injected within 30 years with three injection wells at the Patterson site.

- Data from the city of Lakin wastewater injection well were used for injectivity analysis to obtain reservoir-scale carbonate permeabilities, compare with nearby wells, history match the pressure increase, and update geologic models and dynamic simulations to refine the CO$_2$ storage capacity in Phase II.
Madrid, Nebraska Site

- Simulations run on 30 mi. by 30 mi. model
- Using three injection wells, **51 Mt of CO₂ can be injected over 30 years** into Upper Dakota, Lower Dakota, and Cedar Hills sandstone units, and Lansing-Kansas City Group and Cherokee Group
- Future characterization plans would include 3D seismic acquisition and characterization well
Outreach

• Outreach Webinar Series with Nebraska stakeholders began in late May 2020
  ▪ Webinar 1: The Basics
  ▪ Webinar 2: Case Studies
  ▪ Webinar 3: Geology

• Each webinar was attended by >80-100 interested stakeholders from ethanol plants, power plants, and industry trade groups, federal and state regulatory agencies, and research institutes

• A social site characterization was performed to determine the issues of potential concern to stakeholders in the IMSCS-HUB region and to determine the demographics of the communities affected by project activities.

• Strategies for media management and available outreach resources are being developed

• Public acceptance of the project is being fostered by engaging local advocacy groups and organizing local public meetings
## Risk Assessment and Mitigation

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<td>Subsurface leakage from legacy wellbores</td>
<td>- Definition of a secondary caprock increases the apparent risk.</td>
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<td>- Additional well records may present a more accurate subsurface risk.</td>
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<td>Perception of Induced seismicity</td>
<td>- Seismic monitoring at Patterson did not detect any local seismicity.</td>
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<td>- Public outreach / Education.</td>
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<td>3D seismic survey revealed faults at the PHH site</td>
<td>- Do not reach the deepest USDW or intersect the modeled CO₂ plume.</td>
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<td>- Additional work must be done to ensure that the faults will not be reactivated.</td>
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<td>Pipeline construction is the highest risk (not unique to CCUS)</td>
<td>- Using contractors with proven safety records, and planning.</td>
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<td>CO₂ pipeline operations are relatively low risk</td>
<td>- Careful routing to avoid high-consequence areas.</td>
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<td>- Monitoring to ensure pipeline leaks are found early.</td>
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<td>- Adhering to all operational constraints and safety standards.</td>
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<td>Non-technical risks remain the least defined</td>
<td>- Legislative and regulatory efforts on the state level.</td>
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<td>- Effective and adaptive public outreach plan.</td>
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<td>- Contractual obligations and offtake clearly outlined.</td>
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Scenario Modeling

• Three scenarios were developed:

1. **Perkins County**: Potential for a single storage project (near-term commercial scale opportunities)

2. **Nebraska Stacked Storage**: Limited hub concept using participating sources and sinks in Nebraska

3. **Nebraska-Kansas Stacked Storage**: Expanded regional hub concept using participating sources and sinks in Nebraska
CO₂ Management and Commercial Development Strategy

• IMSCS-HUB storage corridor was screened for commercially viable CO₂-EOR opportunities using ARI’s Big Oilfield DB

• 17 technically and economically feasible oilfields, including the Sleepy Hollow Field and Patterson

• Storage resource estimates: combined 577.4 Mt of CO₂ and potential to produce 181.9 MMbbls of oil via EOR

• Gross revenue for stacked storage + EOR at the 17 fields is $30.9 Billion
Commercial Pipeline Planning

• Development of feasible pipeline routes connecting sources along the source corridor to sinks in the storage corridor, accounting for environmentally and culturally sensitive areas

• Scalable Infrastructure Model for Carbon Capture Storage (SimCCS) model
  - 12 distinct scenarios comprised of 4 different 45Q-eligible source configurations (ethanol only, coal-fired only, ethanol and coal-fired, and all sources) and 3 different storage configurations (saline only, CO$_2$-EOR only, and saline and CO$_2$-EOR)
Summary

- Commercial-scale CCUS sites are feasible at:
  1. Madrid Site in Perkins Co., NE
  2. Patterson-Heinitz-Hartland Field in Kearny Co., KS
     - Sleepy Hollow Field in Red Willow Co., NE is an attractive candidate for CO$_2$-EOR
- Outreach efforts found interest among industry stakeholders
- Project risk assessment showed that all components of a CCUS project are feasible
- The permitting and regulatory plan developed for region. The contractual assessment showed many options.
- Stacked storage potential found in 17 oilfields
- The pipeline assessment found viable routes that connected variable sources along corridor
- The economic assessment study showed promising results.
- Future Work: fault analysis at PHH, 3D seismic and characterization well at Madrid, additional work on Non-technical risks, outreach, and economic scenarios
Thank you!

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Appendix

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Project Overview 2

• Total funded amount $9.4M
  ▪ Spent to date $9.1M

• POP
  ▪ Originally 8-10-2020
  ▪ 3 months extension till 11-10-2020 given to finish core work and integrate testing and seismic data collected over July – Aug 2020 into reports.
Benefit to the Program

- The objectives of the IMSCS-HUB program build on the lessons learned from the RCSP’s and extend the framework for geologic storage site characterization and development to the commercial scale. The IMSCS HUB Project will systematically address the technical challenges of commercial-scale CO₂ storage and will aid DOE in meeting their Carbon Storage Research and Development Program goals:
  - (1) Develop and validate technologies to ensure 99 percent storage permanence.
  - (2) Develop technologies to improve reservoir storage efficiency while ensuring containment effectiveness.
  - (3) Support industry’s ability to predict CO₂ storage capacity in geologic formations to within ±30 percent.
  - (4) Develop best practice manuals for site characterization, public outreach, risk management and operations for geologic storage.
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Gantt Chart