Certification of Associated CO₂ Storage in EOR Fields

CSA/ANSI ISO 27916:19

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 - Well Construction
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Denbury Overview

A Unique Energy Business

- CO₂ Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) is our primary focus
- Low base decline rate and low capital intensity
- CO₂ expertise and assets position Denbury to lead in Carbon Capture, Use and Storage (CCUS)

Industry Leader in Reducing CO₂ Emissions

- Annually injecting ~3 million tons of industrial sourced CO₂ into our reservoirs
- Potential to reach full carbon neutrality this decade with CCUS, including downstream Scope 3 emissions

Strategically Advantaged Operations

- Vertically integrated CO₂ supply and distribution network with > 1,000 miles of CO₂ pipelines
- Cost structure largely independent from industry
- Asset base diversity mitigates single basin risk





What is the challenge?

CO₂ Emissions

~2.6 billion tons/year from stationary sources in the U.S.

~230 million tons/year (~10% of total U.S.) within 30 miles of DEN Gulf Coast Infrastructure



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Source: National Petroleum Council (NPC) 2019 Report, Meeting the Dual Challenge: A Roadmap to At-Scale Deployment of Carbon Capture, Use and Storage and 2019 EPA Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program data.

Significant CO₂ EOR Potential in the U.S.

33-83 Billion Barrels of Technically Recoverable Oil^(1,2)

Permian	9-21
East & Central Texas	6-15
Mid-Continent	6-13
California	3-7
South East Gulf Coast	3-7
Rockies	2-6
Other	0-5
Michigan/Illinois	2-4
Williston	1-3
Appalachia	1-2

1) Source: 2013 DOE NETL Next Gen EOR.

2) Total estimated recoveries on a gross basis utilizing CO2 EOR.



Associated CO₂ Storage Potential 10-40 billion MT





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- Full Title: Carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geologic storage – Carbon dioxide storage using enhanced oil recovery (CO₂-EOR)
- Published Oct 2019
- Adopted by both Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
- "...applies to <u>quantifying</u> and <u>documenting</u> the total CO₂ that is stored <u>in association</u> with CO₂-EOR." (emphasis added)
- Contemplates both natural and anthropogenic sources used in a CO₂-EOR project





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- Key Terminology (just a few of the 23 defined terms)
 - Associated storage
 - Containment assurance
 - EOR Complex
 - Leakage & Leakage pathway
 - Loss
 - Quantification period
 - Termination





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1.3.1 Inclusions

- a) safe, long-term containment of CO_2 within the EOR complex;
- b) CO₂ leakage from the EOR complex through leakage pathways; and
- c) on-site CO_2 -EOR project loss of CO_2 from wells, equipment or other facilities

1.3.2 Exclusions

- a) lifecycle emissions, including but not limited to CO_2 emissions from capture or transportation of CO_2 , on-site emissions from combustion or power generation, and CO_2 emissions resulting from the combustion of produced hydrocarbons;
- b) storage of CO_2 above ground;
- c) buffer and seasonal storage of CO₂ below ground (similar to natural gas storage);
- d) any technique or product that does not involve injection of CO₂ into the subsurface; and
- e) emissions of any GHGs other than CO₂





ISO \rightarrow 45Q Tax Credit

• Section 45Q provides for tax credit for CO₂ storage (\$/tonne):

Storage	2021	2026	Future?
EOR	\$22.68	\$35	\$60
Dedicated storage	\$34.81	\$50	\$85

- IRS 45Q guidance in January 2021 recognized ISO certification in addition to Subpart RR opt-in for CO₂-EOR
- IRS Tax Form 8933 amended to report ISO elements
- Requires 3rd party certification for an <u>EOR Operations</u> <u>Management Plan</u> and annual storage certifications





What are the components of an Operations Management Plan?

EOR Complex Definition	Containment Assurance	Well Construction	Quantification	Project Termination
 Geologic Characterization Facilities Definition 	 Discussion of key initial and operational containment risks Monitoring 	 New well construction Well interventions 	Principles and data process	Termination plan including requirements and assurance of containment
 Well Counts and Vintages 	including methods and implementation	 Continued operation 		

An Operations Management Plan includes all the components already needed to design, implement and manage a CO_2 flood.





Defining the EOR Complex

- Geologic characterization mimics unitization documents already required for regulatory bodies
- Should emphasize the zones of interest, juxtaposition across faults and the nature of the trap
- Also includes information on the surface facilities including process flow and metering

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Containment Assurance Framing

- Assessment of the potential pathways for leakage of stored CO₂ outside of the EOR complex.
- Potential pathways:
 - Existing wellbores
 - Faults and fractures
 - Natural and induced seismicity
 - Pipeline/surface equipment
 - Lateral migration
 - Drilling through the EOR complex
 - Diffuse leakage through the seal
 - Other unique pathways by field
- Discussion of each potential leakage pathway includes comments around characterization work that limits the likelihood of occurrence





Monitoring Program Definition and Implementation

Monitoring program should address potential leakage pathways from containment discussion

- Monitoring Methods
 - Cased hole logs injection/production profiles, bottomhole pressure surveys
 - Continuous monitoring
 - Downhole pressure/temperature gauges
 - Monitoring well in zone or shallow zone
 - Surface monitoring
 - Seismic surveys
- Program Implementation
 - Vertical and areal implementation in line with assuring containment



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Well Construction

- Well construction and intervention standards within oil and gas operations are highly regulated by a combination of jurisdictional agencies and groups including the state regulatory agency, NACE and API standards
- New Well Construction
- Well Intervention
 - Liner installations, sidetracks, etc.
- Well Operation
 - MITs, corrosion protection program





Project Termination

- CO₂ containment will be assured by monitoring fluid movement as the project reaches termination. Absence of fluid movement indicates low likelihood of leakage.
- When does termination occur?
 - Termination is when all the following occur: cessation of CO₂ injection, cessation of hydrocarbon production from the reservoir, and the plugging and abandonment of active wells.
- What are the requirements and plans for termination?
 - Operations management plan will be used until project is completed
 - Field will be abandoned following regulatory guidelines
- Post termination





Quantification

 $m_{\text{stored}} = m_{\text{input}} - m_{\text{loss operations}} - m_{\text{loss EOR complex}}$

- Simply put \rightarrow subtract losses from inputs
- Requires completeness & precludes double-counting
- Accounts for "native CO₂"
- Accounts for CO₂ produced and transferred offsite
- Expressed in mass or volumetric units





Quantification

- m_{input}
 - Total CO₂ received at custody meter
 - Native CO₂ documented
 - Allocations may be accomplished via contract

m_{loss operations}

- Leakage from EOR facilities
- Loss from venting/flaring
- Loss due to entrainment in produced fluids
- Loss due to transfer out of the project

• **m**_{loss EOR complex}

- ISO Plan describes procedures to detect and characterize
- Leakage quantified and documented as loss





Quantification

CO₂ EOR ProjeSct



Figure B.1 — Illustration of CO₂ allocations and loss variables





Conclusion/Final Thoughts

• Much of what the ISO Plan requires is standard practices for EOR operations.

• This is something our industry is well suited to accomplish.

• It is important that we do it right.





