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# Lessons learned from international CCS projects, regulatory challenges and solutions, and certification of storage projects

## CCS Technical Workshop - Tokyo

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# DNV in CCS – helicopter view

# A global assurance and risk management company

**Purpose:** To safeguard life, property, and the environment

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employees

~100,000

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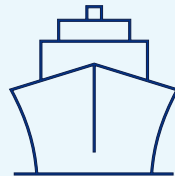
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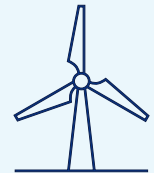
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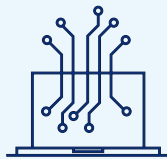
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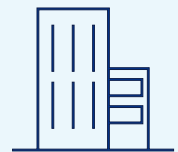
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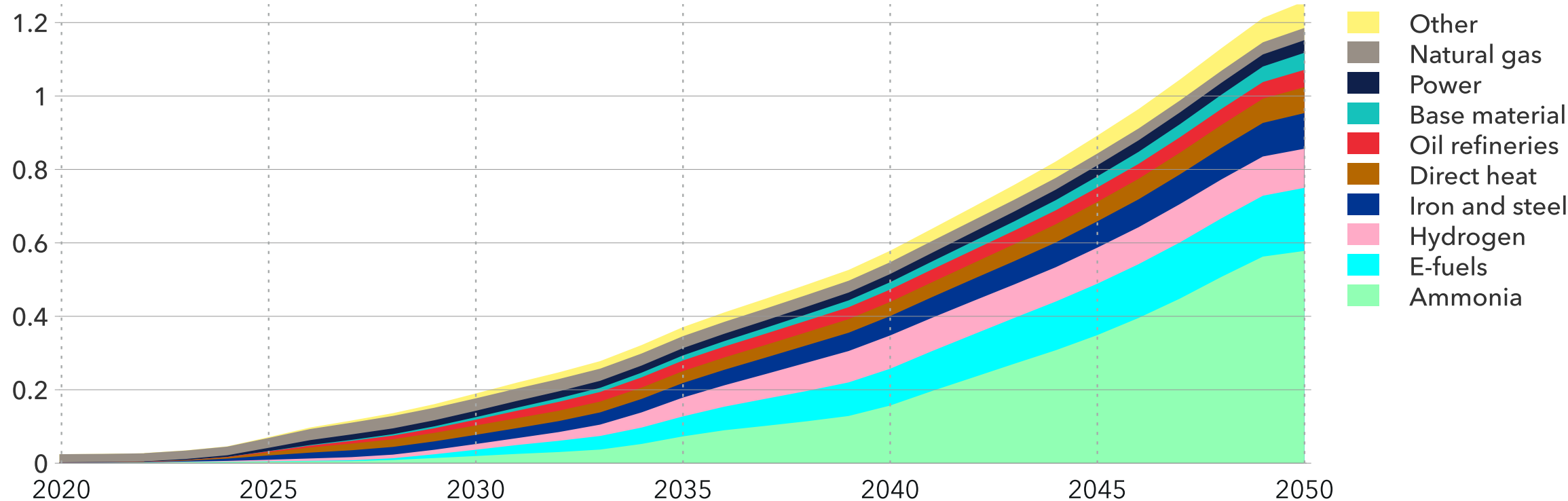
Management system  
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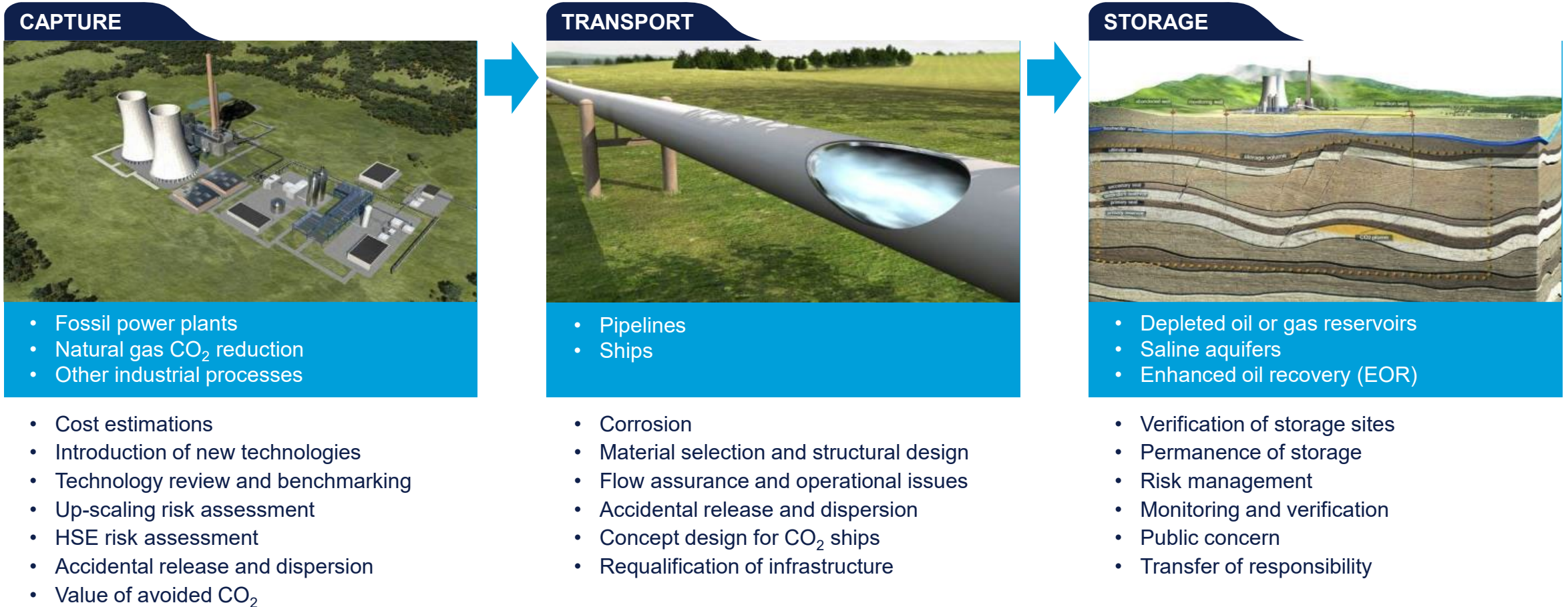
# CCS captures 6% of emissions in 2050

## World CO<sub>2</sub> emissions captured by sector

Units: GtCO<sub>2</sub>/yr



# Helping scale CCS – 200+ projects in past 10 years



# Driving development of first international CCUS standards

**DNV  
RESEARCH/JOINT  
INDUSTRY  
PROJECT**



**DNV  
RECOMMENDED  
PRACTICE**

**INTERNATIONAL  
STANDARD**

**DNV FRAMEWORKS  
FOR ASSURANCE  
SERVICES**

- CO2 RISKMAN – Guidance on CCS CO<sub>2</sub> Safety and Environment Major Accident Hazard Risk Management
- CO2 PIPETRANS – Guidance on transportation component of CCS projects
- CO2 SAFEARREST – Guidance on the efficient design of CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines
- CO2 QUALSTORE – Guidance for the selection and qualification of CO<sub>2</sub> storage sites
- CO2 WELLS – Guidance on the risk management of existing wells at CO<sub>2</sub> storage sites
- CO2 CAPTURE – Guidance on procedure for capture technology qualification
- HiPerCap – Development of novel Capture technologies
- ECO2 – Best environmental practice for offshore CO<sub>2</sub> injection

**DNV-RP-J201**

Qualification procedures for carbon dioxide capture technology

**DNV-RP-F104**

Design and operation of carbon dioxide pipelines

**DNV-RP-J203**

Geological storage of carbon dioxide

**ISO 27919-1**

Carbon dioxide capture – Performance evaluation methods for post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture integrated with a power plant

**ISO 27913**

Carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geological storage – Pipeline transportation system

**ISO 27914**

Carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geological storage – Geological storage

**DNV-SE-0160**

Technology qualification management and verification

**DNV-ST-F101**

Submarine pipeline systems

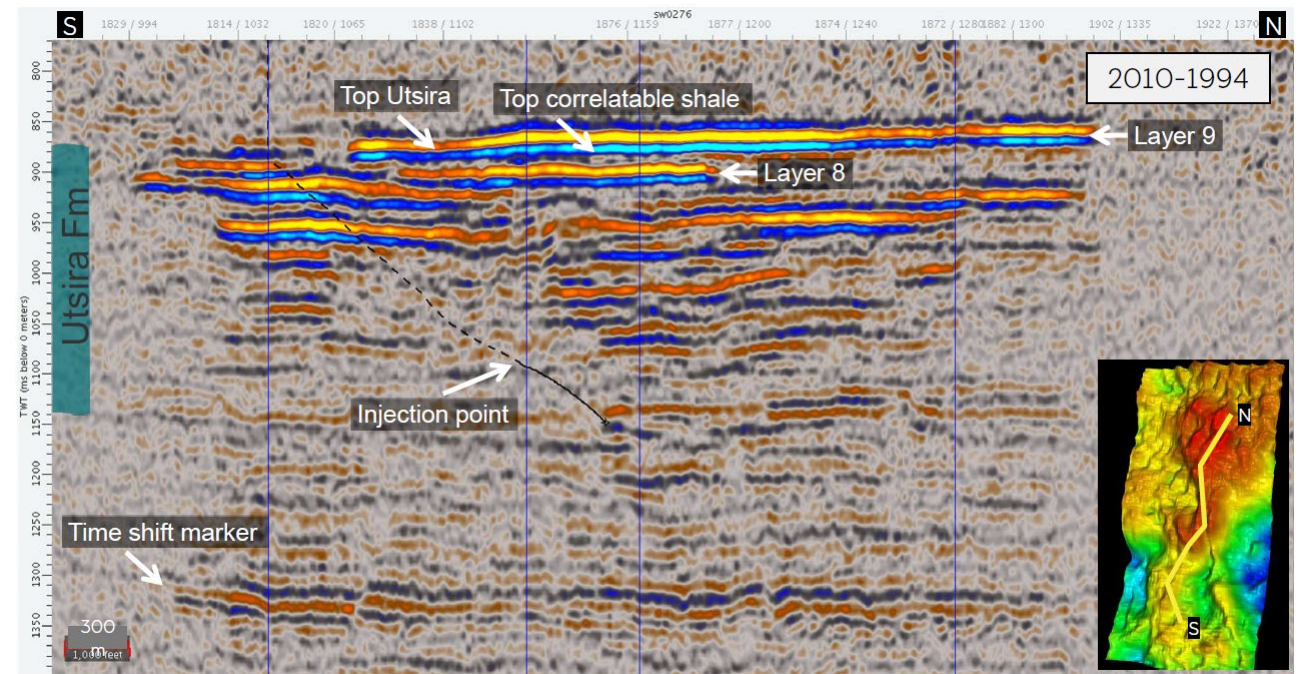
**DNV-SE-0473:** Certification of sites and projects for geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub>  
**DNV-SE-0617:** Qualification management for geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub>

# What have we learned from international CCS projects?

# Lessons Learned - Sleipner

## - Storage works, the value of seismic

- Sleipner was initiated in 1996 – will run out of CO<sub>2</sub> soon.
- Has demonstrated safe long term storage in aquifers.
- Has informed policy and regulators about the value of seismic monitoring to demonstrate CO<sub>2</sub> migration.
  - Conformance with models (migration through interbedded baffles occurred faster than initially modelled)

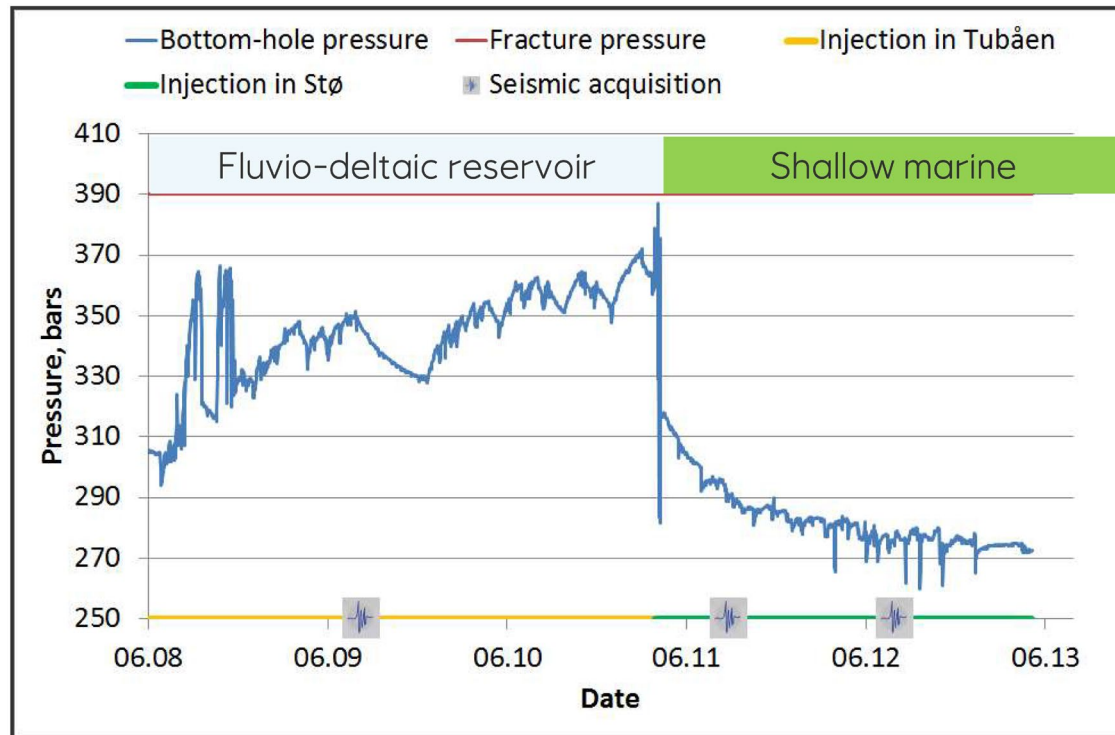




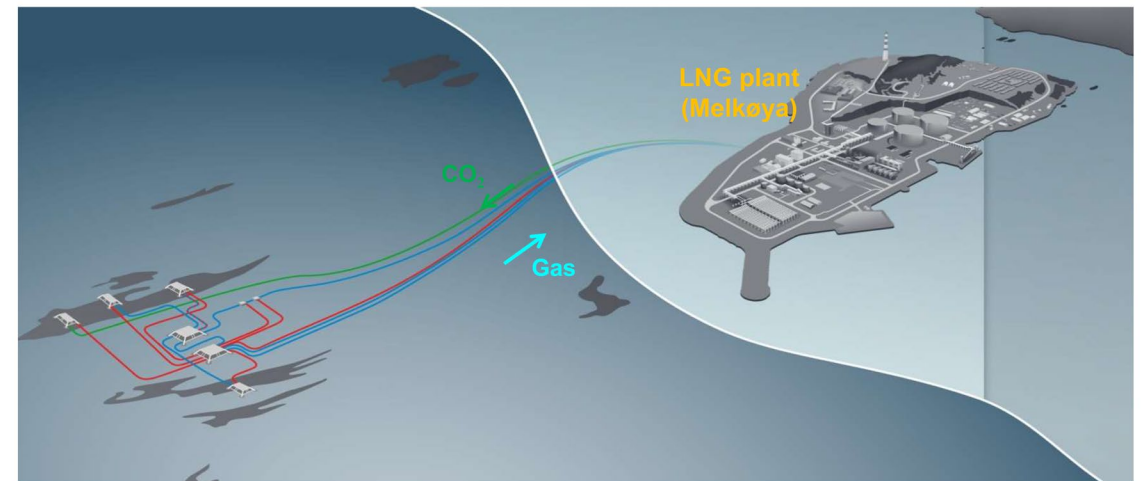
# Lesson Learned – Snøhvit

## First offshore CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline, compartmentalization

Down-hole pressure data



Hansen et al. 2013; Pawar et al., 2015

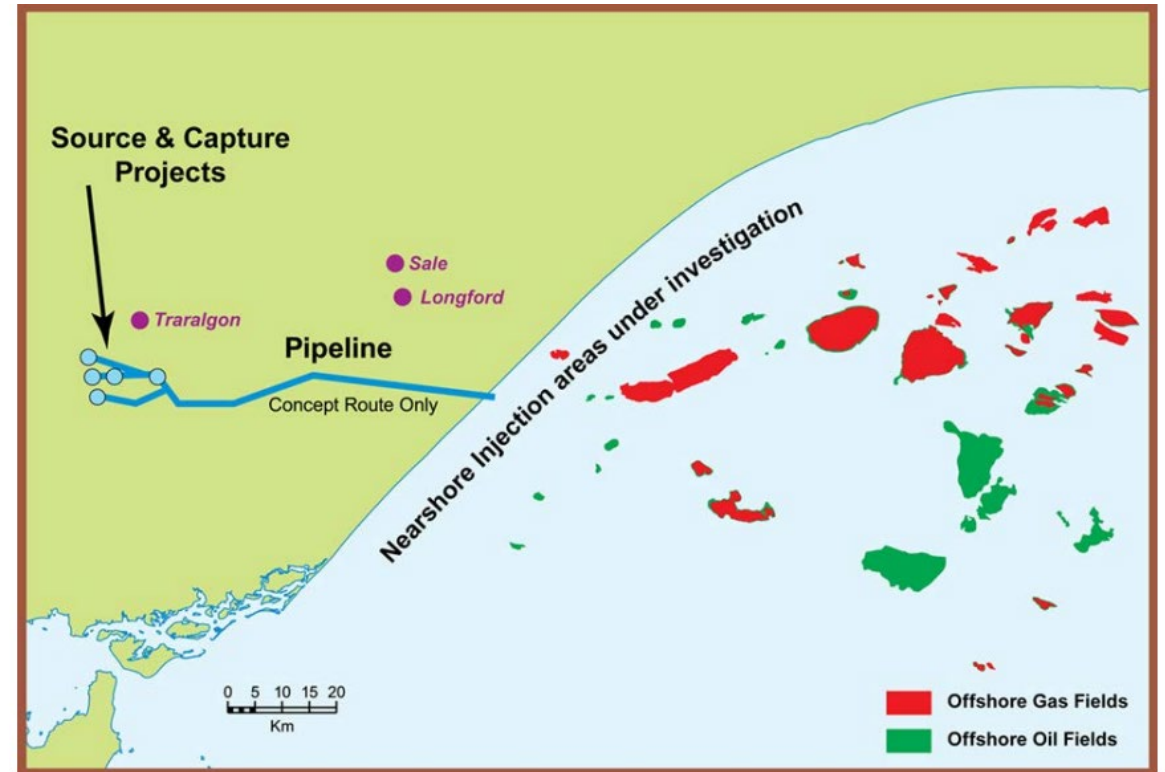


- Initial injectivity challenges due to salt drop-out + fines
- Rising pressure due to geological barriers
- Deployed back-up option in the injector (new completion)
- New well drilled to allow continued injection

# Lessons Learned – CarbonNet

## Government led, regulatory challenges

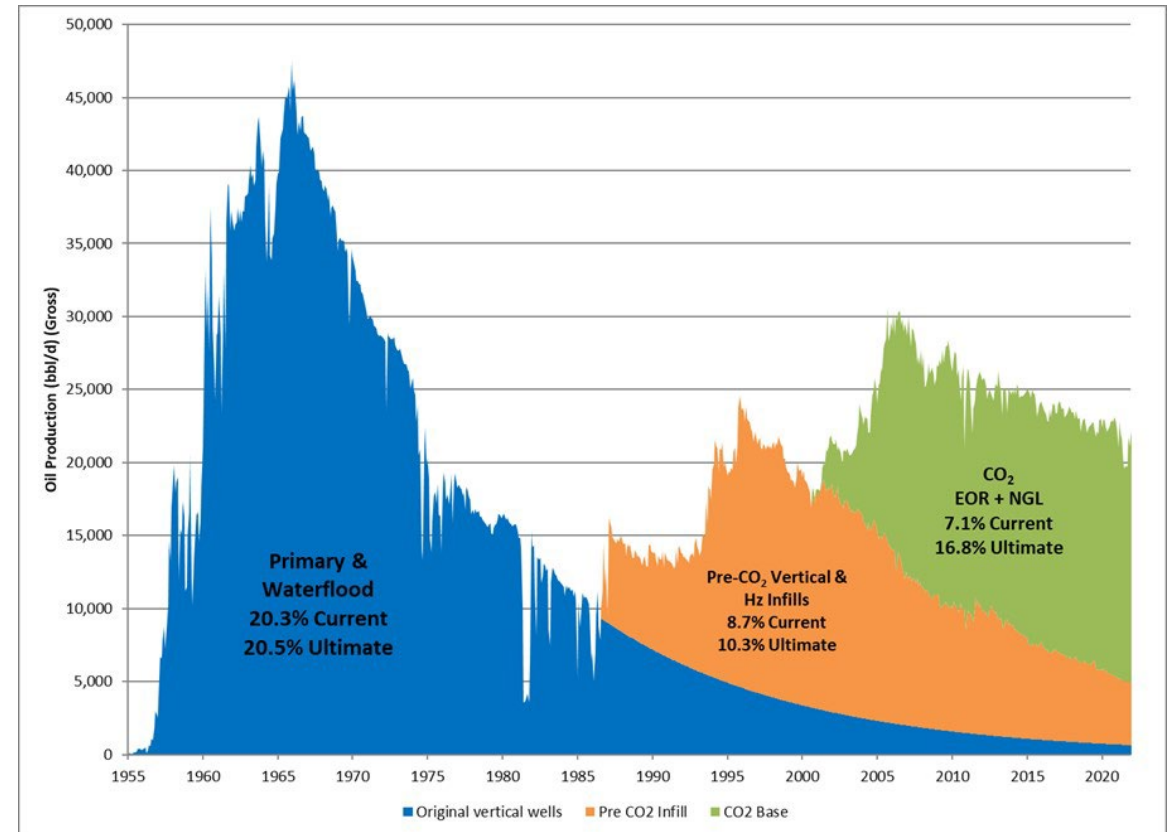
- Storage first, then emitter contracts
- Built team within government
  - Needed clear separation with regulatory body
  - Dependence on government funding
  - Significant outsourcing of studies
- Regulations existed. But storage sites that straddled boundary between state boundary and commonwealth waters not legal.
  - Dialogues in 2012, resolved in 2021
- Testing SRSOAI meaning for CCS



# Lessons learned – Weyburn (+Midale)

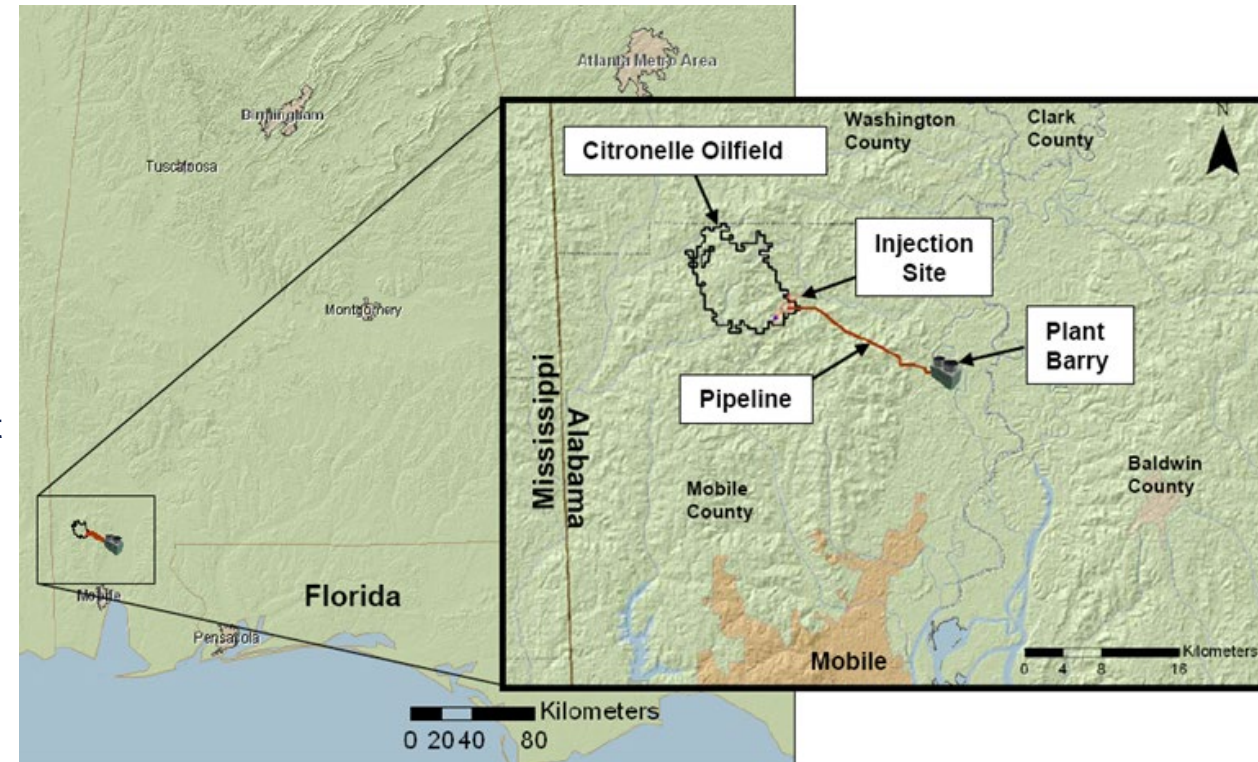
## CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR is CC(U)S, value of assurance monitoring

- Started in 2001
- Comprehensive monitoring and risk assessment delivered confidence in storage
- 1300+ wells (at Weyburn), many old.
- Petroleum regulations apply
- The One Stakeholder ...
  - Kerr farm claims of leakage
  - Robust monitoring and scientific evidence provided to dispute claims
  - Operator may not have been home-free without support from IEA GHG M&S project



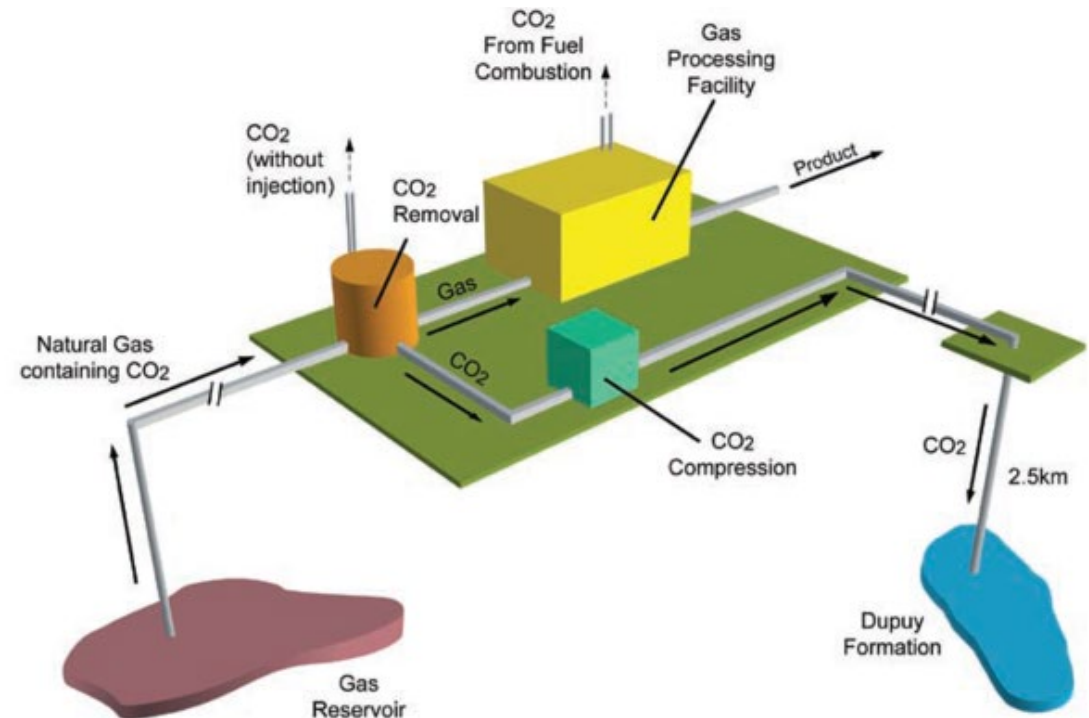
# Lessons Learned – SECARB at Citronelle

- Carbon capture from Plant Barry (equivalent to 25MWe).
  - 12-mile CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline constructed by Denbury Resources. Injection into ~9,400 ft. deep saline formation (Paluxy) above Citronelle Field.
- Lessons learned
  - Regulatory process biggest risk (in hindsight). Last project to be permitted under Class V – experimental well regulation, with req. for 4.5” pipeline.
  - First major demonstration with intermittent injection (low gas prices led to coal plant being switched off and on). No issues.
  - Duration of project shortened due to lack of CO<sub>2</sub> – Denbury pulled out when their minimal contract commitment of 100kt was met.
    - Initial intent was to continue with CO<sub>2</sub> EOR after project, but low oil prices didn’t support business case. Similar for PetroNova.
  - First integrated project with different entities for capture, transport monitoring and storage.
    - Risk mng challenge: Provide sufficient transparency to allow the risk assessments to be auditable and traceable across companies.



# Lessons Learned – Gorgon Barrow island act, pressure management issues

- Placed on a Class A Nature Reserve – allowed through barrow island act with many regulatory constraints
- Chevron is required to sequester at least 80% of the captured CO<sub>2</sub> from the LNG plant over a five-year period
- CO<sub>2</sub> injection started in 2019 (gas production in 2016) for next 40 yrs.
- Injection reduced, not meeting promised injection rates
  - Major fault system implied need for water production to manage pressure (away from fault system)
  - Injectivity reduction – due to sand/fines in water production led to issues implying reduced water injection



# Lessons Learned – In Salah, Algeria (EOR)

## Risk based monitoring: value of satellite InSAR

**Plan:** Injected CO<sub>2</sub> through 3 new wells located in the water leg of the field; CO<sub>2</sub> was expected to migrate towards the gas field

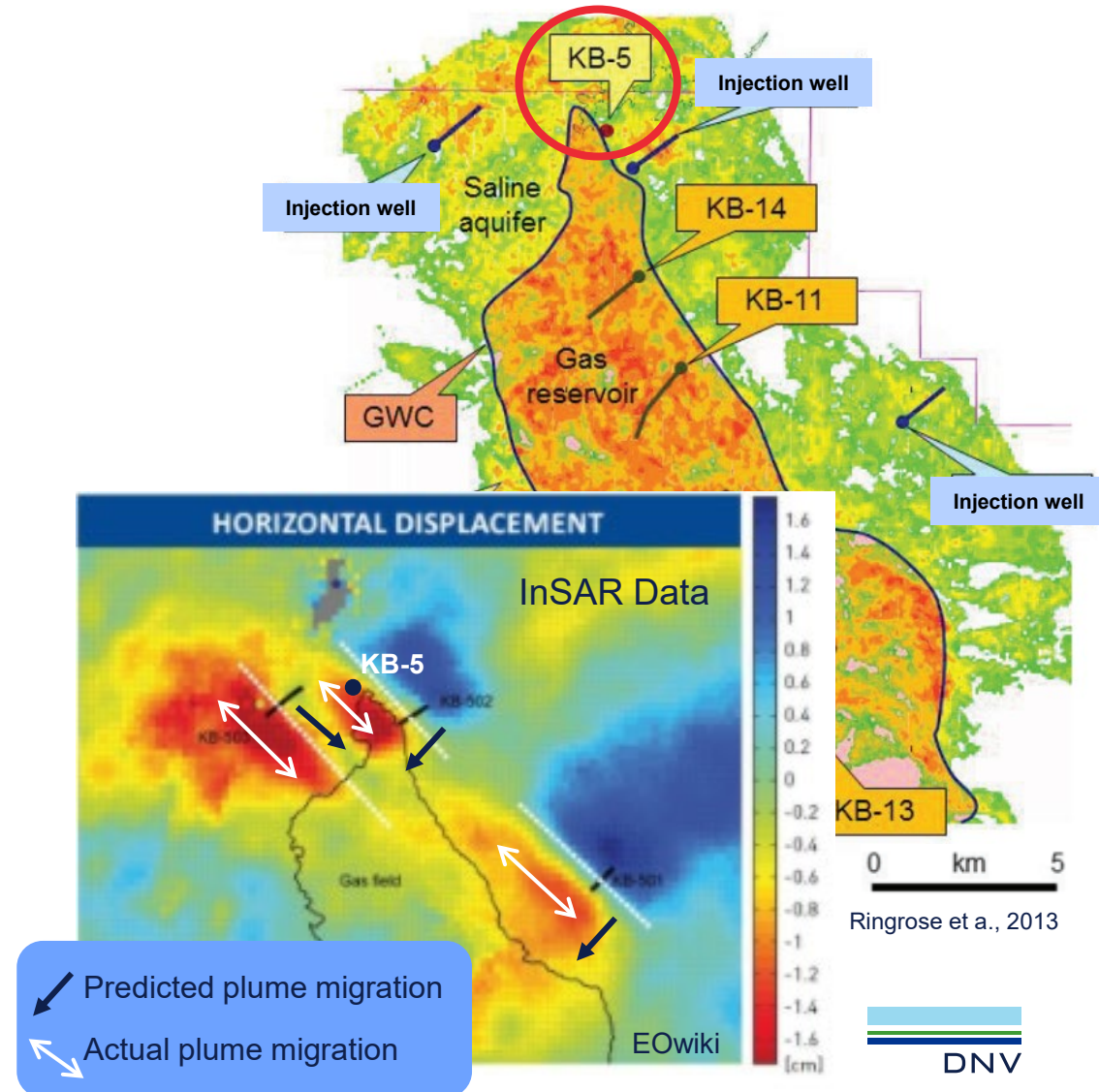
**Event:** CO<sub>2</sub> migrated *unexpectedly* in a northly direction and broke through at **KB-5** well (suspended legacy well)

- Detected by integrating a combination of geochemical, geodic and geophysical technologies – low-cost satellite InSAR was key

**Result:** Update to risk-based monitoring plan & injection strategy

### Key Learning

- Inadequate understanding of subsurface structure
- Deployment of multiple monitoring technologies
- Adaptive risk based MMV plan



# Quest – Shell Alberta Canada Public Acceptance (2008 to date)

- Quest - 1MT of CO<sub>2</sub> per year from 2015
- CCS was unknown to the community, objections centred on government funding which could have been used for other local activities
- Many non-believers in climate change

## Approach

- Started public engagement 2 yrs. before drilling started in 2010
- Shell worked with local NGO to provide technical information
- Engaged with the community – local coffee shop sessions
- Set up a Community Advisory Panel to raise issues and present responses when drilling started
- Pipeline route selected to meet stakeholder requirements
- Got the project third-party verified prior to injection

## Lessons learnt

- Engage at local level in an informal manner (no suits, local settings)
- Public acceptance won by building relationships and trust; not by providing technical info or trying to win people round to the purpose of the project.
- Do not over do it – local aquifer water sampling, farms got fed-up



Source: Shell

# Differing risk profiles of Saline aquifers vs. Depleted fields

Risk factor	Deep saline aquifers	Depleted fields
<b>Containment</b> - Well - Faults & seal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically fewer legacy wells – primary anthropogenic path of leakage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically higher density of legacy wells, as the field has been explored developed and produced.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faults and seals not geomechanically weakened through production</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to depletion of HC, fields may be geomechanically impacted</li> <li>Proven in the local area to hold HC</li> </ul>
<b>Capacity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional capacity ranges typically higher due to large lateral extent</li> <li>Larger uncertainty range on capacity estimates, linked to limited data on reservoir (store) properties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically offer smaller overall capacity, as the capacity is limited to the field size</li> <li>Uncertainty on capacity range less, due to better reservoir (store) knowledge</li> </ul>
<b>Injectivity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greater uncertainty due to lack of data, cannot be derisked until appraisal well conduct injectivity tests</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Production data gives you confidence on dynamic injectivity rates early on in CCS storage maturation phase</li> <li>Depletion can create high pressure differentials and lead to significant J-T cooling, and potentially form solids (ice and hydrates) which may have significant impact on injectivity. Well material (cements, casing) and the near-wellbore formation may also be impacted by the thermal and mechanical stresses, impacting well performance and integrity.</li> </ul>
<b>Monitorability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geophysical monitoring techniques inside and outside the storage complex are not hampered by the presence of residual HC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If residual HC remain, especially gas, they can inhibit geophysical (seismic) techniques aimed at visualizing plume migration with the confines of the structurally defined “store” (injection reservoir) unit. However, it does not preclude the use of seismic outside for detecting CO2 leakage or migration outside the defined store or storage.</li> </ul>



# Example technical issues and mitigations

- Salt precipitation
  - Principally an issue when injection into high salinity aquifers (QUEST, Bunter Sandstone UK)
  - Well stimulation may be required on regular basis to maintain injectivity
- Hydrates
  - Principally an issue caused by J-T cooling during blow-down, well blow-out or injection into depleted fields.
  - Injection: Heating of CO<sub>2</sub> and potentially start injection at lower rates.
- Pressure build up in closed structures (second target?)
  - Pressure build-up depends on hydraulically connected volume (to absorb injected fluids). This will constrain the capacity due to fracture pressure constraints.  $V_{\text{bulk}}/V_{\text{trap}} = 5 \rightarrow$  Storage efficiency = 0.5-2.0.
  - Critical points: wells (plugs, near wellbore region), faults (reactivation), shallowest point (capillary entry pressure).
- Where does displaced formation fluids go?
  - To shallower units through off-structure legacy wells (mitigation: placement of plugs).
  - To seabed through outcrops (mitigation: produce formation brine and inject into other aquifer)
  - To nearby reservoirs (repressurized – mitigation may not be required).

# Regulatory challenges and solutions (in Europe)

# Regulatory challenges – a European perspective

- DNV coordinated update of guidance to support adherence to CCS Directive.
  - 3000+ stakeholder comments
- Challenges noted:
  - Establishing consensus on what constitutes significant vs. non-significant risk.
  - Coordination and permitting of multiple sites within same hydraulic unit, incl. X-border.
  - Enabling mineralization projects (storage in mafic rocks without traditional seal).
  - Transfer prior to 20 years post-closure.
  - Enabling transition from O&G license to storage license (without competitive process)
  - When is CO<sub>2</sub> EHR combined with storage?



# Proposed solutions

Significant risk (leakage + HSE): Cannot put into question the purpose of the CCS Directive.

- No assumption of zero risk or zero leakage (eliminating as far as possible (ALARP) risk) – Need to defend selection of risk treatment for individual risks.
- Guidance: Consider nature of the damage, relevant risk acceptance criteria in applicable regulations and corporate policies, **and** the benefits of the CO<sub>2</sub> storage activity.

Multiple sites in the same hydraulic unit: Pressure interference.

- Operators: Map and describe other *known* activities within the hydraulic unit that may impact pressure within the storage site.
- CA: Enable sharing of related information between operators and between CAs, and maintain records of pressure influence from previous operations.

Mineralization projects without a seal: Caprock and CO<sub>2</sub> stream

- Caprock should – in tandem with other trapping mechanisms – have sufficiently low permeability to deliver permanent containment of CO<sub>2</sub> and formation fluids, and prevent any significant risk in site-specific circumstances.
- CO<sub>2</sub> stream is not overwhelmingly CO<sub>2</sub>. This gap is not resolved.

# Proposed solutions



Handover prior to the end of a 20-year period following closure

- Operator: Specify in the post-closure plan quantitative KPIs for compliance with the criteria for transfer.
- Discuss and agree indicators with the CA as part of the evaluation of the post-closure plan.
- The indicators should be based on the site-specific context, and consider the evolution of containment risk over time.

Exploration permits are to be granted or refused on the basis of non-discriminatory criteria.

- O&G operators holding licenses for depleted fields may not require an exploration permit.
- Leeway to allow such project proponents to apply directly for storage permit, and will also have competitive advantage for exploration permits.

CCS Directive shall apply if CO<sub>2</sub> EHR (or potentially geothermal operations) is combined with storage.

- EHR is considered combined with geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub> when long-term storage of CO<sub>2</sub> is a primary objective.
- EU ETS accounting: Life-cycle emissions of the EHR operations, including from the combustion of incremental HC.

# Certification of CO<sub>2</sub> storage

# Certification frameworks



## SERVICE SPECIFICATION

DNV-SE-0473

Edition October 2017  
Amended October 2021

**Certification of sites and projects for  
geological storage of carbon dioxide**

Certification against ISO 27914:2017

<https://www.dnv.com/oilgas/download/dnv-se-0473-certification-of-sites-and-projects-for-geological-storage-of-carbon-dioxide.html>



## SERVICE SPECIFICATION

DNV-SE-0617

Edition February 2022

**Qualification management for geological  
storage of CO<sub>2</sub>**

Certification against DNV-RP-J203

<https://www.dnv.com/oilgas/download/dnv-se-0617-qualification-management-for-geological-storage-of-CO2.html>

# Addressing the trust issue: Benefits of Storage Site Certification

## **Stakeholder Assurance**

- Subsurface CO<sub>2</sub> storage remains a novel and unfamiliar concept for many – stakeholder assurance is key.

## **Minimising and mitigating risk to developer**

- Objective QA of storage site development by independent experts – brings key issues into focus.

## **Creates confidence with regulator**

- General alignment between certification stage and permitting milestones – can accelerate permitting processes for early projects.

## **Enables implementation of CCS in countries without established regulations for CCS**

- Certification can be used alongside regulatory E&P milestones to demonstrate alignment with industry best practice

## **EU Taxonomy compliance**

- The EU Taxonomy requires compliance with ISO 27914 – Relevant for import of H<sub>2</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> and for EU companies doing storage outside Europe.

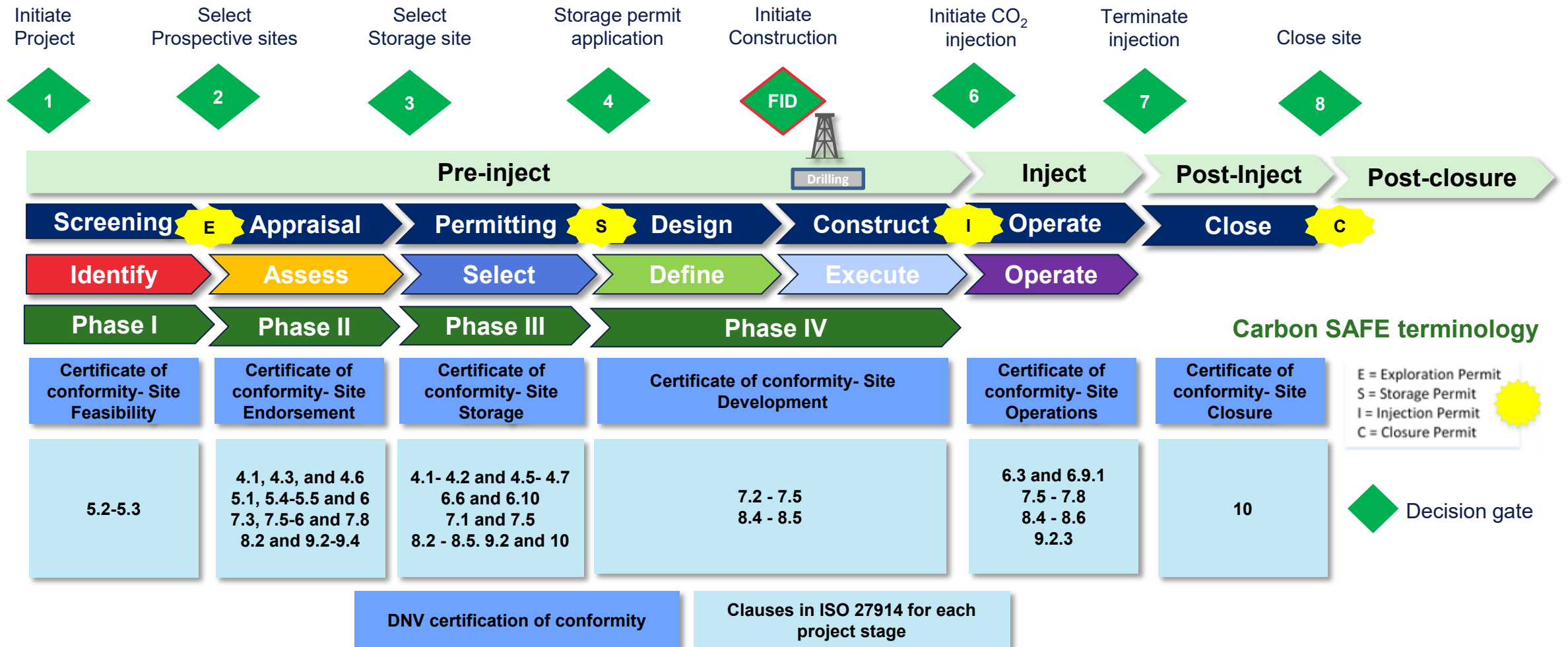
## **Positioning for public funding**

- Helps companies be positioned for public funding, e.g. EU Innovation Fund.

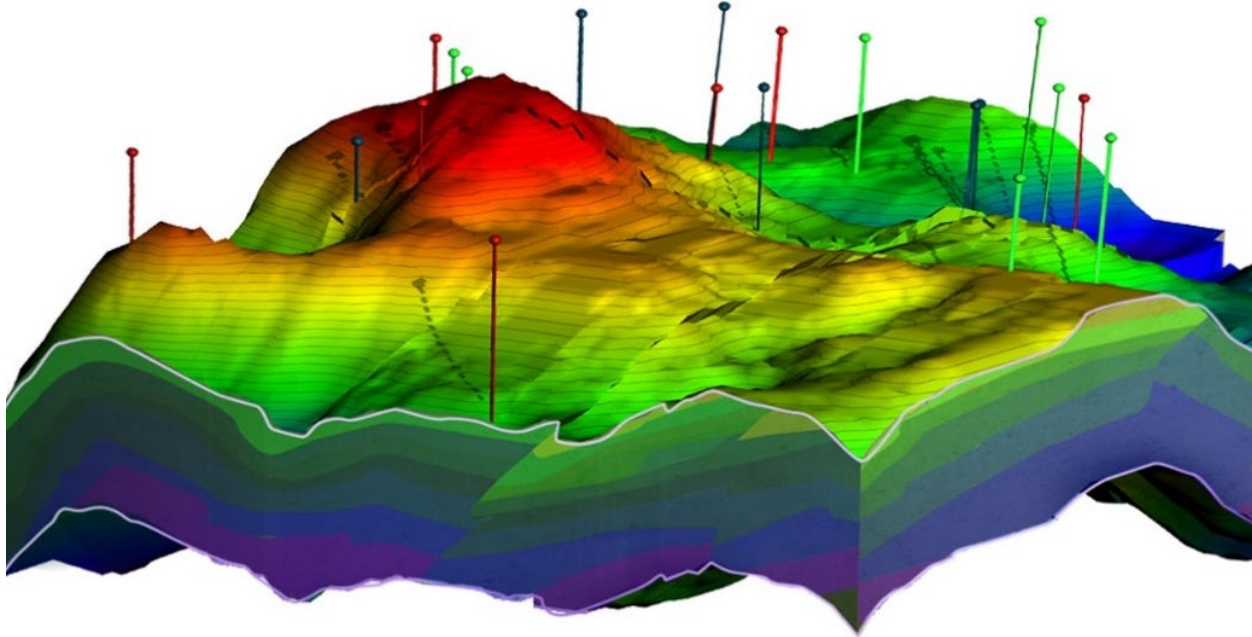


# CO<sub>2</sub> storage certification framework

DNV-SE-0473 guides verification of conformity with ISO 27914 at generic milestones in project life-cycle  
Requirements in ISO 27914 mapped to align with project milestone



# Independent review and certification of storage projects



- QUEST (CA) (2010-2011): 1 onshore site, aquifer
- CarbonNet (AUS) (2012-2019): 6→3→1 offshore aquifer sites
- Gorgon (AUS) (2013): 1 on/offshore aquifer site
- Greensand (DK) (2020-2022): 1 depleted field site
- NEP (UK) (2021-2023): 5 aquifer sites
- 3 confidential onshore projects in Eur. (2021-2023): 6 aquifer sites and 1 depleted field
- 2 confidential projects in Aus. (2023): 2 onshore and 1 offshore depleted fields.
- **Total: 23 sites**

# General recommendations

- Structure documentation to align with requirements, or provide a document with pointer to relevant documents for respective requirements.
- It is highly recommended to have risk assessment at the core:
  - Site characterization activities are informed by the need to de-risk the site
  - Site ranking and selection is informed by qualitative risk assessment
  - Uncertainties are considered and managed in a risk assessment context
  - MMV plan developments are risk-based
- QC that the documentation does answer the full question being addressed.
  - Don't lose sight of non-technical issues – often quick to de-risk, but can have substantial impact
  - Well integrity is normally “manageable” (at high cost and effort for many depleted fields), but does not mean site is preferable

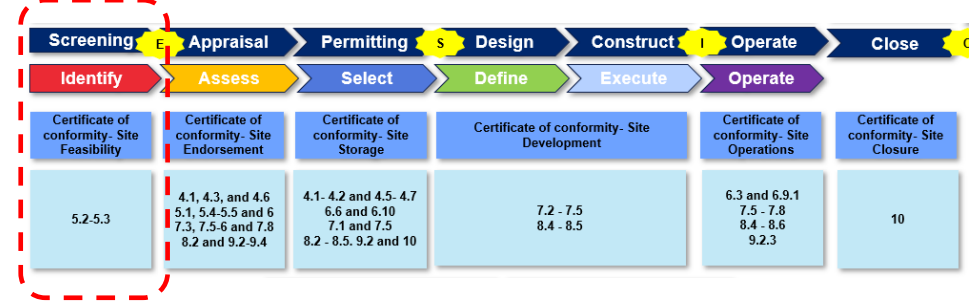
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# Screening / Identify Phase



**Aim:** Initial evaluation of site suitability. Screen for major technical & nontechnical showstoppers (containment, injectivity, capacity, monitorability, stakeholders) and surface access issues for the site

**ISO sections:** 5.2-5.3 (site screening, selection, and characterization)

## Focus areas:

- Geological screening of area of interest for potential CO<sub>2</sub> storage sites.
- Qualitatively rank sites based on containment, capacity, injectivity, and project feasibility
- Screening for legal and regulatory requirements

## Output:

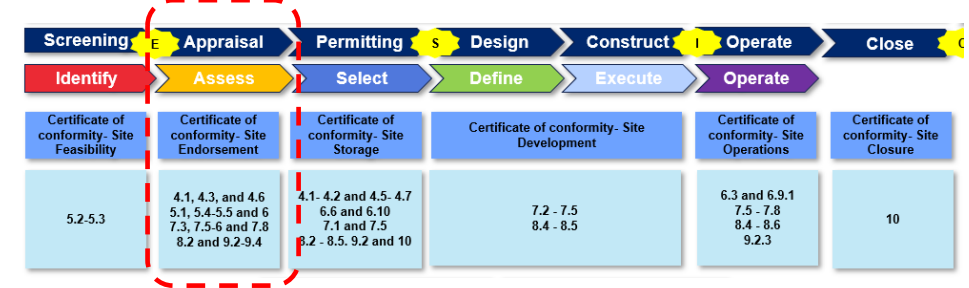
- List of prospective storage sites that fulfil the operator’s site selection requirements and associated recommendations in ISO 27914

## Decisions:

- Commit budget and resources for site characterization and apply for exploration permit or equivalent for prioritized sites.
- Stop progressing sites that cannot be de-risked further or have major showstoppers

**Certification:** DNV Certification of Conformity - Site Feasibility

# Appraisal/ Assess Phase



**Aim:** Appraise prospective sites in detail and develop a well engineering concept that can deliver required volumes of CO<sub>2</sub> at an economic rate. At the end of this phase a storage complex(s) is selected

**ISO sections:** 4.1, 4.3, 4.6 (Management systems); 5.1,5.4,5.5 (Site Characterization); 6 (Risk Management); 7.3,7.5,7.6,7.8 (Well Infrastructure); 8.2 (Injection Operations); 9.2-9.4 (Monitoring and Verification)

## Focus areas:

- Data collection and evaluation: Design & drill a characterization well (if required – aquifer stores), collect all data required for permitting, geologic modeling of storage complex
- Modeling and evaluation of containment, injectivity, capacity and monitorability
- Stakeholder engagement.
- Detailed legacy well review
- Risk assessment
- Initial planning & design for injection and monitoring (MMV feasibility work)

**Output:** Documentation that there is a feasible development opportunity based on ISO recommendations and TECOP principles, and all required information for permitting.

**Decisions:** Commitment of budget and resources for storage permit and public engagement

**Certification:** DNV Certification of Conformity- Site Endorsement

