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Exploration for Carbon Dioxide Storage Potential in the Midwestern USA

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Battelle's operation of major energy labs provides insights into energy challenges



Battelle Plays a Key Role in Several Carbon Sequestration Initiatives



Program (GTSP)

"Piggyback Drilling"

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Mountaineer Plant, West Virginia, USA – Funded by DOE-AEP-BP-Battelle-OCDO-Schlumberger etc.

- 1300 MW pulverized coal plant with NOx and SOx control
- An area of intense power production and future expansion
- AEP has announced a major scaleup and a multi-pronged CCS deployment at this and other sites.







Site-Specific Characterization Essential for Safe and Effective Operations



Mountaineer Site - Seismic Survey Demonstrated Impact of Plant Noise and Lack of Faulting



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CO₂ Injectivity in the Mountaineer Area

 A number of geologic formations have been evaluated for CO₂ storage potential in the Ohio River Valley region through Mountaineer project



CO₂ injection should also be possible in shallower sandstone and carbonate layers in the region

> Rose Run Sandstone (~7800 feet) is a regional candidate zone in Appalachian Basin

A high permeability zone called the "B zone" within Copper Ridge Dolomite has been identified as a new injection zone in the region

> Mount Simon Sandstone/Basal Sand - the most prominent reservoir in most of the Midwest

Simulating Geologic Sequestration to support permitting, outreach, MMV, and Facility Design







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Mountaineer CO₂ Storage Assessment Project - A Unique Public Private Collaboration

- Since 2002, a number of organizations and experts have contributed financially (>\$7M) and technically in evaluating geologic sequestration feasibility at the Mountaineer Plant:
 - Battelle Memorial Institute Lead performer and co-sponsor
 - DOE/NETL Primary financial support
 - AEP Host site and co-sponsor
 - Ohio Coal Development Office
 - BP
 - Schlumberger
 - Ohio Geological Survey
 - Regional Geologists
 - Stanford's GCEP Program

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- CO₂ Capture and handling Companies
- Regional Oil and Gas Companies
- CRIEPI (Japan)
- Midwestern Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership (MRCSP)

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Midwestern Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership (MRCSP)



The MRCSP's mission is to be the premier resource for sequestration knowledge in its region



MRCSP Region's Vast Geological Storage Potential is Well Positioned Relative to Sources



Geologic Storage – three sites are being characterized for injection tests by MRCSP

Test Well Drilling at the Michigan Basin Site

Test well drilled October 30 – November 22, 2006

Test Well Drilling

• 180 ft of full core collected.

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MRCSP MIDWEST REGIONAL CARBON SEQUESTRATION PARTNERSHIP

CO₂ Storage Modeling Process Conceptualize-characterize-Design-Monitor-Calibrate-validate

• Experience with MRCSP and other projects has demonstrated the value of site specific data from test wells.

Example- MRCSP Michigan Basin State-Charlton 30/31 Field Test Site

Preliminary Modeling Based on Regional Data **Site Drilling and Testing**

Site Specific Modeling

Test Well Drilling - Permitted as Stratigraphic Test Well by State of Ohio

Surface Casing Rig

Deep Well Rig

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Test Well Drilling at R.E. Burger Plant, Appalachian Basin

Deep Rig- TD = 8,384' 2/5/07

Wireline Logging

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Site Characterization-Seismic Survey at Burger Plant

10-mile seismic survey completed in August 2006
Additional 1-mile of "quasi-3D" to investigate reservoirs and 3D options

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Site Characterization-Detailed Seismic Interpretation

- The Oriskany Sandstone (between the Onondaga and Helderberg is right at the resolution limit of this data
- The White Clinton is much easier to see and post injection changes may be detectable

White Clinton Sandstone Potential Reservoir
Niagaran Shale
Helderberg Limestone
Onondaga Limestone – Primary Seal

Site Characterization-Low Frequency Seismic Analysis

possibly imaging the Oriskany Sandstone (yellow)

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- Low frequency response of a formation is largely dictated by pore fluids
- Different formations should peak at different frequencies
- Imaging methods explored to better define sandstone injection targets

Proposed Phase III Geologic Test Sites

Ohio Ethanol

Indiana IGCC

- Primary site
 - Injection starts in early FY2010
 - Plans are to inject 1 million tons of CO₂ over a four-year period
 - Target is the Mt. Simon reservoir, the largest deep saline target in our region.
- Optional site
 - Injection starts in FY 2012
 - Possible 2 million tons of injection over four-year injection period
 - Multiple injection zones and caprock layers

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Piggy Back Program - Leveraging the Oil and Gas Exploration Industry

- Team up with oil and gas industry to collect data
- DOE gets access to existing drilling operations saves significant cost (counts as cost share)
- Oil and gas operators get detailed wireline logs
- Data go back to build regional understanding of geology and improved capacity assessment

Regional Characterization Efforts

Objectives of Battelle's Piggyback Drilling Project

- Identify Formations of Interest for CO₂ Storage
- Improve Geologic Framework for Deep Formations
- Determine Geologic Patterns and Regional Distribution
- Focus on Formations Deeper than 3000'
- *Generate New Data for In-Depth Reservoir Research

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Approach of the Piggyback Drilling Project

- Supplement or Extend Active Exploration Projects Through:
 - -Surface seismic surveys,
 - Adding a stratigraphic test tail on exploration wells
 - -State-of-the-art wireline logging
 - -Coring

etc.

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- -Reservoir tests, brine sampling,
- -Petrographic, geochemical studies,

Sequence Stratigraphy Provides Model for Prediction of Porosity and Permeability

Example from Burger well: Newly identified Salina Williamsport porosity is in dolomites associated with Maximum Flooding Zones and provides a model for distribution in time and space

Salina Williamsport (6740-7038 ft)

-Logs show zones of porosity around 10%.

-Some short-lived gas shows -Sandwiched between salt intervals.

-Porous dolomites above and below mappable Maximum Flooding Zone tight limestone.

Characterizing the Stratigraphic Column

Zero Lost Time Incidents – Please be safe during the site visits!

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Thank you!

Drilling at Mountaineer Plant, West Virginia

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