CARBON STORAGE IN THE ILLINOIS BASIN REGION: PROJECT EXPERIENCES

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In Decatur and throughout the Illinois Basin, the ISGS has demonstrated Safe and Effective storage.

The pieces Have come together





ILLINOIS Illinois State Geological Survey PRAIRIE RESEARCH INSTITUTE Accomplishments: Illinois Basin – Decatur Project

- Captured, transported, stored, and monitored 1 million tonnes of CO₂ from biofuel production in an onshore Saline Reservoir
- Executed FOAK monitoring, verification, and accounting (MVA) program
- Met and exceeded all technical and non-technical challenges
- Successful Class VI permitting
- Conducted microseismic monitoring and interpretation
- Developed International collaborations
- Laid foundations for multiple projects
- Build international, national, and regional capacity
- Stakeholder engagement strategy built trusted relationships
- Created comprehensive data set

Multiple Projects Build Framework for CCUS Research and Commercialization

Illinois Industrial Sources CCS

Illinois Basin -Decatur Project



CCUS PROJECTS IN DECATUR, IL USA



- Lanza agala demonstration
- Large-scale demonstration
- Volume: I million tonnes
- Injection period: 3 years
- Injection rate: 1,000 tonnes/d
- Compression capacity: 1,100 tonnes/day

Contribution:

- Geologic and Social Site Characterization
- Reservoir Modeling and Risk Assessment
- MVA Development and Engineering Design
- Stakeholder Engagement

Status:

- Post-injection monitoring ends April 2020
- Conceptual site model and history matching

Illinois Industrial CCS Project

- Industrial-scale demonstration
- Volume: up to 5 million tonnes
- Injection period: 3 years (or longer)
- Injection rate: 3,000 tons/d
- Compression capacity: 2,200 tonnes/day

Contribution:

- Commercial-scale up surface and subsurface
- Intelligent Monitoring
- Class VI permitting

Status:

- Injection Began April 7, 2017
- Optimization of capture process

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• ~2,400,000 (as of June 2021)

IBDP Monitoring Program

Comprehensive risk-based program with research, regulatory, and operational objectives

- (20+ techniques); 11+ years
 - 2 years pre-injection (2009-2011)
 - 3 years during injection (2011-2014)
 - 6 years post-injection (2014-2020)

Primary monitoring networks

- Microseismic
- Deep groundwater
- Shallow groundwater
- Soil gas

Collected/analyzed

- 1,434 shallow (< 100 m) groundwater samples
- 188 deep (100-2,200 m) groundwater samples
- 755 soil gas samples



Permitting



All Six Class VI permits have been issued in Illinois, only two are in use:

- CCS1 Archer Daniels Midland (IBDP)
 - Post-injection site care (PISC)
- CCS2 Archer Daniels Midland (Industrial Sources)
 - Full operations permit, 10-year PISC
- FutureGen 2.0 4 permits issued, withdrawn when ARRA funding expired
- Permitting has been rate-limiting step for both Illinois projects
 - Projects tied together for monitoring purposes
 - 3 years to issue permit, 3 years to receive permission to inject
- Key issue: Uncertainty lies between issuance of final permit and authorization to inject – up to 3 years
- Accelerate timing of permitting
 - Better than current 18 months (Illinois longer)
 - Impacts ability to realize 45Q tax credit



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Decatur by the numbers (IBDP + ICCS):

- 3+ million tonnes CO₂ stored from **biofuels**
- More than 16,000 feet meters of drilled wells
- More than 800 feet of collected core
- Near-surface groundwater monitoring efforts have resulted in more than **60,000 analyses**
- For basin-scale modeling, we will use **1,020,000 CPU-hours** of XSEDE supercomputing resources.
- More than 1,700 visitors from 29 countries have been to IBDP and ICCS
- More than **100 people from at least 10 organizations** have worked together to make these projects a success

Key Learnings

- Geology is critical and will always remain key factor
- Induced seismicity in basement formations is not a given
- Iterative scientific investigation allows for advancement and economy of scale
- Baseline environmental assessments are critical
- Unanticipated results provide insights into improvements that benefit all projects
- Incorporate technology changes into life cycle of project
- Occom's Razor applies to CCUS
- Scientific and engineering timeframe not aligned with policy
- Pilot and demonstration projects provide critical insights
- Policy drivers are necessary to facilitate commercialization
- Regulatory, legal, and social factors are critical and require significant time investment

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