

Transcending Boundaries

Southeast Regional Carbon Utilization and Storage Acceleration (SECARB-USA) Initiative: An Overview

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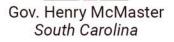


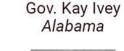
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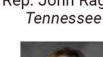
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AlabamaNorth CarolinaArkansasOklahomaFloridaPuerto RicoGeorgiaSouth CarolinaKentuckyTennesseeLouisianaTexasMarylandU.S. Virgin IslandsMississippiVirginiaMissouriWest Virginia	
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Associate Membership





Current and Former CCS Projects

- **SECARB-USA** (encompasses 1. majority of our region)
- **Tri-State CCS Hub** 2.
- **Central Appalachia** 3.
- **Foreman FEED** 4.
- Arkansas (CO₂-EOR) 5.
- **Kemper County** 6.
- **Black Warrior Basin** 7.
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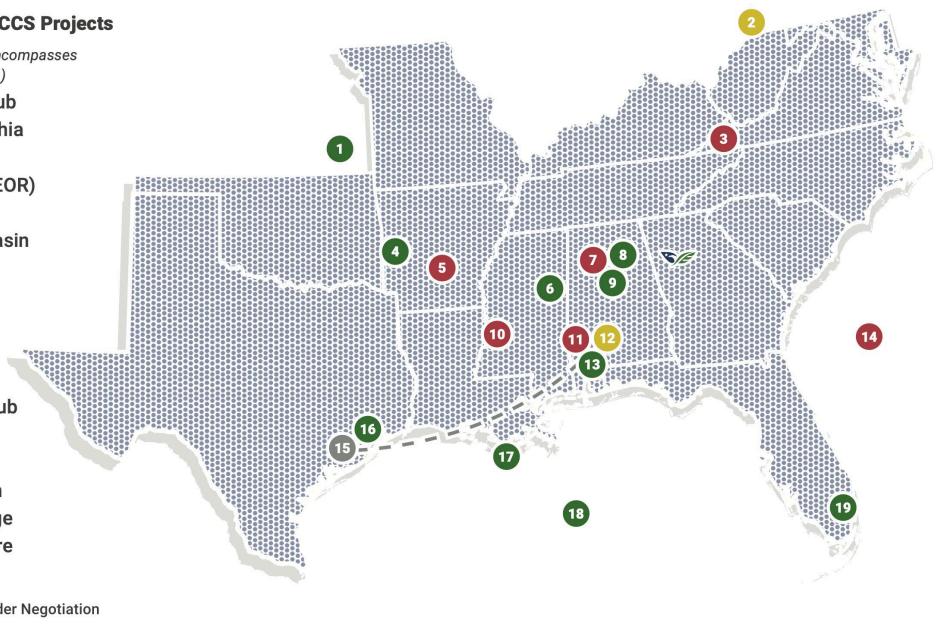


Under Negotiation



Closed Project **Technology Transfer**







SECARB-USA Partners





Student Activity





Graduate

- Chidera lloejesi
- Jamie Newsome
- <u>Nora Lopez Rivera</u>
- Otis Williams

Post Doc

• Zhuofan Shi

Graduate

- <u>Edna Rodriguez</u> <u>Calzado</u>
- Yushan Li
- Angela Luciano
- Maria Madariaga
- Chinemerem Okezie

Intern

Ethan Cavasos



Graduate

- Victor Fakeye
- Silas Samuel
- Sreejesh Sreedhar
- Megan Garrett
- Jaren Schuette
- Kusuma Lanka
- <u>Suresh Marreddy</u>

Graduate

- Lars Koehn
- Uzezi Orivri

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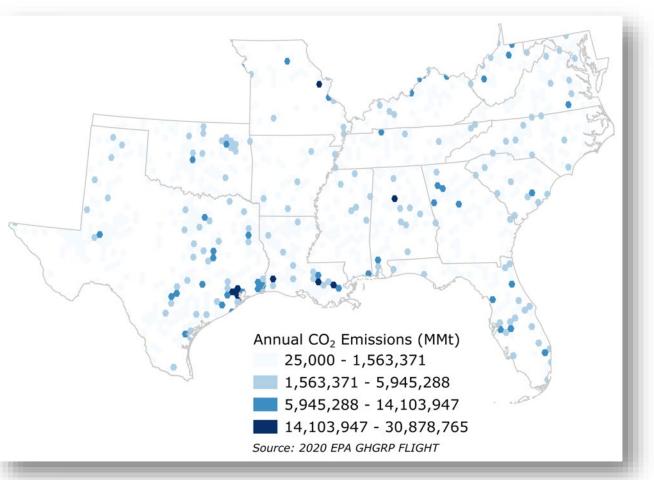
- Kristen Claye
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- Wes Godbey
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- Mary Verne



CCS - Motivation

- Region accounts for over 1.2 billion metric tons of annual CO_2 emissions, or ~ 30% of U.S. annual emissions
 - Utility-scale electric generation
 - Industrial activities
 - Regional importance (jobs, energy security)
- Opportunity for CO₂-focused economy
- Broad industry interest in decarbonizing, and expertise

Spatial Density of CO₂ Emissions in the Southeast





CCS – Southeastern Timeline

Clear Skies Initiative leads to DOE Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership Program. SSEB Chair Governor Bob Wise establishes Carbon Management program

SECARB Phase II

Designed and implemented CO₂ injection field tests in Alabama, Mississippi, and Virginia. Goal to **evaluate injection methods and identify operational risks**.

2020s

Numerous ongoing, announced, and planned projects in the SECARB-USA region, including several CarbonSAFE projects. Continued interest in CCS is expected.

Established the Southeast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership. Evaluated storage potential and source-sink matching in the region and **identified field test locations**.

SECARB Phase I 2003 - 2005 Demonstration of integrated CCUS at coal-fueled power plant. Technologies transferred to 250 MW Petra Nova facility. MVA technologies evaluated and **over 5 million tons of CO₂ stored**.



SECARB Phase III 2007 - 2020



2000s

State Activities

State Legislation

- 2022 was a busy year for CCS
 - AL, AR, MS clarified regulatory oversight of CO₂
- In 2023, 11 states introduced 25 CCS-related measures
 - LA SR 179 assess impacts of CCS
 - WV SR 162 DNR lease pore space
- In 2024, 28 states introduced CCS-related measures
 - AL 320 clarifies amalgamation procedures
 - LA HB 73 parish tax on CCS projects
 - WV HB 5045 relating to primacy

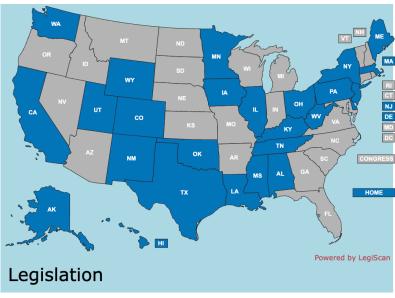
Regulatory

- Louisiana primacy granted
 - Alabama is likely next in line draft rules out in December of 2023
 - TX GLO continues to lease state waters

2023 Carbon Management Legislation by State



2024 Carbon Management Legislation by State

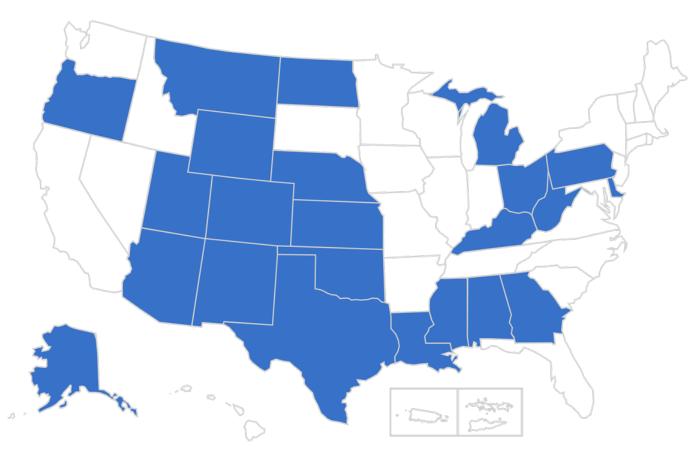




Class VI Grants Program

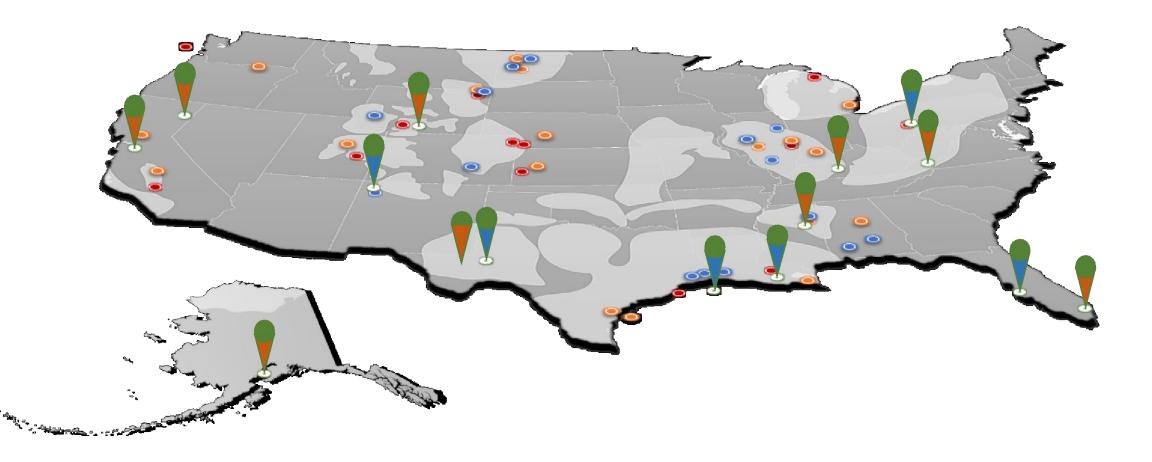
- BIL appropriated \$48,250,000 in funds made available to states, tribes, or territories
- Funds to be used in two ways
 - Primacy or program revisions
 - Program implementation
- 23 states and 2 tribes received funds

States Receiving Grants to Support UIC Programs





CarbonSAFE Locations

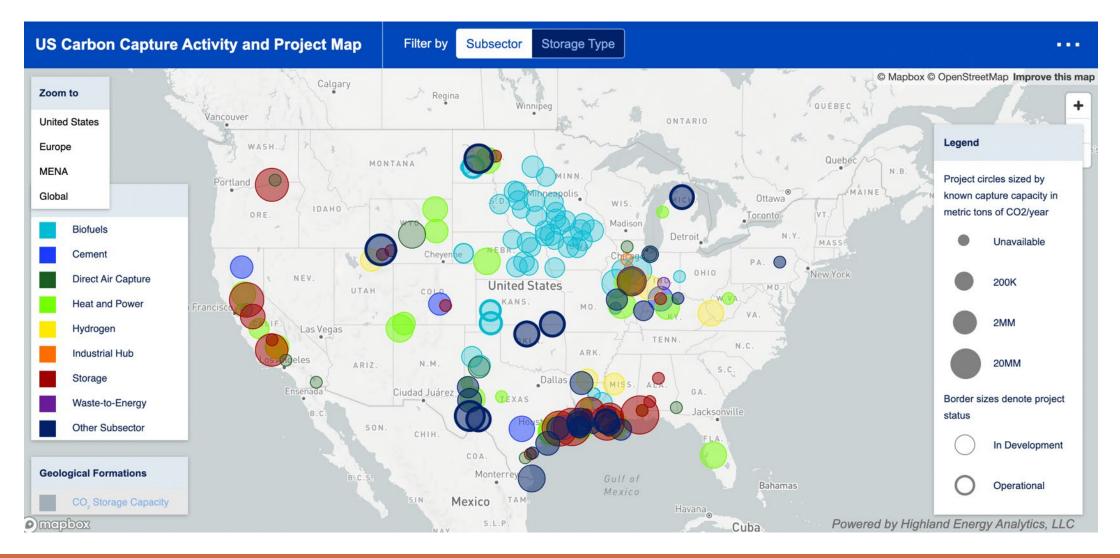




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Deployment





SECARB-USA: Past Activities

- One of four DOE Regional Initiatives tasked with identifying and removing barriers to the commercial deployment of CCUS
- Developed a needs assessment framework for prospective storage complexes in the region based on Class VI requirements
- Preliminary evaluation of regional storage potential and costs using NRAP and SCO₂T
- Identified prospective sub-basins in the region for CO₂ storage
- Developed an inventory of non-technical challenges to the commercial deployment of CCS
- · Completed stratigraphic test wells in Alabama, Georgia, and Virginia
- Acquired seismic data in under explored regions
- Supported project development with regional industry

Southeast Regional CO₂ Utilization & Storage Acceleration Partnership

The Southern States Energy Board (SSEB) is leading a coalition of technical experts to identify and address regional onshore storage and transport challenges facing commercial deployment of carbon dioxide (CO₂) capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) technologies.

The goal of the "Southeast Regional CO₂ Utilization and Storage Acceleration Partnership" (SECARB-USA) project is to help the United States meet its need for secure, affordable, and environmentally sound fossil energy supplies by utilizing the advancements made by the Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership (RCSP) Initiative to continue to identify and address knowledge gaps.

SEEE and a select network of experienced CCUS project developers and operators will coordinate their capabilities to accelerate CCUS deployment and achieve four primary research objectives: 1) address key technical challenges: 2) facilitate data collection, sharing and analysis; 3) assess transportation and distribution infrastructure; and 4) promote regional technology transfer and disseminiation of knowledge.

The SECARB-USA regional initiative encompasses the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and portions of Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia. The Southern States Energy Board Is the award recipient.

To date, the project team has made significant strides towards de-tisking commercial investment in CCUS technologies. For example, a regional assessment of prospective storage complex subsurface data availability revealed data gaps throughout the region. It was observed that data availability is strongly correlated with historical oil and gas exploration and production. Consequently, less information is available to decision makers in and around the Appalachian fold-thrust belt, the Rome Trough, and the coastal plain of Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryiand. These observations supported Southern Company's stratigraphic test well drilling in the Valley and Ridge province of north-central Alabama and northwest Georgia. Broadly, the information obtained through field activities will be incorporated into the SECABB USA knowledge base and may provide potential sinks for emitters in the area.

In addition to the technical activities highlighted above, the project team is actively engaged with industry, regulators (state and federal), legislators, and the public more broadly. In total, 186 separate engagements

were documented by the project team over a one-year period (Q2 acoat hrough Qa 2023). Additionally, the program has supported numerous undergraduate and graduate students at the Auburn University, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma State

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SECARB-USA 2022 Fact Sheet



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Environmental Defense Fund

Geological Survey of Alabar

> Oklahoma State University

» Virginia Center for Coal

and State University

Clean Air Task Force

» Denbury Resources, Inc.

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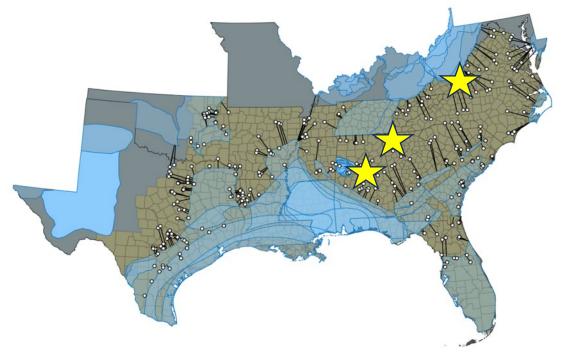
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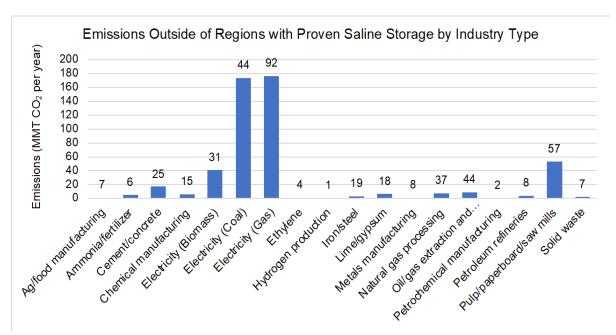
Partners

SECARB-USA: Stranded Emissions

- In total, 425 facilities fall outside of areas with proven saline storage, representing annual emissions of nearly 509 million metric tons of CO₂
- Lengthy infrastructure required, or investment in proximal exploration



Location of SECARB-USA regional facilities (white dots) located outside of proven saline storage areas (blue polygons). Also shown is least distance path to from each facility to saline polygons as a proxy for required pipeline length. Facility data is from the EPA GHGRP while saline polygons are from the US DOE NATCARB



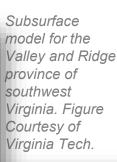
Distribution of facilities outside of areas with proven saline storage in the SECARB-USA region by industry type, number, and annual CO₂ emissions.



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SECARB-USA: Central Appalachia

- Coordinating with Titan America to evaluate subsurface storage opportunities near their Roanoke Cement Plan
- Preliminary geologic characterization and reservoir modeling shows promise as an enduring sink
- Continuous core drilling to 2,500 feet total depth
 - Targeting Ordovician-Silurian sandstone and limestone formations
 - Confining interval is the Millboro Shale



Photograph of field activities in southwest Virginia. The mineral rig is being utilized to test the subsurface for CO₂ storage suitability in an up-dip section from the Roanoke Cement facility. Image courtesy of Nino Ripepi, Virginia Tech.

~2,500 ft total depth

of corehole





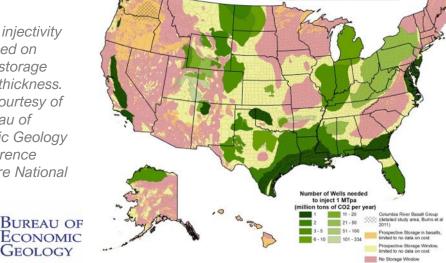
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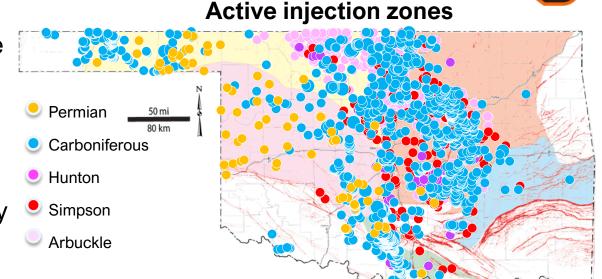


Oklahoma

- Numerous Class I and II injection zones in state
- Large database of injection volume, wellhead pressure, and water chemistry data
- Storage potential in Ordovician-Permian section; numerous thick reservoir seals distributed throughout section
- Work communicated to the Secretary of Energy and Environment

National injectivity map based on existing storage window thickness. Figure courtesy of UT Bureau of Economic Geology and Lawrence Livermore National Lab.





Class I and II wells in Oklahoma. Courtesy of Jack Pashin, Oklahoma State University.

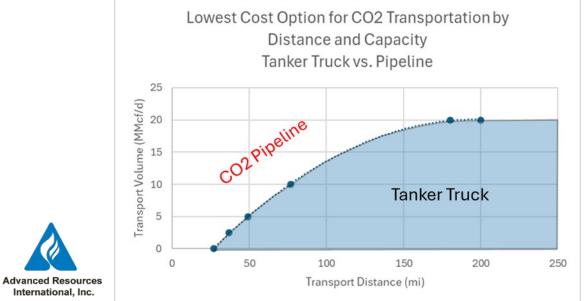
- National
 - Updates to storage window thickness and injectivity at the national level
 - Lots of injectivity in the Gulf South
 - 1 or 2 injection wells required to inject 1 million metric tonnes of CO₂ annually



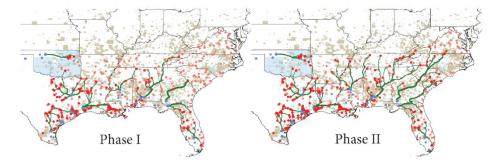
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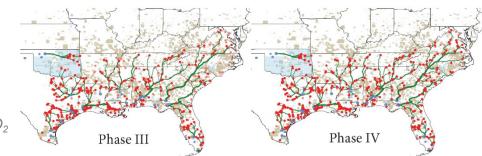


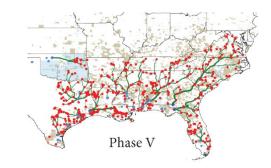
- Evaluating regional infrastructure buildout scenarios
- IRA modified 45Q rules, there are 956 Mmt capturable emissions
- Marginal cost increase when considering EJ community avoidance



Left: Cost curve for CO₂ emitting facilities and pipeline or tanker truck transportation methods. Figure courtesy of ARI. Right: SimCCS model for eligible facilities in the SECARB-USA region considering the location of environmental justice communities. Staged buildout focuses on lowest cost to capture facilities first. Figure courtesy of LANL.







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SECARB-USA: Ongoing Activities

- Ongoing experimental and modeling efforts
- UT-BEG utilizing tank experiments to replicate field patterns in a lab environment
 - Increase confidence in models
- Auburn is utilizing samples from regional reservoirs and confining units to understand CO₂-brinerock reactions
 - Important to understanding impacts on geology

To replicate the field geologic pattern in the lab setting, we mixed different grain sizes of glass beads so that their capillary entry pressure ratios are equivalent to the permeability ratios measured for the various layers.

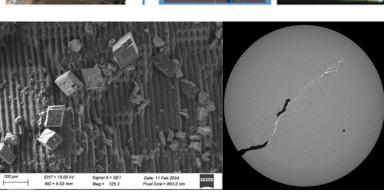
We then manually packed the sand tank domain according to a 2D cross-section from the field-scale simulation domain shrunk to the size of the tank.

Below: Photos of the sand tank packing procedure. Right: 2D cross-section images and the completed dry bead pack photos for the three experiments.

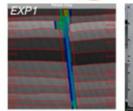


Top: Sand tank experiments. Courtesy of UT-BEG. Right: SEM micrographs courtesy of Auburn.

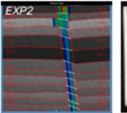




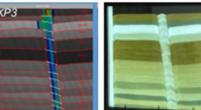














SECARB-USA: Industry Outreach Activities

- Regional knowledge source for industry partners – basis for many new projects (> 15 new projects)
- Frequent discussions with regional legislators and regulators
 - June 2024 meeting with Oklahoma Secretary of Energy and Environment
 - Sharing project insights and utilizing activities to plan future events
- Supporting regional efforts such as Georgia Tech's Equitable DAC symposium



Promotional material for the GT Advancing DAC for Community Benefit and Decarbonization Workshop. Keynote speaker, Dr. Simone Stewart, shown in the bottom right.

DAC in the Context of Environmental Justice in the Southeast panel. From left to right: Jay Bassett, Gary Harris, Dr. Yomi Noibi, Janelle Wright, and Dr. Erica Holloman-Hill.

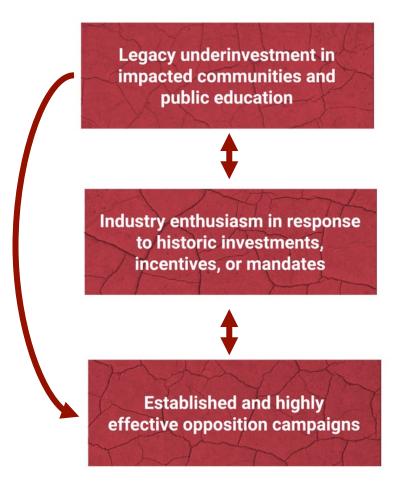




Challenges to CCUS Deployment - Perception

- Despite investments and various incentives, public perception challenges will present strong head winds to CCUS project developers
- Without regulatory mandates, public opposition may heavily influence decision makers
- General lack of data surrounding public sentiment to inform early engagement
- Opportunity to proactively identify public concerns and develop messaging priorities utilizing text analytics and large language models

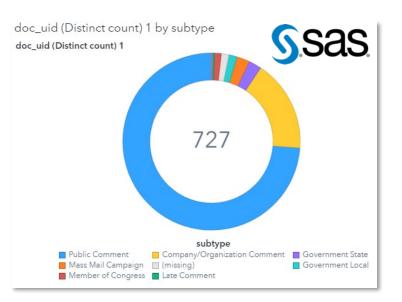
MAD CCS, or the Mutually Assured Destruction of the CCS Industry



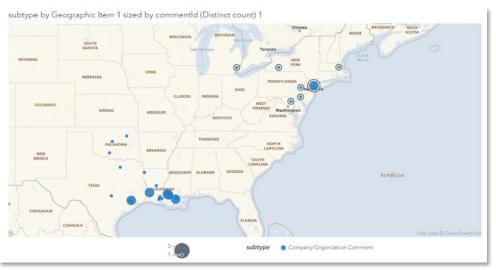


Using Text Data for Insights

- Analysis of Louisiana Primacy Application Public Comments
- May prove valuable to others in the region considering primacy
- Over 40k comments, around 727 are unique
- Majority private citizens, followed by companies/organizations
- Location data available for some
- More importantly, sentiment can be extracted



Proportion of comments by type (e.g., company, government official, private citizen). Figure courtesy of SAS.



Geographic distribution of public comments. Figure courtesy of SAS.



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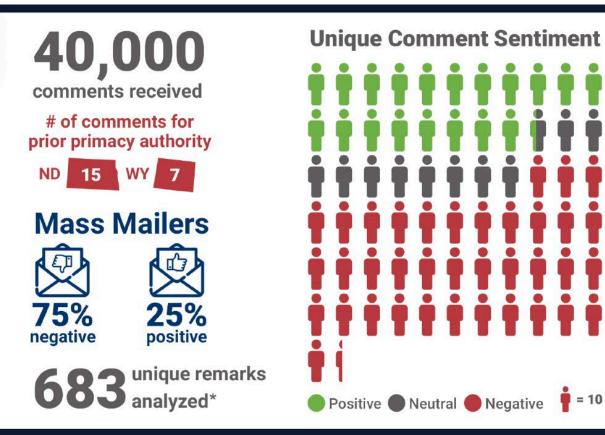
- 727 public comments contain approximately 12,000 unique statements
- Capture unique ideas and extract themes and subthemes
- Sentiment analysis to identify high-priority topic or alternately, rants
- Large Language Models to summarize key public comment patterns

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Text analytics dashboard example.



Summary of Louisiana Class VI Primacy Comments



Major Themes Positive

 Louisiana's long history of competently overseeing oil, gas, and subsurface activities.
 The state's workforce, infrastructure, and geology make it well-suited to regulate and grow the carbon capture industry.
 Many facilities can pursue CCS projects and benefit from the 45Q tax credit.
 Several companies have pending Class VI injection well applications.
 EPA approval of primacy would provide regulatory certainty for CCS projects.

Negative

1) Carbon dioxide leakage and related concerns. 2) Lack of adequate plans to consider environmental justice. 3) EPA preferred for a higher level of oversight vs. the state's Dept. of Natural Resources. 4) Groundwater and drinking water contamination concerns. 5) The state's willingness to properly administer the program.

Key Terms

Positive

Oil & gas industry | Community support Support primacy | Energy jobs | Environmental protection

Negative

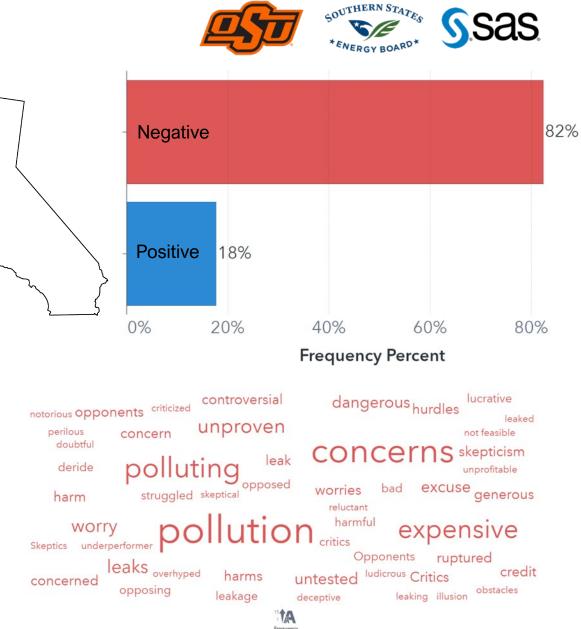
CO₂ | Environmental justice | Reject primacy | Water contamination | Well abandonment

COUTHERN STATES



Analysis of News Media

- How is CCUS discussed in media?
- Opportunity to further understand messaging priorities
- 11 Class VI permits accounting for 50 wells in California (40% of permits in review with EPA)
- California articles from 2021 to 2023
 were assessed
 - 463 articles analyzed, of which 82% were largely negative in sentiment





Summary of Text Analytics Work

- More data available to understand messaging priorities and inform initial engagement efforts
- Opposition campaigns are highly effective at amplifying their message
 - Project specific actions can be identified when filtering out mass mailers
- Likely that stakeholders see negative messaging before we have an opportunity to engage



Next Steps for Text Analytics Work

Next Steps

- Expand assessment of news media in areas where CCS activity is expected
 - AL, LA, MS, OK
- Validate text analytics and LLM workflows by comparing results from like datasets within team
 - UT-BEG is exploring workflows using NLTK
- Identify overlap or nuance across geographies
 - Opportunity to evaluate how CCS is discussed within a region
- Utilize information to inform messaging strategies, identify strategic engagement opportunities

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Example database structure for news articles from Alabama. Figure courtesy of Kusuma Lanaka at OSU.



SECARB-USA: Moving Forward

- Collaborate with industry partners to evaluate CO₂ storage feasibility near existing assets and to assist in the development of business plans, many of which involve multiple companies (hub concept) - ongoing
- Evaluate how CCS is described in media to inform messaging strategies- ongoing
- Develop an interactive dashboard for educational purposes that includes infrastructure scenarios, costs, risks, societal considerations and impacts (energy and environmental justice; and diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility), and workforce readiness and development – ongoing
- Continue field efforts in collaboration with industry in Alabama, Georgia, Oklahoma, and Virginia – ongoing
- Host a series of state-specific workshops to discuss considerations for CCS with legislators, regulators, and industry partners - ongoing



SECARB-USA Project Timeline		stone	Phase I					Phase II						
		on Point	Budget Period 1					Budget Period 2						
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Milestone: Report on Socioeconomic Impacts of CCUS and Workforce Readiness	9/30/23	9/30/23									٠	•		
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Milestone: Completed Final Regional Commercialization Plan	9/30/24	9/30/24											•	
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Subtask 5.2: Non-Technical Challenges to CCUS Deployment	1/1/20	9/30/24												
Milestone: Inventory Initial List of Non-Technical Challenges for CCUS	9/30/20	9/30/20			* *******	BREERE BREER	8 88888 81	SEAR EREAREN	RECENT RECEN	8 88888 888	984 888884 8884	BEL REPERT	8888: 88888: 8888	
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