

FEED Study of Carbon Capture Inc DAC and CarbonCure Utilization Technologies Using United States Steel's Gary Works Plant Waste Heat (DE-FE0032154)

Lead Engineer

*Les Gioja
Illinois Sustainable
Technology Center

Prairie Research Institute
University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign*

Principal Investigator

*Kevin C OBrien, PhD
Director, Illinois Sustainable
Technology Center
Director, Illinois State Water Survey
Prairie Research Institute
University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign*

Co-Principal Investigator

*Chinmoy Baroi, PhD
Illinois Sustainable
Technology Center

Prairie Research Institute
University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign*

*DOE/NETL 2022 Carbon Management Project Review Meeting (August 15-19, 2022)
Pittsburgh Pa.*

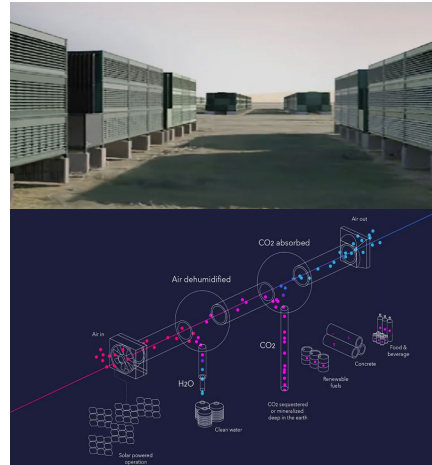
Direct Air Capture + Utilization = DACU

Waste heat from Steel plant and utilize captured CO₂ for cement



US Steel Gary Works Facility Host Site
Aerial View

Waste
Heat



Captured
CO₂



CarbonCure's CO₂ Dosing Tank and
Utilization System



CO₂
incorporated
into concrete



OZINGA

Disclaimer

This report was prepared as an account of work sponsored by an agency of the United States Government. Neither the United States Government nor any agency thereof, nor any of their employees, makes any warranty, express or implied, or assumes any legal liability or responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of any information, apparatus, product, or process disclosed, or represents that its use would not infringe privately owned rights. Reference herein to any specific commercial product, process, or service by trade name, trademark, manufacturer, or otherwise does not necessarily constitute or imply its endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the United States Government or any agency thereof. The views and opinions of authors expressed herein do not necessarily state or reflect those of the United States Government or any agency thereof.

OVERVIEW

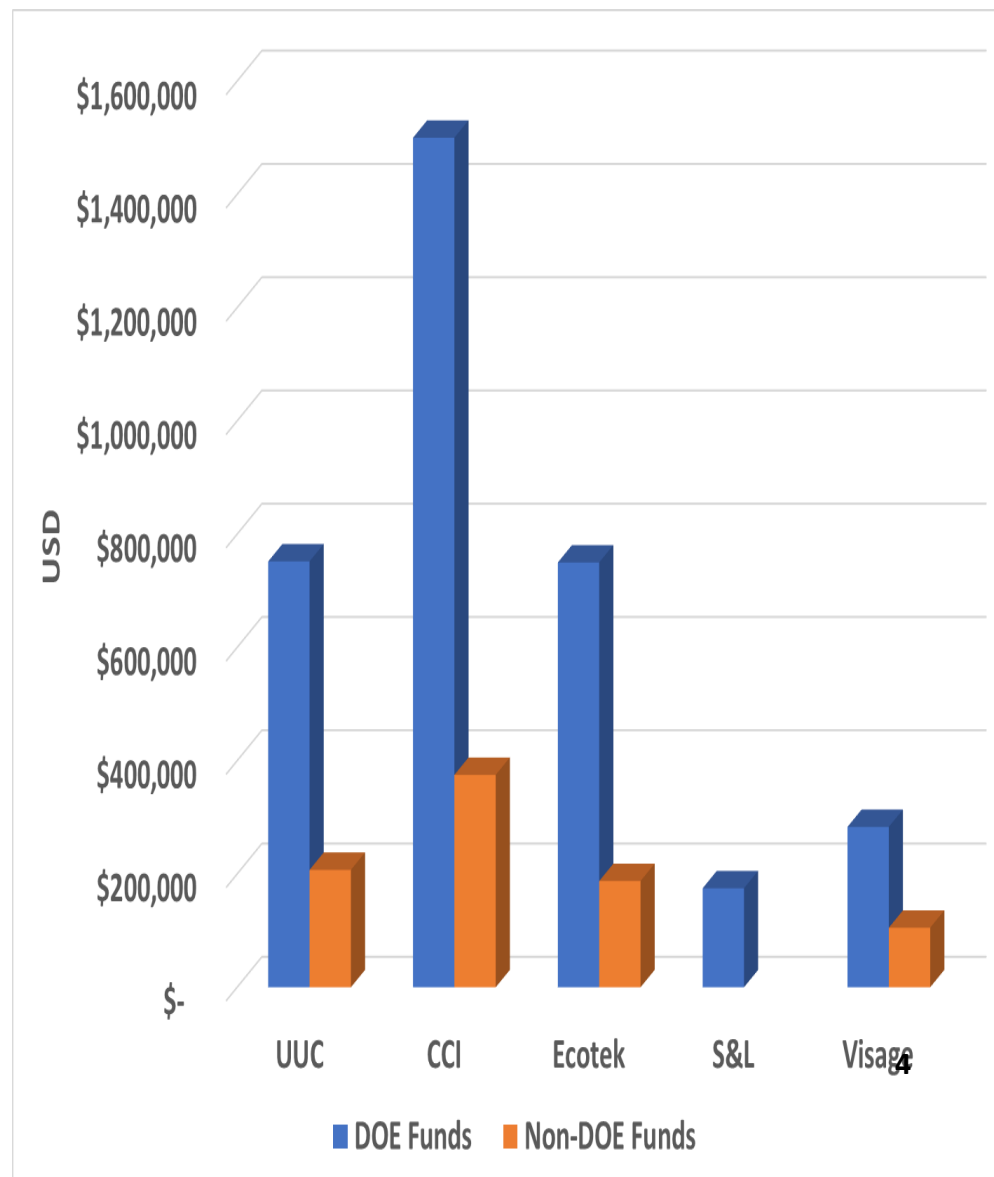
DOE: \$3,459,554

Cost Share: \$874,868

Work Period: 18 months

OBJECTIVES

- Perform a FEED study for DACU (DAC + Utilization)
- Remove a minimum of 5,000 tonnes/yr net CO₂ (captured) from air (Note: additional CO₂ avoided)
- Convert, sequester and utilize captured CO₂
- Utilize waste heat from a domestic steel plant located in Gary, Indiana
- Demonstrate full CO₂ value chain
- Illustrates how full CO₂ value chain impacts job creation, regional economic development, and environmental justice



Background on Technologies and Partners

Fast facts

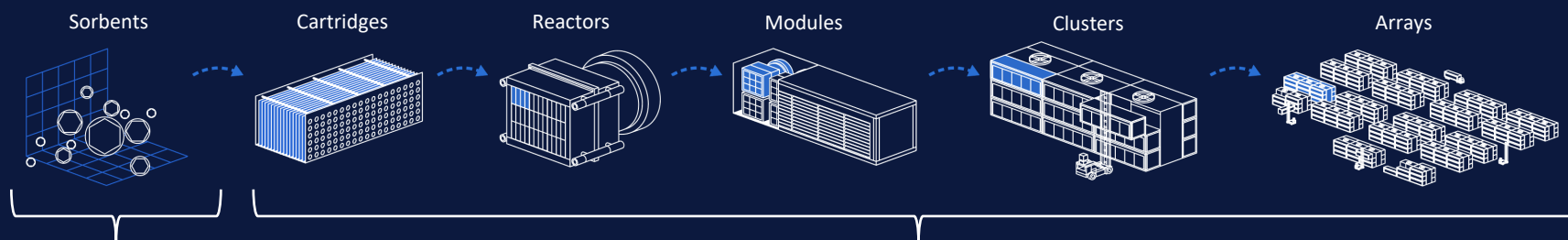
CarbonCapture Inc. makes modular direct air capture machines that filter CO₂ out of the atmosphere.

- Based in Los Angeles, CA
- Raised \$43m in venture capital
- Staff of 38, growing quickly
- First field deployments in mid-2023
- Focus on developing CO₂ storage and utilization projects in North America
- DAC-only, no point source or EOR
- Technology platform accelerates innovation via open systems approach to sorbents



DAC technology platform

Our product strategy is based on a **deeply modular, open systems architecture**. We've created a DAC technology platform that works with multiple families of solid sorbents and allows for rapid deployments, minimizes obsolescence, enables incremental upgrades, and speeds up development cycles.



Open systems enable:

- Rapid deployment of new sorbents
- Programmable operating processes

Deep modularity enables:

- Plug & play sorbent cartridges
- Size-of-site flexibility and distributed deployments
- Rapid deployment of new hardware innovations
- Mixed environments: multiple sorbent and hardware generations



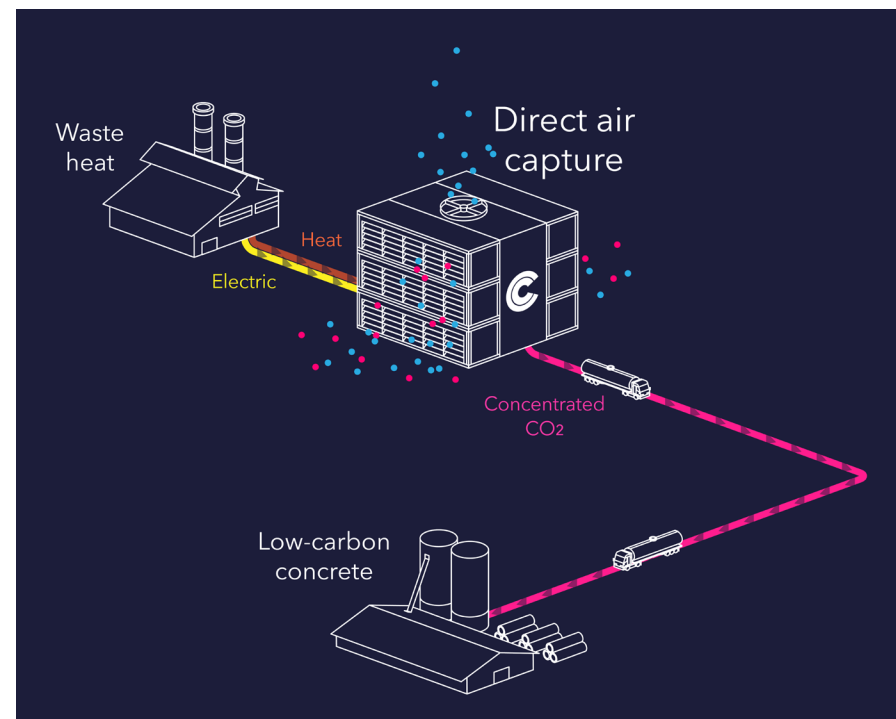
Technology platform

Core system: modular temperature vacuum swing adsorption system capable of accepting multiple types of solid sorbents

Go-to-market sorbent: switchable hydrophilic or hydrophobic structure sorbent

Advantages:

- Low cost: capture costs are expected to be \$73 to 115/t CO₂ by 2030
- Modular and compact: each module in the shape and size of standard shipping container, can be mass manufactured off site, and can capture over 500 tons of CO₂ /yr.
- Scalable: modules can be deployed in small quantities (for industrial locations like cement plants) or in very large arrays (for megaton scale carbon removal farms)
- Low temperature: with a relatively low desorption heat of 100°-300° C (212-572 °F), multiple renewable energy sources are applicable (e.g., geothermal, solar, nuclear, and industrial waste heat)



Direct air capture using industrial waste heat, with CO₂ storage in concrete

CarbonCure Technology: Commercialized CO₂ Utilization Technology for Concrete



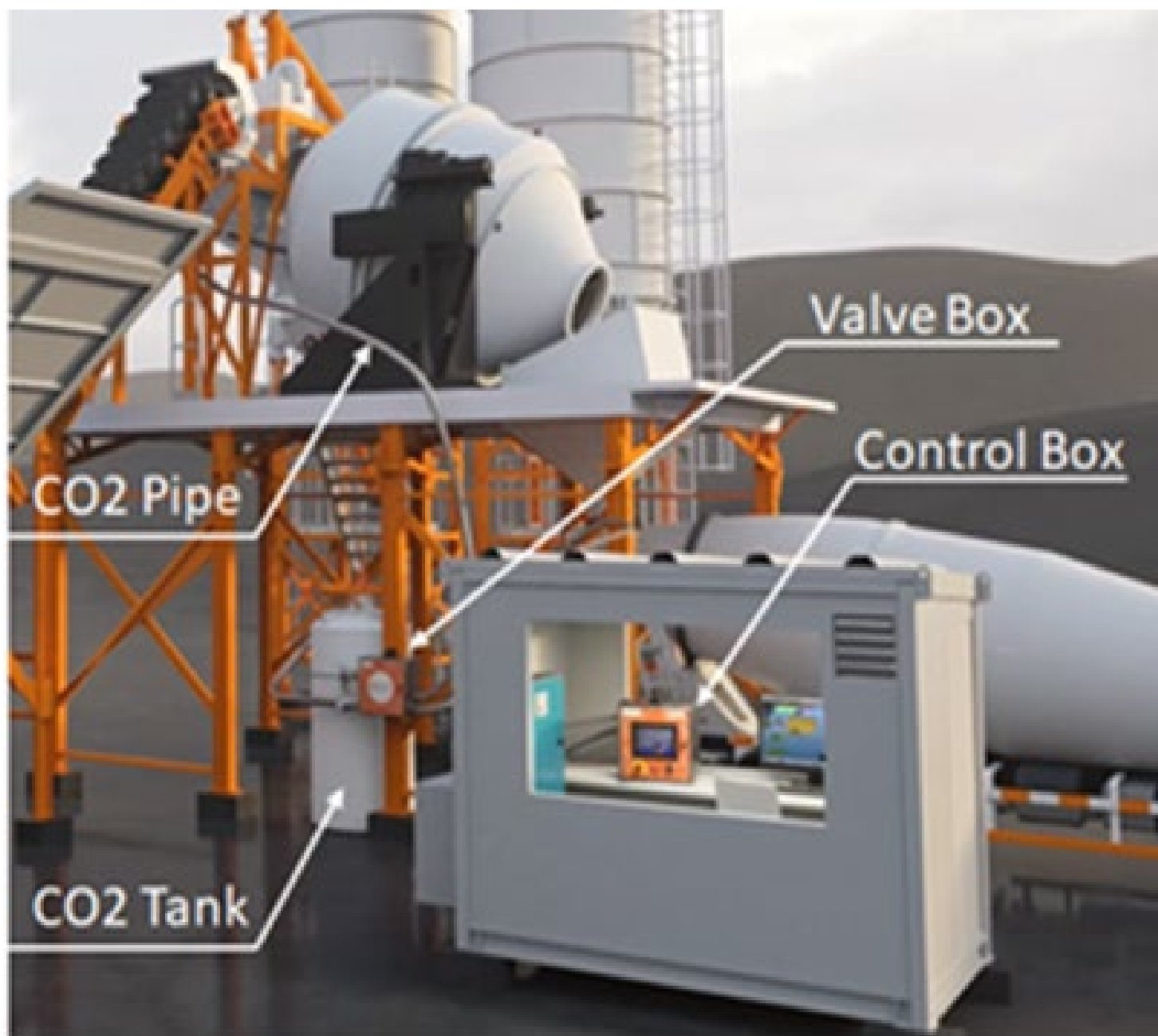
- The CarbonCure Valve Box is connected to the onsite CO₂ storage tank, and automatically injects a precise dosage of liquid CO₂ (300 psi/-50° C (-58 °F)) into the concrete during mixing.
- The CarbonCure Control Box syncs with the plant's batching software.
- The CO₂ becomes dry ice, then melts into batch. It combines with the Calcium in the cement to create Nano Calcium Carbonate, which is stronger than Calcium and uniformly distributed in batch.
- Mineralization reactions that take place at the batching plant improve the compressive strength of the concrete, which then enables the reduction of cement content in mix designs while maintaining strength requirements.
- There is sufficient Calcium Hydroxide in batch to react and maintain pH during process.

CarbonCure's retrofitted equipment into concrete plants

RESULTS

- Permanent Sequestration
- Less cement needed
- Avoids 25# CO₂ / cy of concrete
- Can still add any admixture normally
- Does not affect set time or workability
- Has neutral affect on natural (long term) carbonization
- Does not cause reduced pH and corrosion

10



Ozinga Utilization Sites

CO₂ utilized at Ozinga host site through the deployment of CarbonCure process



Ozinga Plant Locations

★ US Steel DAC Site Location

- Ozinga: has redi-mix facilities throughout the US and in particular in the region
- Closest Ozinga facility is only ~ 4 miles away from US Steel facility (DAC Host Site)
- Ozinga utilizes the CarbonCure process at their facilities. They currently use industrial grade CO₂
- There is a major business driver to use captured CO₂ in the CarbonCure process at the Ozinga sites
- Target of 5,000 tCO₂/yr results in dispensing the captured CO₂ to ~ 200 Ozinga sites (based on current volume of CO₂ used per site)
- This number of sites is feasible in the region

DAC Host Site: US Steel Site



Possible location of the DAC system at US Steel facility

Potential Sources of Power

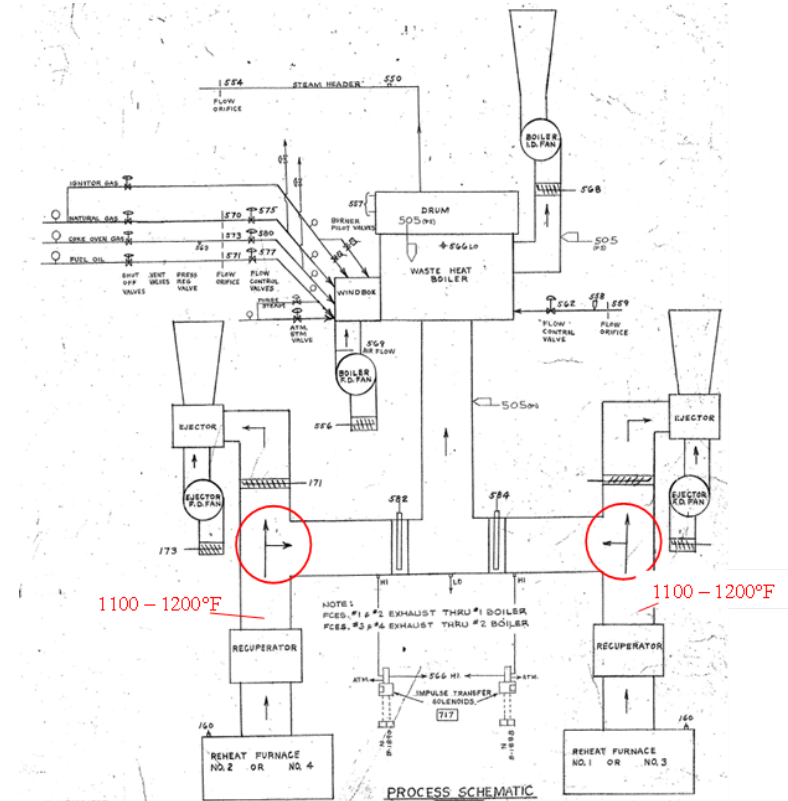
- Renewable energy to run the DAC unit can be obtained from Adjacent White County's: Rosewater Wind (102 MW), Brickyard Solar, Indiana Crossroads Solar plant through NIPSCO power's existing transmission line.
- If needed, the US Steel plant can also supply any necessary power for the DAC system

DAC Host Site: US Steel Site



Planned source of heat at US Steel facility host site

Planned Source of Heat



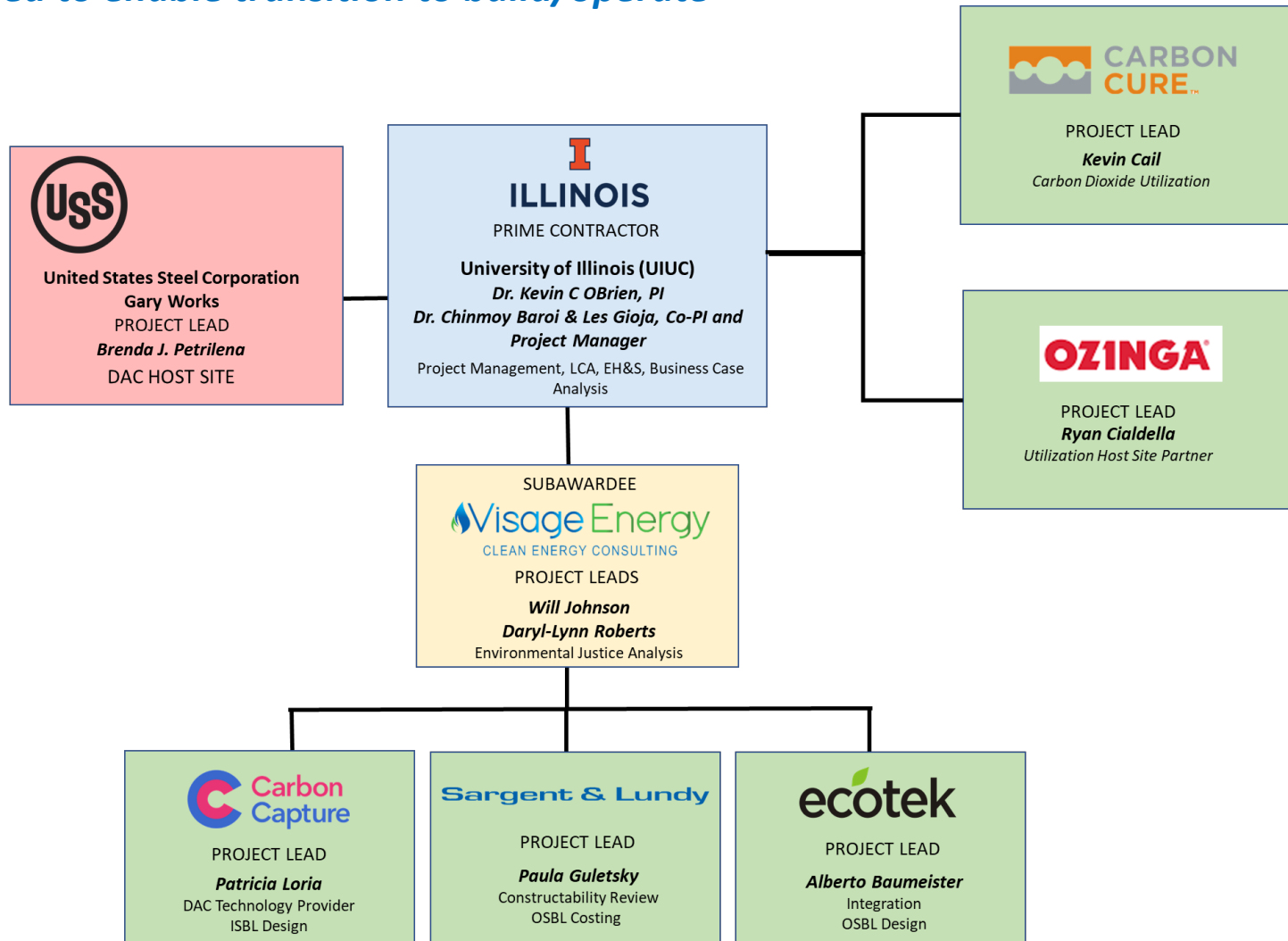
Waste heat source (*sufficient heat for CCI's system*) for the DAC system

Project Management

15

Management Structure

Designed to enable transition to build/operate



Milestones

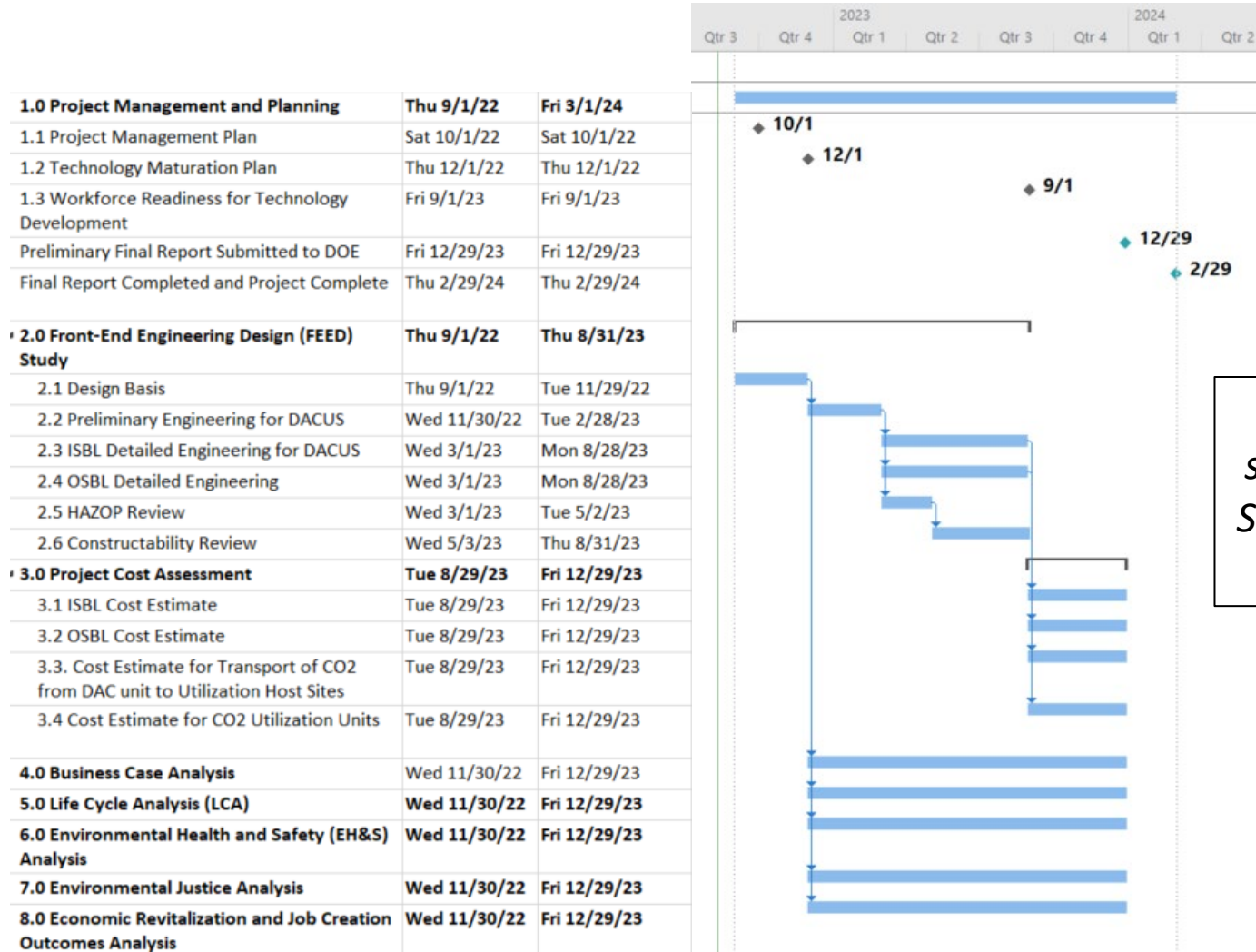
Dates to be adjusted when DOE contract received

Budget Period	Task or Subtask Number	Milestone Title & Description	Planned Completion Date	Actual Completion Date	Verification Method
1	1.1	Updated Project Management Plan	10/1/2022		Project Management Plan file
1	1.2	Technology Maturation Plan (TMP)	12/1/2022		Project Management Plan file
1	1.3	Workforce Readiness Plan	9/1/2023		Project Management Plan file
1	2.1	Project Design Basis Completed	11/29/2022		Topical Report File
1	2.5	HAZOP Completed	5/2/2023		Topical Report File
1	2.6	Constructability Review Complete	8/31/2023		Topical Report File
1	3.0	Project Cost Assessment	12/29/2023		Topical Report File
1	4.0	Business Case Analysis Completed	12/29/2023		Topical Report File
1	5.0	Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)	12/29/2023		Topical Report File
1	6.0	Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) Analysis	12/29/2023		Topical Report File
1	7.0	Environmental Justice Analysis	12/29/2023		Topical Report File
1	8.0	Economic Revitalization and Job Creation Outcomes Analysis	12/29/2023		Topical Report File

*Assumed
start date of
September 1,
2022*

Gantt Chart

Dates to be adjusted when DOE contract received



Risk Management

	Risk Rating : L, M, H			
Perceived Risk	Probability	Impact	Overall	Mitigation and Response Strategy
Financial				
Cost share for project not obtained or insufficient	L	H	L	•Cost share commitment letters obtained. •All entities providing cost share are financially sound.
DAC is not immediately financially attractive in the USA	M	H	M	•Business case analysis will explore future projections and highlighted actions required to make this approach attractive in the USA; government support through the Infrastructure Bill and increased corporate interest are already mitigating these risks.
Cost/Schedule				
Project costs and/or schedule overruns	L	H	L	•Team has previous experience conducting DOE projects on budget and on time.
Tasks require significantly more time than expected	L	H	M	•Preliminary results from CarbonCapture Inc. provide good basis and understanding. •Prior scale-up performed by CarbonCapture Inc. provide a good basis of understanding.
Technical / Scope				
Delays in selection of energy supply	L	H	M	•Selection Process launched early in collaboration with partners. •Active dialogue with stakeholders and energy providers. •Weekly progress monitoring.
Availability of energy supply (i.e. sufficient waste heat from existing host site)	L	H	M	•Selection Process launched early in collaboration with partners. •Options developed for multiple energy sources should primary source be unavailable for full project demand.

Risk Management

<i>Management, Planning, and Oversight</i>				
Unrealistic planning base/assumptions in project schedule may result in delays of project implementation	L	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Clear and carefully planned timeline created in collaboration with designers and engineers. •Scenario-based planning, using conservative assumptions and adequate contingency time for activities on the critical path of the project. •Bottom-up planning of individual activities.
Deficient project management may result in inefficiencies and delays	L	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Integrated, holistic project management set up. •Adequate allocation of experienced/qualified personnel to project management. •Detailed milestone planning. •Structured meeting, monitoring, and reporting structure to ensure real-time transparency. •Defined decision-making structures and processes.
Availability of key personnel for project	L	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Commitment received from partner organizations.
<i>EH&S</i>				
Handling large volumes of sorbents creates new issues from an EH&S perspective	M	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The sorbents will be handled in the pallets form during loading, unloading and regeneration.
<i>External Factor</i>				
Issues related to COVID-19 delay execution	M	H	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Team has worked virtually for months. •Communication process currently in place that uses remote work tools, e.g. Microsoft Teams.
Perturbations in the energy market create financial hardships for host sites, thus reducing their interest / ability to participate	M	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Host sites view DAC as a strategically important technology for their future business plans.

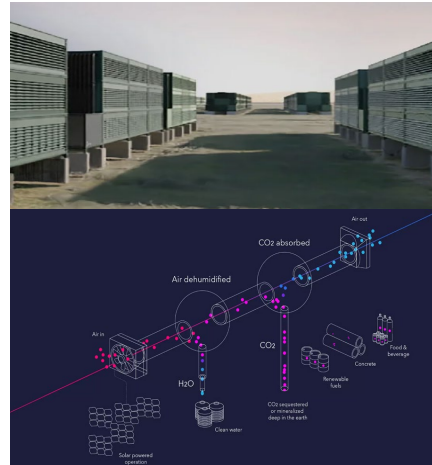
Direct Air Capture + Utilization = DACU

Waste heat from Steel plant and utilize captured CO₂ for cement



US Steel Gary Works Facility Host Site
Aerial View

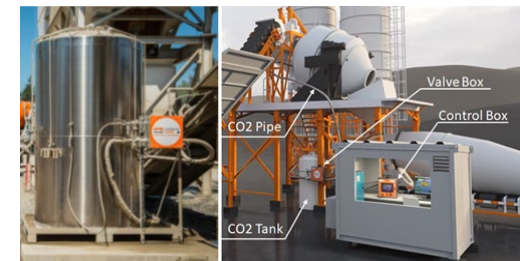
Waste
Heat



Captured
CO₂



CarbonCure's CO₂ Dosing Tank and
Utilization System



CO₂
incorporated
into concrete



OZINGA

21

Acknowledgements

Name	Organization
Mariah Richardson, Elliott Roth	National Energy Technology Laboratory / US Department of Energy
Les Gioja, Chinmoy Baroi	Prairie Research Institute / University of Illinois
Patricia Loria, Saeb Besarati, Jonas Lee	Carbon Capture Inc.
Brenda Petrilena, James Hoppe	US Steel
Casey Leist, Kevin Cail	CarbonCure
Ryan Cialdella	Ozinga
Alberto Baumeister	Ecotek
Paula Guletsky	Sargent & Lundy
Daryl-Lynn Roberts, Will Johnson	Visage Energy

This project is supported by the U.S. Department of Energy / National Energy Technology Laboratory (DOE/NETL) through Cooperative Agreement No. DE-FE0032154