FECM/NETL Carbon Management Research Project Review Meeting

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The Energy Port of the Americas By the Numbers



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Port of Corpus Christi commercial data; Dr. Jim Lee, South Texas Economic Development Center at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

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Six Environmental Precepts Environmental Planning and Compliance

Air Quality

Reduce emissions by 15% in PM, VOCs, NOx, SOx every 3 years

Climate Action

Reduce GHG emissions per cargo ton by 7.5% annually

Water Quality

Reduce AL, Fe, Zn, Pb, TSS by 10% annually

Climate Adaptation

Implement Life Cycle Assessment tool on Port capital projects

Habitat Restoration

Create/restore 50 acres of habitat every 3 years

Soils & Sediments

Remediate spills to residential standard

The Port of Corpus Christi's Role in CCUS

Send clear signal to marketplace that centralized CCUS solution IS coming

Cultivate CCU opportunities (new projects/Port customers)

Identify/vet/permit route alternatives for CO2 delivery infrastructure

Lease Port-owned pore space for CO2 injection and storage

Facilitate logistical/commercial connections between emitters & CCS service providers

Deploy Port capital to fund key infrastructure elements

Pursue/leverage federal capital

Advocate for appropriate state and federal policy

Two Discrete Projects

OFFshore:

Partners/Sub-Recipients

- University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology Gulf Coast Carbon Center
- Strategic Sequestration Development, SSD
- Trimeric Corporation

Total Project Cost \$9,169,659

- DOE Award \$7,357,327
- PCCA & Partner Match \$1,839,332

Objectives

- Address, meet, and/or exceed criteria for CarbonSAFE Phase III eligibility
- Contribute to development of scalable carbon management solution in Coastal Bend, via offshore storage resources
- Enable access to large volume storage in deep saline stratigraphy in western Gulf of Mexico
- Reduce risks/costs for future projects by bringing new storage resources into commercial classifications to foster an innovative, diverse, and inclusive geological storage industry

US DOE awards Port of Corpus Christi with \$16.4M in CarbonSAFE grants

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS & PROJECTS

February 2, 2023, by Aida Čučuk

The Port of Corpus Christi has been allocated \$16.4 million through the US Department of Energy's (DOE) Carbon Storage Assurance Facility Enterprise (CarbonSAFE) initiative to evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of permanently storing captured carbon dioxide (CO2) from industrial operations.

- Geostock Sandia
- Geosurveys
- MRSW

Progress to Date:: Feasibility + Routing Analyses

01

Review of existing infrastructure

02

Probabilistic analysis of known emitters (volumes and likelihood/timing of participating in centralized CO2 mgmt. system)

Scope:

- Identification of additional "in-scope" emitters
- Data gathering for all "in-scope" emitters:
 - Likely volumes of CO2
 - Type & concentration (power gen, cement, etc)
 - Distance emitter's CO2 / environmental commitments
 - Established relationship / discussions underway
 - CO2 sequestration incentives (45Q or other relevant carbon taxation)
 - For new sources, does timeline meet 45Q
 - Data review and probability weighting

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Economic assessment of infrastructure costs that can be supported by available storage resources under current 45Q regulations

Progress to Date:: State-level Activities

Port of Corpus Christi and Texas General Land Office to Collaborate in Development of Large-Scale Carbon Storage

Sep 01, 2021

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – The Port of Corpus Christi Authority (Port of Corpus Christi) and the Texas General Land Office (GLO) have executed a Memorandum of

Understanding (MOU) stating their intention to co-develop a carbon dioxide (CO₂) storage solution in the Coastal Bend in support of national decarbonization targets. Such a solution would involve infrastructure to transport and permanently store CO₂ captured by various industrial target sources in the greater Port of Corpus Christi area.

Industry leaders recognize the detrimental impacts of excessive CO₂ emissions. Partnering to capture and sequester these emissions has unmatched environmental benefits. A recent report from the American Petroleum Institute and the International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association and the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers calls on energy developers to adopt unified actions Memorandum of Understanding between Port + State of Texas :: Co-development of Geological Carbon Dioxide Storage Solution in the Coastal Bend of TX

Executed 8.25.21

Coastal Bend region prioritized by Texas General Land Office

Port to leverage geographic (ROWs) + market position

Progress to Date:: State-level Activities

Lease of State Submerged Tracts in Nueces, Aransas, & Kleberg Counties

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7 defined lease tracts for creation/operation of geologic CO2 storage repositories

Inshore (bay system) and offshore submerged tracts

Task 3.0: Site Specific Characterization & Assessment of the CO₂ Storage Complex

- <u>Subtask 3.1</u>: Geologic Characterization
- <u>Subtask 3.2</u>: Geophysical Characterization
- <u>Subtask 3.3</u>: Model Data and Reservoir Simulation

Task 4.0: Preliminary Project Risk Assessment with Mitigation & Management Plans

- <u>Subtask 4.1</u>: Non-technical challenges
- Subtask 4.2: Options
- <u>Subtask 4.3</u>: Existing Wells
- <u>Subtask 4.4</u>: Mitigation Plans
- <u>Subtask 4.5</u>: Monitoring
- <u>Subtask 4.6</u>: CO₂ Management Plan

Task 5.0: Plan for Subsequent Detailed Site Characterization & UIC Class VI Permitting

- <u>Subtask 5.1</u>: Storage Complex Geologic and Geophysical Characterization
- <u>Subtask 5.2</u>: Well Plans
- <u>Subtask 5.3</u>: UIC Class VI Permit Planning
- <u>Subtask 5.4</u>: Draft Site Development Plan
- <u>Subtask 5.5</u>: Onshore-Offshore Integration

Task 6.0: Project Technical & Economic Feasibility Assessment

- <u>Subtask 6.1</u>: Technical Feasibility
- <u>Subtask 6.2</u>: Economic Feasibility
- <u>Subtask 6.3</u>: Conceptual-Level Design Study for CO₂ Transport
- <u>Subtask 6.4</u>: Evaluate Options for Ship Transport of CO₂

Cross-section for the study area

Figure A-6. Dip cross section E-E'.

Primary storage site MUSTANG

- Selected as a result of pre-feasibility regional geologic characterization work completed under the previous DOE-funded offshore CCS projects.
- Preliminary subsurface structure maps on the regional marine seal (Amph. B.) were evaluated for large fetch-closure pairs that could provide more than 50 Mt of storage.
- The co-location of this storage site with nearby onshore CO_2 emitters and existing pipeline ROW (Fig. 1) made this site selection process quite straight-forward, although more than 6 structures with mapped fetch-closures were considered.
- An alternate storage site has also been identified (PADRE) with similar geologic storage characteristics.

The storage complex consists of:

- 1. Multiple Oligocene and Miocene storage sandstone reservoirs
 - 5,000-8,000 feet depth; permeability 100⁺ mD; porosity 20%
- 2. Injection at rates up to 1 Mta (Ni et al., 2021); and
- 3. A regional low-permeability seal (Amph. B. interval-100's of feet thick), which serve as barrier to upward migration of CO_2 , as demonstrated by retention of natural methane accumulations (hundreds of BCF) over geologic time.

Regional geologic model of the storage complex

- Area: 811 sq. mi.
- Wells:
 - Wells with facies logs 213
 - Wells with porosity log 26
 - Wells with sonic logs 26
 - Wells with density 11

Surfaces:

MFS 9 MFS 10 MFS 12 Number of faults: 171

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