

Midwest Geological Sequestration Consortium

Lessons Learned from Large-scale Projects: Illinois Basin – Decatur Project

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Illinois Basin – Decatur Project Scope



A collaboration of the Midwest Geological Sequestration Consortium, the Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM), Schlumberger Carbon Services, and other subcontractors to inject I million metric tons of anthropogenic carbon dioxide at a depth of 7,000 +/- ft (2,000 +/- m) to test geological carbon sequestration in the Mt. Simon Sandstone, a saline reservoir, at Decatur, IL

- Prove injectivity and capacity
- Demonstrate security of injection zone
- Contribution to best practices





Illinois Basin – Decatur Project Site (on ADM industrial site)

- A Dehydration/ compression facility location
- B Pipeline route (1.9 km)
- C Injection well site
- D Verification/ monitoring well site
- E Geophone well





Operational Injection: November 2011 to 2014

- IBDP is the first I million tonne carbon capture and storage project from a biofuel facility in the US
- Intensive post-injection monitoring under MGSC through 2017
- Industrial CCS Injection Monitoring through 2019

Total Injection: 999, 215 tonnes

Key Operational Results – IBDP at Completion of Injection

- Mount Simon Sandstone reservoir accepted CO₂ more easily than expected resulting in quicker detection at verification well
- Upward plume growth limited by reservoir permeability stratification, as modeled, and confirmed by pressure observations
- Resulting plume believed thinner than expected and was not detected with a 3D vertical seismic profile until April 2013
- Mt. Simon 200,000 ppm brine is more corrosive than expected
- With 999,215 tonnes injected, CO₂ remains in lowermost Mt. Simon; internal reservoir heterogeneity affecting CO₂ distribution
- No CO₂ leakage or adverse impacts detected to date
- Second project (ICCS) will add opportunity to monitor two plumes

Post-Injection Activities (Since November 2014)

- Post-injection near surface and deep monitoring
- Post-injection modelling and data evaluation
 - 3D Surface Seismic Survey 2015
 - Post-injection VSP (permit interim period) 2015
 - RTAC to Well Watcher Migration 2016
 - RecompleteVWI 2016
 - Final static and dynamic models 2016
 - Near-surface monitoring analysis and recommendations 2016
 - Passive/active monitoring project (US-Norway) 2016-2017
 - Peer-reviewed articles, technical and final reports
- Knowledge and data sharing best practices
- Preparing IBDP site for long-term commercial viability
- Permit monitoring for ADM Industrial CCS project

IBDP Risk Assessment and Project Uncertainties



Geologic Uncertainty Operational Uncertainty Regulatory Uncertainty Social Uncertainty

Regulatory Uncertainty

Change in Scope Long-term Funding Challenges in Knowledge Sharing Complacency Potential Institutional Memory Loss

Regulatory Uncertainty

Funding Uncertainty Transferring Knowledge Sharing Data Maintaining Capacity Finishing Strong

Post-injection Monitoring – Locke and Collaborators

- Near-surface comparison with baseline
- Regulatory compliance for the IBDP PISC
- Recommendations for commercial-scale MVA operations based on IBDP experiences





Permitting

IL EPA UIC Class I to

US EPA UIC Class VI

Monitoring Activity	Monitoring Location(s)	Frequency: Interim Period	Frequency: CCS2 Injection Phase	Frequency: CCS2 Post- Injection Phase
Pulsed Neutron Logging / RST	VW1	Once	Year 2, Year 4	Year 1, Year 3, Year 5, Year 7, Year 10
Fluid Sampling	VW1	Once	Year 1-3 : Annual Year 4-5 : None	None
Pressure/ Temperature Monitoring	VW1	Continuous	Year 1-3 : Continuous Year 4- 5 : None	None

Recompletion of VWI Monitoring Well



Research priorities:

- Monitor injection of multiple plumes within Mt. Simon in order to determine and observe reservoir response via pressure, temperature, geophysical, geomechanical, and geochemical means.
- Demonstrate and test monitoring equipment and methodologies for deployment at the near and deep subsurface through a comprehensive MVA program.
- History match and determine plume development response through active and passive seismic monitoring in order to further understand reservoir microseismic response

Project management priorities:

- Deliver project on-time and within budget
- Reduce short- and long-term risk to project

Permit priorities:

- Perform Injection phase monitoring by fluid sampling in two zones (one in Mt. Simon and one in Ironton/Galesville)
- Perform continuous pressure and temperature monitoring
- Conduct direct and indirect plume monitoring

Refined view of Lower Mt. Simon Depositional and Diagenetic History - Freiburg and Collaborators

- Diagenetic controls on reservoir properties
- Depositional interpretation



Refining Understanding of Precambrian Structure using 3D Seismic Volume – McBride, Leetaru, and Collaborators



Gaining insights into microseismic activity



Image provided by Schlumberger Carbon Services

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Integration of Modeling Efforts

- Concurrent IBDP
 Modeling Efforts:
 - Geologic (static)
 - Reservoir simulation
 - Geomechanical
 - Coupled hydromechanical



Preliminary consolidated time-lapse attribute interpretation (orange) and outline of modeled plume (black polygon) in Q1 2015.

By the numbers:

- A million tonnes stored and...
- More than 17,000 feet of wells have been drilled
- More than 800 feet of core have been collected
- Near-surface groundwater monitoring efforts have resulted in more than **50,000 analyses**
- For basin-scale modeling, we will use 1,020,000
 CPU-hours of XSEDE supercomputing resources.
- More than **700 visitors from 29 countries** have been to IBDP
- Over 180 publications and 435 presentations
- More than 100 people at least 10 organizations have worked together to make this project a success



XSEDE is an NSF-sponsored supercomputer network





CCS in Decatur, IL USA



Illinois Basin – Decatur Project

- Large-scale demonstration
- Volume: I million tonnes
- Injection period: 3 years
- Injection rate: 1,000 tonnes/d
- Compression capacity: 1,100 tonnes/day
- Status: Post-injection monitoring

Illinois Industrial CCS Project

- Industrial-scale
- Volume: 5 million tonnes
- Injection period: 3 years
- Injection rate: 3,000 tons/d
- Compression capacity: 2,200 tonnes/day
- Status: Pre-injection monitoring















