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Roundtable: Outreach on Critical Issues

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Panel Introductions

- Victoria Osborne, Striker Enterprises, United States
- Dominique Van Gent, South West Hub Project, WA Department of Mines and Petroleum, Australia
- Bill Spence, Shell, Netherlands
- John Nayton, Nayton Communications, Australia



What Is Public Outreach?

 Public outreach = Making an effort to understand, anticipate, and address public perceptions of and concerns about CO₂ storage

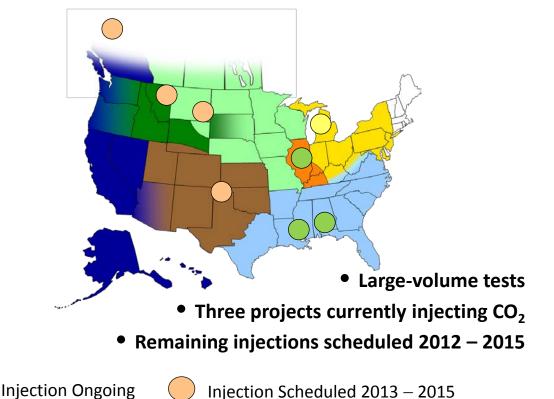
Key Challenges

- Timing Public demanding answers prior to completing risk assessment AND risk mitigation
- Uncertainty Describing the implications of probability
- Fear of the unknown How to plan for unanticipated events; technical vs. emotional public
- Independent verification How to prove responsible behavior



Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnerships Focused on Public Outreach





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Do Your Homework

- 1. Integrate public outreach with project management
- 2. Establish the face of the project: a strong outreach team
- 3. Identify key stakeholders at the outset of the project and as the project progresses
- 4. Conduct and apply social characterization; understand public emotional level



Develop Plans and Materials

- 5. Develop an outreach strategy and over ion communication plan tailored to the community
- 6. Develop key messages and use them frequently
- 7. Design materials that are tailored to your audiences and speak to their concerns; be sensitive to changing concerns and new "public" participants

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Implement, Assess, Refine

- 8. Actively oversee and manage your outreach program throughout the life of a project
- 9. Monitor the performance of the outreach program and changes in public perceptions and concerns

10. Be flexible – refine your program as needed