

Early Phase Execution for Carbon Sequestration Projects Today

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Introduction

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People

What it takes to "make a carbon sequestration project work"

Scientists

- Geophysicists
- Geologists
- Geochemists
- Seismologists
- Petrophysicists
- Hydrogeologists
- GIS Specialists

Engineers

- Reservoir
- Chem/Mech
- Process
 - Safety
- Project
- Drilling
- Operations

Legal

- Regulatory
- Property
- Tax
- Contract
- Partnership
- Tort

Commercial

- Accounting
- o Tax
- Finance
- Insurance
- Audit
- o Public

Relations





Funding

What it takes to "make a carbon sequestration project work"

Private Funding expects commercial success that includes a firm schedule and Rate of Return

Federal Funding expects shared learnings, typically less concerned with schedule and Rate of Return





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CO₂ Source

- Sufficient Size and Predictable Quality of CO₂
- Contractually Secure
- Priced Right
- Relatively Near the Geologic Storage Site
- Willing to Change and to Accept More
 - Operational Risk
 - CAPEX Cost
 - OPEX Costs







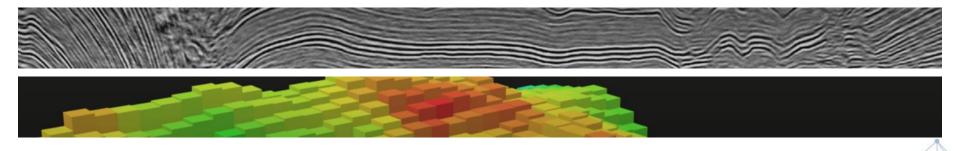








- Sufficient storage capacity, without leakage
- Described by high quality data, typical of oil and gas operations



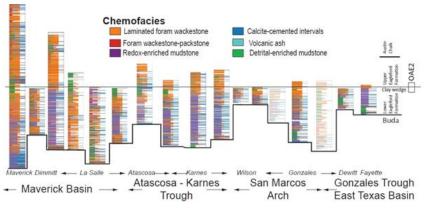
- Not near oil and gas wells or anything else that may compromise geologic barriers
- Not near seismically active areas



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Therefore

- It takes high quality data to select a candidate reservoir with good geologic barriers and few hazards,
- While an abundance of data is usually accompanied by an abundance of oil and gas wells, and
- You'll likely acquire the pore space BEFORE it has been fully described, by drilling into it.



CorePy, Core and Log Data Synthesis, Texas Bureau of Economic Geology



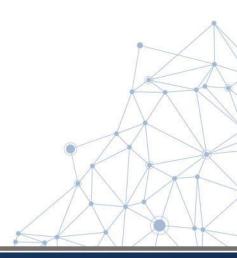
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Potential Legal Questions

- State Law and Judicial Interpretation for
 - Surface rights and pore space ownership
 - Mineral rights and trespass
- Pipeline Right of Way









CO₂ Capture, Processing and Transportation

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Equipment

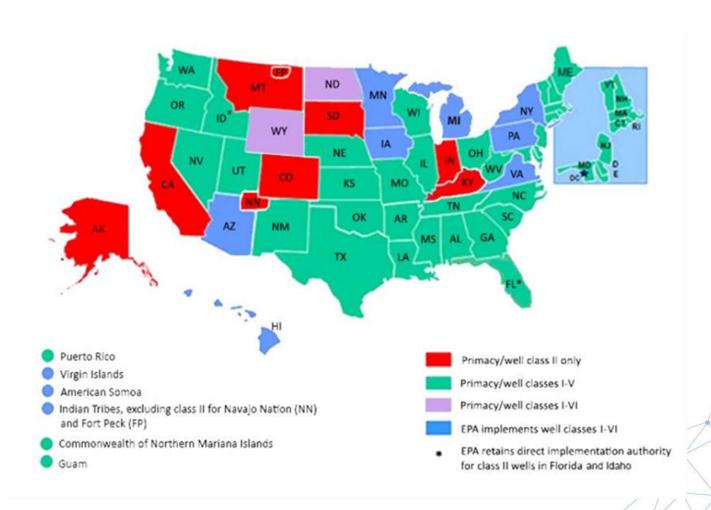
- Capture the CO₂ that was previously vented
- Remove contaminants
- Transform CO₂ from gas, to liquid, or supercritical fluid
- Transport via pipeline to the Geologic Storage Site
- Procurement times and costs are increasing







UIC Permit



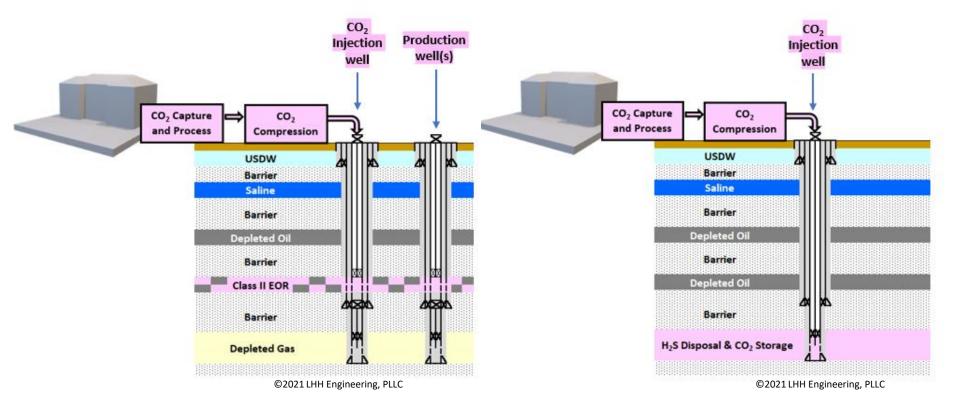


UIC Class II Permit

What it takes to "make a carbon sequestration project work"

Enhanced Recovery "ER"

Acid Gas Disposal "AGD"



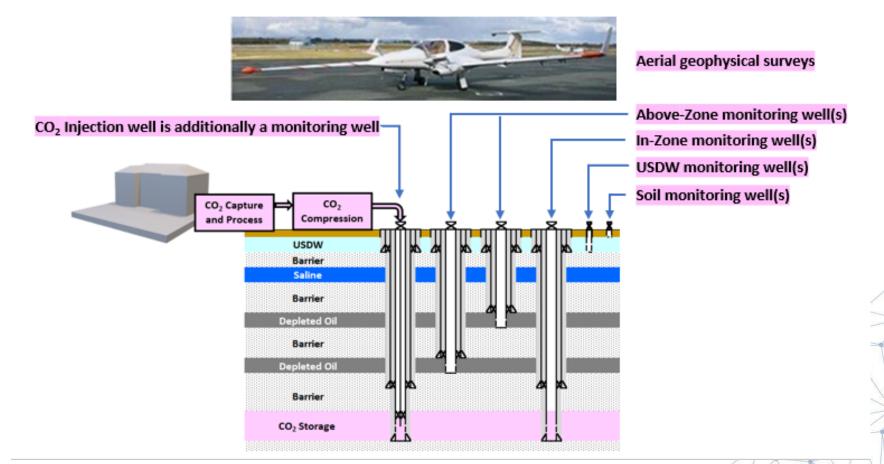




UIC Class VI Permit

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Geologic Storage





45Q Tax Credit

What it takes to "make a carbon sequestration project work"

26 CFR 1 Section 45Q - Internal Revenue Service

As of Today:

- Sequestration credits increase from ≈\$35 to \$50 per tonne by 2026
- ER credits increase from ≈\$23 to \$35 per tonne by 2026
- Thereafter, an inflation increase is provided
- Construction must start by January 1, 2026
- Available for 12 years after facility is placed in service











Greenhouse Gas Reporting

What it takes to "make a carbon sequestration project work"

40 CFR 98 Subparts RR and UU - EPA

To get 45Q credit, UIC permit holders, are required to:

- Develop a Monitoring Reporting & Verification "MRV" plan
- Report monitoring results
- Navigate a process of Verification, Life Cycle Analysis and Auditing by EPA, DOE-NETL and the IRS
- Credits are subject to three-year Recapture Period



Summary and Conclusions

The private sector is figuring things out and will be successful

- Legal, Regulatory, Technical, Commercial Challenges Remain
- NASA's transition to the private sector is our example



