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## **Carbon Capture & Sequestration**

& BINGHAM LLP

Air & Waste Management Association Southern Section 2023 Annual Meeting & Technical Conference

## **TECHNICAL ASPECTS**

- CO2 can be stored as supercritical fluid
  - Temperature > 31.1°C / 88°F
  - Pressure ≥ 72.9 atm (~1,057 psi)
  - Dense (like a liquid) but viscous (like a gas)
- Trapping:
  - Structural physical trapping in rock
  - Residual pore space
  - Solubility brine water in pore spaces
  - Mineral reaction of dissolved CO2 in brine to minerals in the rock

## UIC CLASS VI WELLS



## **CLASS VI PERMITS UNDER REVIEW AT EPA**





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Initiatives Reach an Expert All Projects

# **Greenhouse Gas Protocol**

The global standard for companies and organizations to measure and manage their GHG emissions and become more efficient, resilient and prosperous.

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## **ACCOUNTING ISSUES**

- Whose "requirements" apply and harmony across platforms
  - Greenhouse Gas Protocol a leading framework
  - World Resources Institute (WRI) & World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
- Who gets credit for capture, double-counting, etc.
  - Across Scope 1 (direct), Scope 2 (indirect), Scope 3 (up and down the value chain – indirect emissions that are not Scope 2)
- Acceptable forms of sequestration (geologic, forestry, etc.) within or across industries
- Corporate governance issues



## **CCS PROJECTS**

Figure 2-2: Proposed Project Plan - Facility Adjacent to MRY Unit No. 1 & Unit No. 2



## TUNDRA (MINNKOTA)

- Joint venture between Tundra CO2 Technologies and Minnkota
- Lignite power plant
- Porous rock layer mile deep below rock cap layers
- 4 million metric tons annually
- 252 billion tons total capacity



#### Project Information Prime Performer: Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. Location: Grand Forks, ND Project Duration: 10/01/2019 - 06/30/2023 Agreement Number: FE0031845 Technology Area: Post-Combustion Capture Total Award Value: \$13,058,042 Key Technology: Solvents DOE Share: \$9,821,578 Performer Share: \$3,236,464

#### **Project Description**

The objective of this project is to complete a front-end engineering & design (FEED) study on the addition of a postcombustion carbon capture system based on Fluor's Econamine FG Plus™ solvent technology onto an existing power plant fueled by North Dakota lignite that will demonstrate next-generation carbon capture system feasibility and economics. Building on the findings of a pre-FEED study for Milton R. Young Station Unit 2 (MRY2), the key deliverables of this FEED study will be: 1) design, costing, and performance data needed to commence project financing activities; 2) engineering and material balances required to file for all project permits; and 3) a final project schedule. Advances included in the project to take carbon capture technology beyond the current state-of-the-art include steam cycle integration with advanced heat recovery to improve energy efficiency, a solution for aerosol emissions and solvent degradation to improve the environmental and cost profile, design of the world's largest capture facility (3.6 million tonnes/year) by two-fold to capture greater economies of scale, optimization for cold climate

performance, and establishment of the lowest levelized cost of capture attempted at world scale.

#### **Project Benefits**

FEED studies for carbon capture systems at actual sites will provide the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) with a more detailed understanding of carbon capture costs in a commercial application, thereby enabling DOE to better design its research and development (R&D) program to reduce those costs for similar carbon capture technologies being developed in its R&D portfolio.

Milton R. Young Station

#### DOE/EA-2197D

### Draft Environmental Assessment for North Dakota CarbonSAFE: Project Tundra

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## Sierra Club and CURE Challenge Department of Energy's Approval of "Project Tundra" Carbon Capture Project

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**Montevideo, MN** – This week, Sierra Club and CURE submitted <u>comments</u> to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) challenging the agency's environmental analysis that expressed approval of "Project Tundra," a proposed large-scale carbon capture and storage project in North Dakota.

Project Tundra is a proposal from Minnkota Power Cooperative, a rural electric cooperative that provides power to communities in Minnesota and North Dakota. Minnkota seeks to retrofit its aging Milton R. Young coal power plant with equipment to



## DIAMOND VAULT (CLECO)

Louisiana Economic Development (4/11/22):

Cleco Corporate Holdings LLC "will invest \$900 million to significantly reduce carbon emissions at the largest of its nine electric generation units in Louisiana, Madison-3 at Brame Energy Center in Lena, La.

"Cleco Power . . . will build a [CCS] facility to remove and compress 95% or more of the CO2 emitted by Madison-3 and permanently store it in geological formation under the site."





As a neutral research facility, the National Carbon Capture Center is working to accelerate the commercialization of advanced technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Since our creation by the U.S. Department of Energy in 2009, the center has been a cornerstone of U.S. innovation in the research and development of cost-effective, technically viable carbon management technologies.

## NATIONAL CARBON CAPTURE CENTER (WILSONVILLE, AL)

- Created by USDOE
- Managed and operated by Southern Company
- Tests and validates advanced CCS solutions, including—
  - post-combustion capture
  - pre-combustion capture
  - oxy-fuel combustion
  - direct air capture

# NETL carbon capture team visits renowned national facility where technologies are put to the test

() Posted on December 13, 2022

NETL's Point Source Carbon Capture Team visited the National Carbon Capture Center (NCCC) in Alabama. NCCC is a world-class, neutral test facility focused on accelerating the development and commercialization of next-generation carbon reduction technologies for fossil-based power plants. Since its creation by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in 2009, the center has been a cornerstone of U.S. innovation in the research and development of cost-effective, technically viable carbon management technologies. NETL is a cosponsor of NCCC.



National Carbon Capture Center test facility, Wilsonville, Alabama

Managed and operated by Southern Company, the center has worked with more than 30 government, university and research organizations from seven countries. As a unique test bed for third-party developers, NCCC helps bridge the gap between laboratory research and large-scale demonstrations. The center's state-of-the-art facilities provide realistic industrial operating conditions and the infrastructure to evaluate promising technologies for scale-up and future commercial deployment.

Its scope includes post-combustion carbon capture, carbon utilization and conversion, and negative-emission technologies such as direct air capture.

The NETL delegation also toured the Westover CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage characterization borehole site, which is located near NCCC.

NETL project manager Andrew O'Palko, who led the team visit to NCCC, explained the relevance of the tour.

## **ONGOING CCS PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

- 1PointFive (an Occidental subsidiary) and Carbon Engineering developing modular direct air capture projects
  - 1M tpy capacity apiece
  - 70 facilities globally by 2035
  - First to be in TX
- Aemetis purchased 24 acres in 2022 at the Riverbank Industrial Complex (CA), a former military base, for a CCS injection well
- Air Products investing \$4.5B to produce "blue hydrogen" in Louisiana and store about 5M tons per year
- B.P. and Linde developing a CCS project at a Linde property in TX to store as much as 15M tpy

- **Carbon America** partnering with Sterling Ethanol, LLC and Yuma Ethanol, LLC for CCS projects at two ethanol production facilities in Colorado to capture 95% of CO2
- Chevron developing a new CCS project in San Joaquin Valley, California
- **Competitive Power Ventures** developing a 1,80MW gas-fired power plant with CCS in WV
- **Red Trail Energy LLC** capturing and storing 500 tpy at ethanol plant near Richardton, ND
- California Resources Corp. and Brookfield Renewable joint venture will invest \$500M in initial funding for projects providing 200M tons of storage
- Etc., etc., etc.

# **Questions?**

Thank you!





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