

# **CarbonSAFE Illinois**

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### CCS Progression in Illinois Basin



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# Scale of the challenge

Regional CO<sub>2</sub> Sources

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### CarbonSAFE US DOE Program to commercialize storage

Illinois Basin

- 1 Phase I
- 2 Phase II
- 2 Phase III



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#### Mt Simon Sandstone Storage Complex

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#### 2 CCS Sites

#### **#1: IBDP Demonstration**

From 2011 to 2014 injected total of 1 million metric tons of  $CO_2$  at a depth of 7,000 ft

#### **#2: IL-CCS Industrial**

Currently injecting ~ 1MT per year of anthropogenic  $CO_2$ 





#### Thickness of the Mt. Simon is 1600 feet



Height of Willis Tower (Sears Tower) Roof is 1451 feet Antenna is 1,730 feet

#### **RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION**





#### Repeat Pulsed Neutron Logging in VW1

#### RST (Saturation) Monitoring

- Baseline surveys
- CO<sub>2</sub> arrival before Mar 2012
- CO<sub>2</sub> saturation increasing though Nov 2015



# Performance Monitoring Improves Prediction





#### Passive Seismic (Microseismic) Monitoring

- Location critical to understanding reservoir response
- Relation of clusters to *pressure front* and *basement characteristics*
- 5 surface seismometers also used





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#### Simulated Plume Interaction (At end of CCS#2 injection)





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Carbon Services

Industrial scale Risk based

Demonstration scale Research based



# Monitoring Summary

- Injection wells (2)
- Verification wells (2)
- Geophysical wells (2)
- Compliance wells (4)
- Research wells (24)
- Soil gas points (35)
- Soil flux points (145)
- Eddy covariance station (1)
- Continuous GPS station (1)
- InSAR artificial reflectors (21)









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### Sample Collection: McMillen #2

- Drilling completed December 2, 2018
- TD at 6,469 ft
- 150 feet of 3.5 inch core:
  - Silurian 62 ft
  - Lower Mt Simon 61
  - Precambrian 27
- 109 rotary sidewall cores
- Extensive geophysical logs





#### Lower Mt Simon Core: 6288-6294 ft

#### Lower Mt Simon Storage Complex

Porosity averages ~ 20%

Permeability ca 100's of mD Side wall and whole core samples with Darcy permeability (up to 5.5)!

Preliminary simulation indicates  $CO_2$  injection rates of 1.7 Mt/y with 15' perforation





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#### Depth trends not apparent in Lower Mt Simon





What makes the Lower Mt. Simon such a good reservoir?

- Detrital Source
- Depositional Environment
- Diagenesis

# Rifting in Central Illinois



Modified from: Renaut & Ashley 2002



Marshak & Paulsen 1996



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McMillen #2

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Crustal thinning, faulting, and development of localized depocenters during rifting. Precambrian highs are a local source of arkose.

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### Rift Fan Delta Sediments (Argenta)



Poorly sorted grains with abundant pore filling clay

Highly angular immature detritus





# (Post-Rift) Alluvial-Fluvial-Eolian Near-shore (Lower Mt. Simon)



### Moderately well sorted grains with open enlarged pores

Well rounded grains with abundant intragranular pore space



# Tidal (Upper Mt. Simon)



Bimodal, mature grains. Pores are generally small due to fine grains and/or abundant quartz/feldspar cement

#### All grains (including feldspars) have authigenic cement overgrowths



# Diagenesis of the Mt. Simon and Pore Space Paragenesis

Most grains have early clay coatings



Clay coatings prevent the nucleation of major authigenic quartz overgrowths



Grains coated in illite. Illite is webby and nucleation points on quartz grains are small. Thus authigenic quartz crystals are small but act as a cement to prevent extensive compaction preserving primary porosity.



When clay coating are absent, entire surface of quartz grains acts as nucleation point and large quartz overgrowths nucleate and close up pore space

### Diagenesis of the Mt. Simon and Pore Space Paragenesis

Another major contributor to porosity in the Mt. Simon is secondary porosity



Feldspar dissolution is a late stage event and Is a major contributor to porosity



Partial dissolution of feldspar



Complete dissolution of feldspar with clay cast and large secondary pore

#### Geological Controls over Storage Complex Distribution





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#### Section 45Q Tax Credit for Carbon Capture Projects

#### 25,000-500,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>/CO

Beneficial use projects other than enhanced oil recovery (EOR) projects. At least 100,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>/CO

> All other industrial facilities (other than electric generating units), including direct air capture.

At least 500,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>/CO

Electric generating units.

Timing: Eligible projects that begin construction within six years of the enactment of the FUTURE Act (i.e., before January 1, 2024) can claim the credit for up to 12 years after being placed in service.

Type of carbon: The type of carbon that can be captured includes all carbon oxides, including CO<sub>2</sub> or CO.

#### 45Q Tax Credit Amount: Depends on Project Type

There is a 10-year ramp up to the following dollar per ton amounts, with the value depending on project type.



for CO<sub>2</sub> stored geologically through EOR.



for other beneficial use of CO<sub>2</sub> or CO such as converting carbon emissions into fuels, chemicals, or useful products like cement.



for CO<sub>2</sub> stored in other geologic formations and not used in EOR.

#### Phase II: CO<sub>2</sub> Source and Storage Site Wabash Valley Resources (WVR; formerly Quasar Syngas)

Illinois Indiana Parke Edgar Vigo Clark Sullivan Wabash Valley Resources Site Location in Vigo County, Indiana Wabash # well (Retired) Wabash River Gen Station 1,500 500 1,000

- IGCC Unit 1A (DOE 1993-1995)
- WVR purchased plant May 2016 for ammonia production from petcoke.
   Petcoke -> Syngas -> H<sub>2</sub> -> Ammonia + CO<sub>2</sub>
- Target 2023 commercial operation
- WVR business model: change plant design to maximize CO<sub>2</sub> recovery for storage or EOR sale (45Q credits)
  - 65% -> 98% CO<sub>2</sub> recovery
- >95% pure stream CO<sub>2</sub> @ 1.65 million tonnes/yr
- Mt Simon Storage Complex





# 2D Seismic

Coal mines in region

Have acquired 1 mile test line

Starting permitting process to define lines

Characterize Mt Simon and Precambrian surface

Will provide data to help determine monitoring (time lapse) potential

Wabash CarbonSAFE



#### Wabash Characterization Well

- Drill to ~8,300-8,500 ft
- Whole Core
  - Eau Claire Upper Mt. Simon
  - Lower Mt. Simon
- Sidewall Cores
- Evaluation
  - Triple Combo
  - Formation Images
  - Full Sonic
  - Elemental Spectroscopy
  - Magnetic Resonance
- Cased Hole Testing
  - VSP
  - Fluid Sampling
  - Step Rate Tests
  - Pressure Falloff
  - EWT
- Drill into Precambrian for basement characterization



# CarbonSAFE Illinois – CO<sub>2</sub> Sources

10's of MT/y CO<sub>2</sub> Variety of industries Existing infrastructure Increased interest in storage Opportunity to greatly improve

commercialization decisions by defining storage resource





Illinois Storage Corridor CarbonSAFE Phase 3

Excellent and proven storage characteristics

#### Multiple Industries and Multiple Sources of CO<sub>2</sub>

### One Earth Energy – Storage HUB



One Earth Energy – ethanol plant Mt Simon Storage Complex – Storage HUB (0.5 to 1.7 MTPA  $CO_2$ ) Storage at site location

### Prairie State Generating Company

- The Prairie State Energy Campus includes a 1600 MW coal-fired generating plant and adjacent coal mine.
- Commercial operations began in June of 2012 for Unit 1, and November of 2012 for Unit 2.
- More than \$1 billion invested in environmental emissions controls and supercritical technologies.
- Prairie State's power plant is among cleanest plants in the nation.
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions >12MTPA

St Peter Storage Complex

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### St Peter Storage Complex



- St Peter Sandstone
- 12% 19% porosity
- 10md 1000md
  (150 400md ave)
- Maquoketa Shale Seal
- Trenton LS barriers

### Prairie State Storage Site





- Unit #2 816 Mwe
- Misubishi KM
  CDR Process<sup>™</sup>
  CO<sub>2</sub>
- 6MTPA CO<sub>2</sub>
- Modular Trains

### Summary

- Regional conceptual model for Mt Simon Storage Complex - target "arkosic" zone
- St Peter Storage Complex also feasbile in Illinois Basin
- Analyses suggests sites can easily accommodate > 50 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> over 30 years
- Industry interest in USA is high (due to 45Q) and multiple sources can exploit the Mt Simon and St Peter storage complexes in central Illinois
- Phase III CarbonSAFE to drive commercialization of sites
  - One Earth Energy
  - Prairie State Generating Company

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