Wyoming CarbonSAFE: Accelerating CCUS Commercialization and Deployment at Dry Fork Station and the Wyoming Integrated Test Center

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# **Project Overview**



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## Project Overview: Wyoming CarbonSAFE Phase III

- Dry Fork Station (Basin Electric Power Coop)
- Wyoming Integrated Test Center (WY-ITC)

#### **Dry Fork Station**

- Built in 2007
- Operating life to 2072
- 385 MW
- 3.3 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>/year

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#### **WY-Integrated Test Center (ITC)**

- Completed fall 2017
- Test CO<sub>2</sub> capture/CCUS technologies
- \$20M public/private investment
- \$65M Membrane Technology Research (MTR) Large-scale pilot





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### **Full-Scale FEED of MTR's Capture Process at Dry Fork Station**









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### **Project Participants**







### INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS Schlumberger Carbon Services Denbury Resources Oxy Low Carbon Ventures Carbon GeoCapture Western Fuels Association



#### PERMITTING, ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY EXPERTS

Long Reimer Winegar Beppler, LLP

TriHydryo Corporation

Wyoming Energy Authority

Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Wyoming Municipal Power Agency



### **Major Objectives**



- **1.** Finalize surface and subsurface characterization activities at DFS
- 2. Conduct NEPA and environmental analysis
- 3. Integrate MTR's CO<sub>2</sub> FEED capture assessment
- 4. Complete Class VI permits to construct for the storage hub
- **5. Advance commerciality within the Wyoming CarbonSAFE storage hub**

#### **Project funding:**

- \$15,526,325 (Federal)
- \$3,941,389 (Cost share)
- \$19,467,714 (Total)

Period of performance: Oct. 2020 to Sept. 2023



# Site selection and characterization



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### **Rational for site selection**

- CO<sub>2</sub> source with 50 year operational life-span
- Modern coal plant
- Located within Carbon Valley, the site of:
  - Existing intrastate CO<sub>2</sub> transportation network
  - Multiple utilization industries
    - Carbon to products industry
    - CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR for carbon utilization
  - Experienced carbon workforce
  - Multiple CO<sub>2</sub> point sources
  - Transportation infrastructure
- Wyoming has
  - CO<sub>2</sub> management legislative framework
  - Class VI primacy
  - Educated and supportive public
  - Known geologic targets



### Site Characterization to-date

- One stratigraphic test well completed, one well designed and in-review
- Assessment of core, formation fluid and logs from target injection formations and sealing lithology
- Environmental (EIV) and monitoring assessments (Soil, GW)
- 3D seismic survey
- Storage hub property models and injection feasibility simulations
- Regulatory assessment
- Economic/business case assessments
- Initial risk and MVA assessments

Location	Sundance Stored CO <sub>2</sub> , MT	Minnelusa Stored CO2, MT	Total Stored CO2, MT
1	2.9	5.4	8.3
2 (UW PRB 1)	0.9	6.8	7.7
3	8.5	9.1	17.6
4	-	-	-
5	0.6	7.5	8.1
6	5.2	6.8	12.0
7	-	-	-
Total	18.1	35.6	53.7



### Site Characterization to-date





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#### Legal, public and regulatory analysis

- Class VI permitting analysis
- Preliminary title abstract for pore space ownership
- Impacts of anticipated Federal and State regulations
- Model project and business agreements
- Potential business agreements
- Integrated pipeline networks
- Initiated public outreach





### Advantages

- Modern, relatively-young CO<sub>2</sub> source
- Supportive industry partners
- Existing capture technology programs/projects
- Proximity to CO<sub>2</sub> infrastructure
- Existing CO<sub>2</sub> management industry
- Robust regional subsurface data (proven injection service)
  targets and confining potential)
- Stacked storage lessons footprint
- Minimal surface structures/large land holdings
- Supportive regulatory framework



## **Technical Approach**



### **Technical Approach**

#### Technical Approach for Site Characterization and Commercialization of the Wyoming CarbonSAFE Storage Hub

- Characterize seven sites within the storage hub
- Full injection/permitting completion of the DFS site
  - 2 wells for optimal stacked storage, reservoir testing, interference tests, subsurface data gap completion
  - Wells completed to Class VI standards
- Develop and complete Class VI permits for all sites
- Develop business and commercial strategies for the storage hub
- Environmental assessment (NEPA demands and baseline conditions)
- Integrate MTR's capture assessment into commercial plan
- Finalize site risk and MVA

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• Develop greater regional capacity than the program requires



### Schedule/milestones/success criteria

#### **Key milestones**

**Project risks and mitigation strategies** 

Milestone Title & Description	Completion Date	Perceived Risk	Mitigation/Response Strategy
	-	Financial Risks:	
Finalize initial environmental assessment	3/30/2021	Drilling expenses	Rates are subject to the market price of oil. If rates increase, the co-PIs will look for ways to absorb costs in other areas of
Initiate drilling of UW PRB#2	9/30/2021		the project.
Update models with seismic and field data	1/1/2022	Cost/Schedule Risks:	
Initiate Class VI applications	11/1/2020	Project timeline	The Project timeline was developed based on the experienced gained form previous projects of this scale and will
Submittal of Class VI permits	9/30/2022	Technical/Scope Risks	communicate regularly with the DOE program Manager.
Complete risk assessment	1/31/2023	NEPA assessments	UW will select an environmental consultant with a proven record of accomplishment of EIVs.
Public Outreach meeting	9/1/2021		
	)/1/2021	Drilling and field	Challenges will be addressed through the team's prior experience with drilling operations and the selection of experienced
Identification of potential business	1/31/2023	operations	contractors and commercial technologies.
partners		Data collection	The team has extensive experience performing fieldwork in the PRB and has successfully collected the necessary data
		Subsurface modeling	CEGR, EERC and ARI have extensive experience with the industry-standard software packages that will be used
Success criteria		Class VI well	WYDEQ has received Class VI primacy and the Project team has collaborated closely with WYDEQ on permitting strategies
		permitting	
EIV identifies site(s) issues		CO <sub>2</sub> source	As demonstrated by the $CO_2$ source commitment letters, BEPC (source) and MTR (capture) can provide the $CO_2$ for
		commitment	successful implementation of future phases.
$CO_2$ capture study is not completed		-	and Oversight Risks:
		Project Management	Risks are negligible due to the team's collective experience in projects of this type.
Submitting and receiving applications to ini	tiate drilling	ES&H Risks:	
Obtaining access acreements		Operations	All physical activities, including drilling, will be overseen in compliance with applicable laws.
Obtaining access agreements		External Factor Risks	
Drilling UW PRB#2		Site access	The drilling site is on land owned by partner BEPC, which mitigates these concerns.
		Pore space ownership	Risk will be addressed by WY law, which defines pore space ownership; minimization of project impacts; and project siting
Complete subsurface field testing and moni-	toring		to focus impacts on land owned by team members. Risks are at medium due to the first-of-its-kind program.
		Public acceptance	The Project team will continue to implement the outreach strategy deployed during Phases I & II.
		Resource availability	Resource availability risks include access to a drilling site, equipment and skilled labor. These are negligible as BEPC will
			construct the drilling site and the PRB has a skilled workforce.

## **Status Update**



### Finalize surface and subsurface characterization activities

- One well drilled, sampled and analyzed
- 3D seismic survey acquired
- Second well designed, testing and completion programs verified
- Initial permits acquired for completion of both wells
- Feasibility models (full scale and site specific) completed and tested, populated with Phase II data
- Formation fluid characterized and modeled for reactivity
- Data incorporation for Machine Learning
- NRAP IAM being built





#### **Conduct NEPA and environmental analysis**

- A Environmental Information Volume has been completed and reviewed
  - Incorporated MTR's capture design, and potential storage sites
  - Evaluated ownership, mineral estates, wetlands, vegetation and wildlife resources, atmospheric impacts, existing structures, soils/surficial geology, historic and cultural resources, potential wastes, land cover, health and safety factors, and compliance issues
- Baseline environmental monitoring stations/sampling is underway
  - Set eight soil gas sensors within the DFS storage site
  - Sampling local/regional groundwater monitoring wells
  - Designed a passive seismic study (acquisition Fall 2021)





#### Integrate MTR's CO<sub>2</sub> FEED capture assessment





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#### **Complete Class VI permits for the storage hub**

- Initial permit applications (Class I) for both wells have been submitted and reviewed by the DEQ
- Class VI standard well completion diagrams submitted and reviewed
- Wyoming CarbonSAFE Risk Register has been drafted, research/data gaps identified
- Awaiting data, interpretations and updated modeling post completion and testing of UW PRB#2



#### Advance commerciality within the Wyoming CarbonSAFE storage hub

- Initiated public outreach strategy
- Finalized sight access agreements
- Developed infrastructure right-of-ways and working with commercial CO<sub>2</sub> transportation partners
- Developed model business agreements to assess operational models
- Developed utilization business models
- Developed an economic model that incorporates tax credits, operational lifecycle, capex/opex, etc. and assesses the impact to local communities
- Advancing synergistic opportunities with capture, utilization and governmental industries





#### Gaps/challenges/hurdles

- Finalizing site risk characterization
- Risk register assessment using Wyoming's matrix
- Class VI well completion materials
- Scale of boundaries/compartmentalization (if existent) within reservoirs
- "First" of its kind project





### Summary

- Wyoming CarbonSAFE envisions the successful and timely completion of all Phase 3 objectives, and is on track to deliver the same
- Site Selection & Characterization: (1) the site possesses numerous favorable technical, infrastructure and geologic attributes based on existing conditions/data and work conducted in prior project phases; (2) additional site characterization work will be conducted in Phase III, with additional subsurface data from a new well (UW PRB#2) and well testing between it and the existing well (UW PRB #1); and (3) existing legal, regulatory and public acceptance analyses will be advanced in Phase III
- Technical Approach for Phase III: (1) characterize 7 sites within the storage hub; (2) drill/re-enter two test wells, both completed/re-completed to Class VI construction standards; (3) prepare Class VI permits to construct for a full project; (4) further advance business and commercial strategies for the storage hub; (5) satisfy all NEPA requirements of Phase III; (6) integrate MTR's capture assessment into the commercial plan; (7) finalize site risk and MVA; and (8) develop greater regional capacity than the CarbonSAFE program requires
- Project on track to satisfy milestones and success criteria, and is assessing/managing project risks and mitigation strategies

### Questions?





# Appendix



## **Organization Chart**



### **Gantt Chart**

		Yea	nr 1			Yea	r 2		Year 3							
				Budget Period II												
	Q1 Q2		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
1.0 Project Management and Planning																
1.1 Project Management Plan	M.1															
1.2 Data Management Plan																
1.3 Technology Maturation Plan																
2.0 National Environmental Policy Act																
2.1 Preparation and Submission for NEPA for CO2 Capture																
2.2 Preparation of EIV	M.2															
2.3 Preparation and Submission of NEPA for CO2 storage																
3.0 FEED and CO2 Capture Analysis																
3.1 Summary of the FEED CO2 capture																
3.2 Assessment of DE-FOA-0002058																
4.0 Baseline Data Collection Monitoring																
4.1 Establish microseismicity baselines																
4.2 Establish monitoring baselines			M.3													

5.0 Wellsite Operations and Development																	
5.1 Permitting and approvals																	
5.2 Site Preparation																	
5.3 Drilling Operations						M.4											
5.4 Downhole sampling and logging																	
5.5 Subsurface field testing and monitoring																	
5.6 Site closure																	
6.0 Subsurface Data Analysis and Modeling																	
6.1 Subsurface data analysis																	
6.2 Process and interpret seismic 3D survey																	
6.3 Complete models of geological structure								M.5									
6.4 Update numerical injection simulations																	
6.5 Geomechanical modeling																	
6.6 Machine Learning								Π			Π						
6.7 NRAP risk assessment of legacy wellbores												П					
7.0 Class VI Injection Well Applications																	
7.1 Permitting technical data and plans		M.6															
7.2 Other permit data and filing of applications											M.7						
7.3 Technical review of engineering standards								Π									
8.0 Risk Assessment, Mitigation and MVA																	
8.1 Risk Assessment and Mitigation											Π			M.8			
8.2 Finalize an MVA Plan												П					
9.0 Stakeholder Analysis and Outreach, Policy,																	
Economics, and Business Analysis	_	_	 _	_	_		_	_	_			_	_	_	_	-	
9.1 Stakeholder Analysis and Public Outreach						M.9											
9.2 Regulatory and policy assessment																	
9.3 Finalize commercial business plan																	
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9.4 Implementation of the business plan						_			_				/	Σ			
9.5 Preparation of a staged build-out plan												4			-	-	
10 CCUS Commercialization Plan																	

