

Risk Issues with CCUS

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Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage

Capture

- Reasonably well understood for both pre-combustion and post combustion.
- Expensive for post-combustion (both natural gas and coal)
- Significant RD&D investment by DOE/FE

Utilization

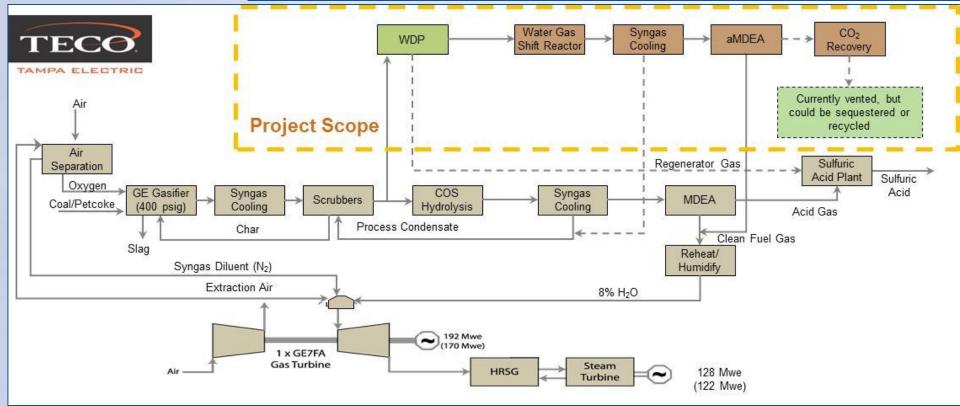
- Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) is currently only viable option
- Production of fuels (may be chemicals) could be a future option

Storage

- Geological storage provides ample capacity
- Risk and regulatory regime is quite uncertain



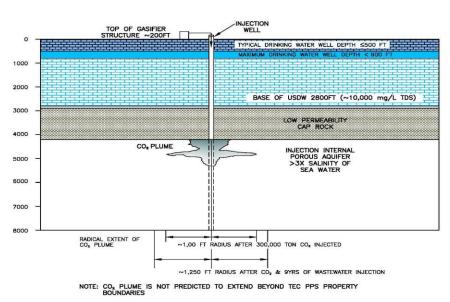
RTI Warm Syngas Desulfurization Technology







Our experience with CCS at Tampa Electric



- Designed and built a carbon capture system for a 50 MW size
- Characterized the geology for onsite storage
- Found synergies with waste water injection
- Modelling indicated rapid mineralization of CO2
- EPA originally granted a Class V well permit, but later insisted on Class VI permit
- 50 year MVA requirements

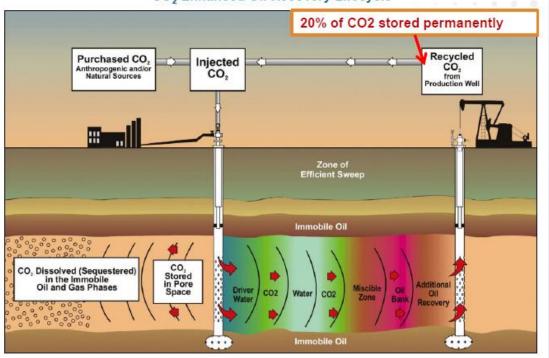


Enhanced Oil Recovery injects CO₂ into otherwiseunproductive wells, allowing new access to stranded oil

Key Aspects of CO2-EOR Process

- CO2 is transported to the wellhead, typically by pipeline, from either a capture facility or a natural deposit.
- 80% of the CO2 is recycled at the wellhead, with new CO2 replacing the 20% stored permanently
- The CO2 is injected into the wellhead, which is already flush with water.
- A typical well will inject more than 1150 tons of CO2 per day; roughly 0.25-0.4 tons of CO2 needed per barrel of oil
- The CO2 lowers the viscosity of the stranded oil, making it easier to recover.

CO₂ Enhanced Oil Recovery Lifecycle





EOR is a capture opportunity because natural CO₂ supplies cannot satisfy future growth potential

80% of CO₂ is from natural sources...

U.S. Sources of CO₂ (2012)

Anthropogenic (Manmade sources) e.g. Gas processing, coal gasification ~12 Mt / yr (20%)

Naturally Occurring e.g. Underground deposits ~50 Mt / yr (80%)

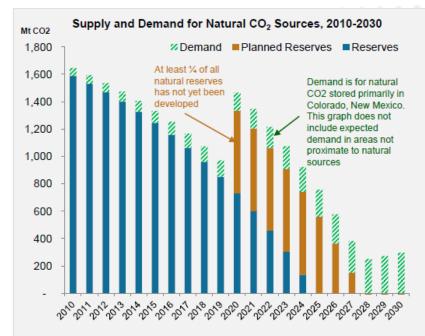
... But EOR is projected to grow to 40% of US oil production

2012 CO2-EOR Market

- 123 EOR projects
- 350,000 barrels of oil / day
- 6% of production
- 62 million tons of CO₂

Long-term CO2-EOR Market Potential

- 67 billion barrels of recoverable oil
- 40% of production
- 0.25 GT CO₂ per year

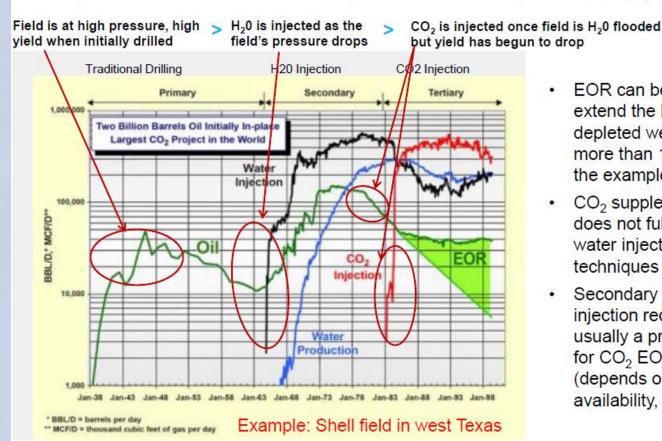


Note: Assumes natural sources under development will come online in 2020

Several large EOR projects are approaching CO₂ utilization rates of 3-4 Mt per year (similar to amount of CO₂ produced by a 500 MW coal-fired power plant)



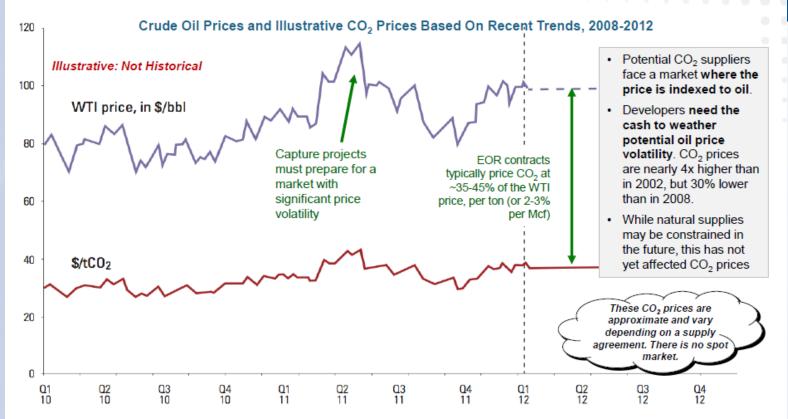
EOR is possible only in stranded oil wells that have already completed traditional drilling and water injection



- FOR can be used to extend the life of a depleted well (by more than 15 years in the example at left)
- CO₂ supplements but does not fully replace water injection techniques
- Secondary water injection recovery is usually a prerequisite for CO₂ EOR (depends on price, availability, etc.)



Capture projects are price-takers, with EOR projects indexing their expected CO₂ prices to crude oil





Summary

- EPA's proposed rule of 1000 lbs CO2/MWh for all new plants (>25MW) will likely stop any new coal capacity
- For geological storage, the risk and regulatory regime has be to streamlined for industry to understand long-term risks and liabilities associated with CO2 storage
- EOR is a niche application. Without extensive CO2 pipelines, matching sources and sinks for CO2 will be a major challenge

