

Plains CO₂ Reduction (PCOR) Partnership CCS Demonstrations

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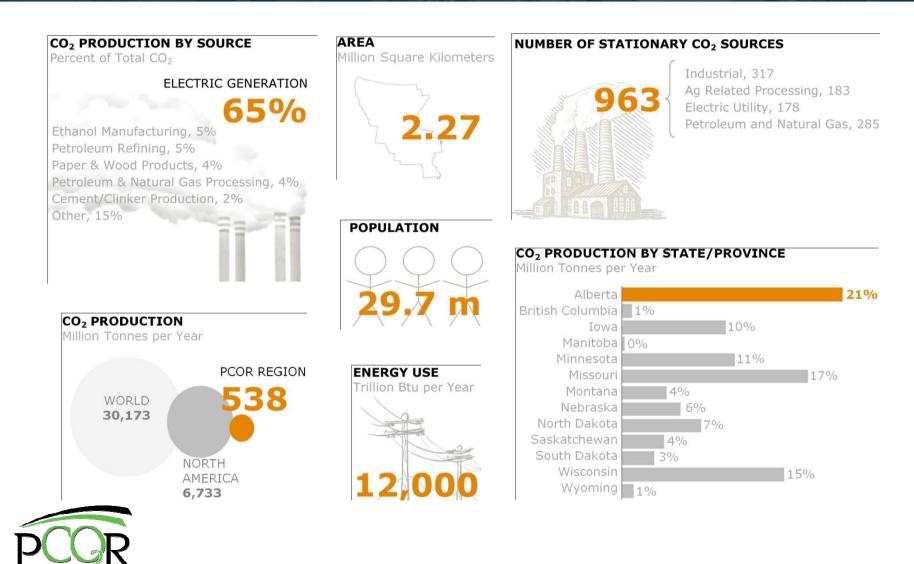


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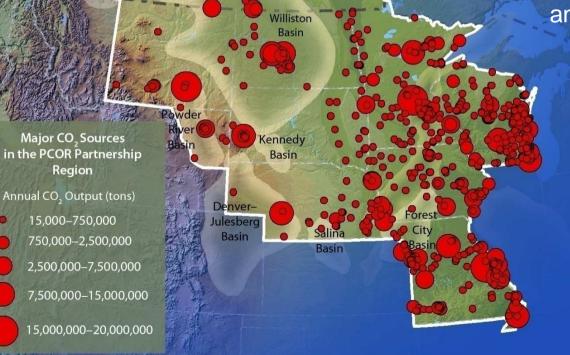


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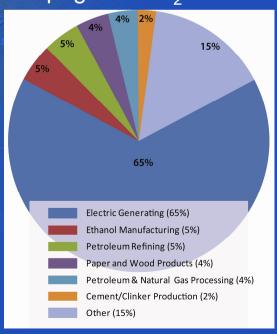
Sources

927 stationary sources Total CO₂ emissions: \approx 510 million tonnes/yr

- 9% of U.S. and Canada population
- 8% of U.S. and Canada gross domestic product (GDP)
- 12% of U.S. and Canada anthropogenic CO₂



lberta Basin



Field Validation Tests



Key Results

- Unminable lignite may represent CO₂ sequestration targets in the PCOR Partnership region, but more research needs to be done prior to large-scale demonstration and commercialization.
- Early exploration efforts do not support commercially viable coalbed methane potential in North Dakota lignite seams.

- The pinnacle reef structures employed in the Zama project represent significant opportunities for both enhanced oil recovery (EOR) and CO₂ storage.
- Monitoring, verification, and accounting (MVA) programs can be developed that are unobtrusive to commercial operations and are both technically sound and costeffective.



- Small-scale (huff 'n' puff-type) CO₂ injection into deep carbonate systems is technically feasible and has the potential to result in commercially viable EOR operations in the future.
- Tertiary-phase EOR is the primary near-term opportunity for managing CO₂ in the PCOR Partnership region.



- EOR demand for CO₂ exceeds near-term supply.
- Natural gas-processing facilities represent a key nearterm source of CO₂.
- If CO₂ supply surpasses EOR demand, saline aquifers are available throughout the region to meet sequestration demand.



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- Five documentaries
- Over a dozen fact sheets
- Public Web site with monthly updates
- 65-page regional atlas
- Over 20 technical reports



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- Regulatory and legal issues are constantly changing in this topic area and represent key challenges to CO₂ storage technologies.

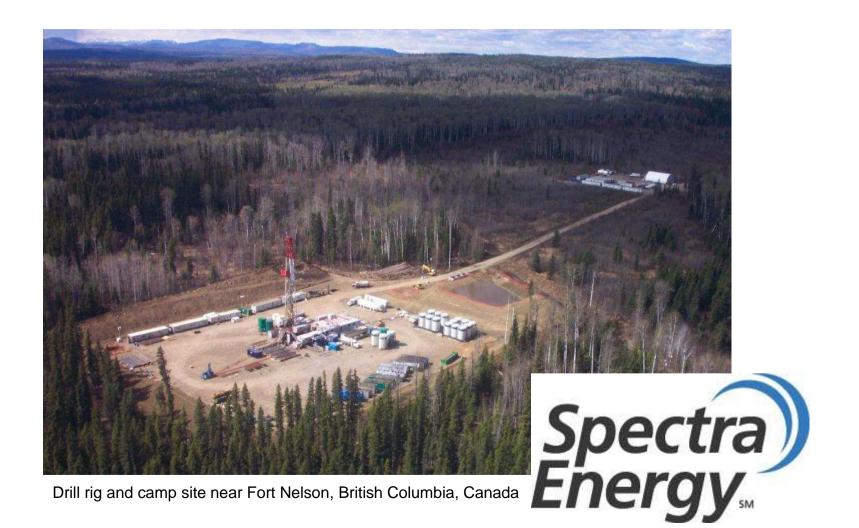


Phase III Commercial-Scale Projects



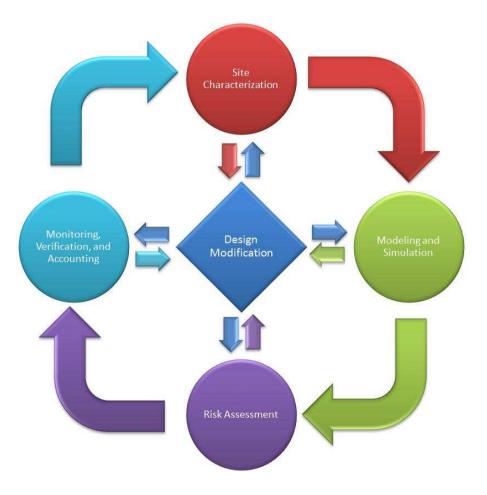
- 1. Fort Nelson Saline
- 2. Zama Saline
- 3. Bell Creek EOR

Fort Nelson Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) in a Deep Saline Formation



Fort Nelson

- Risk-based approach to define MVA strategy.
- MVA plan will be cost-effective.
- Minimal disruption of the operations at Fort Nelson.



Fort Nelson (continued)

- Saline formations represent the largest single target for CO₂ storage.
- Reconnaissance-level efforts in the PCOR Partnership region have identified over 200 Gt of potential storage.
- The PCOR Partnership region includes many of the largest and most well understood carbonate rocks in the world.
- Phase III results will be broadly applicable throughout the region.

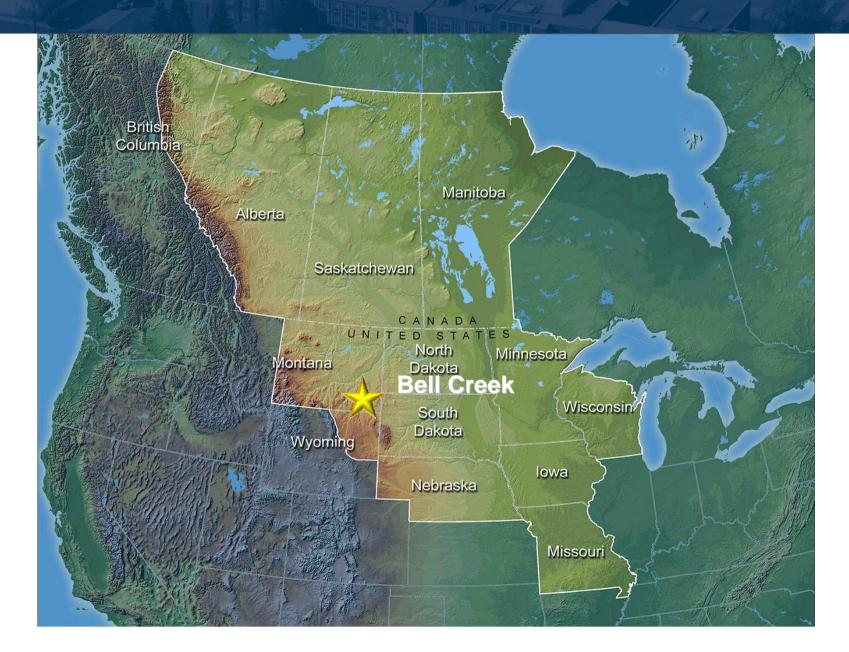


Fort Nelson – Current Status

- An exploration well was drilled spring 2009. The well was reentered, and additional logs were collected in the winter drilling season 2009–2010.
- Additional seismic data may be purchased and collected in the winter field season 2010–2011.
- The PCOR Partnership has provided a risk management plan (RMP) as part of its integrated RMP, modeling, and MVA program.



Bell Creek EOR Project



Bell Creek Field

 Expected to yield ~35 million incremental bbl
~240 Bcf of CO₂ sequestered

Oil Field

Weyburn-Midale

asification

Lost Cabin/Madden Gas Plant ~50 mmcf CO₂/day

Map Legend

Pipeline International Boarder State/Province Boundaries County Boundaries Oil Fields

CO₂ Demand

- The PCOR Partnership region has an unmet commercial demand for CO₂ for EOR.
- PCOR Partnership region has approximately 25 Gt of CO₂ capacity through CO₂-based EOR.
- Oil fields may offer the best opportunities to implement large-scale CO₂ storage.



Bell Creek

- Will store 14 million tonnes of CO₂.
- Will produce an estimated 30+ million barrels of incremental oil worth an estimated \$2.7 billion.



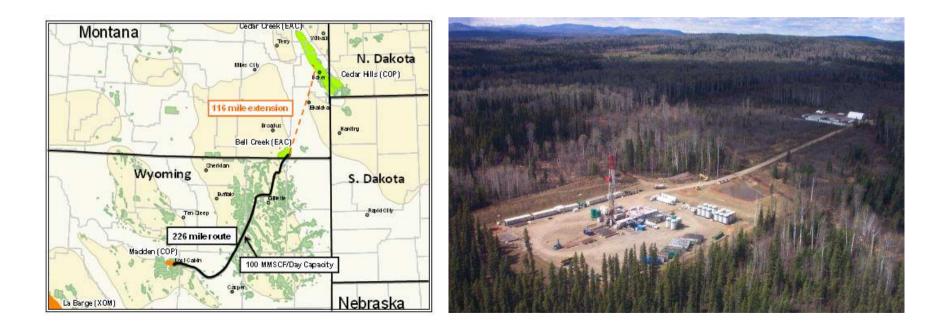
Bell Creek (continued)

Formation	Depth, m	Thickness, m	Temp., ℃	Range of Permeability, mD	Salinity, ppm	Porosity, %
Muddy	1370	6–10	42	500–1200	6400– 7400	24

 Porosity and permeability data suggest that injectivity will be more than adequate to support long-term and largescale CO₂ injection.

PCOR Partnership Status

We are moving ahead with both the Bell Creek and the Fort Nelson demonstrations.



PCOR Partnership Outreach Support

- 65-page regional sequestration atlas
- Fact sheets on key topics and projects
- A variety of PowerPoint presentations •
- Public Web site with streaming and downloadable materials
- Sequestration documentaries (television broadcasts, Web streaming, and DVDs)
- Video clips
- Technical reports





Conclusion

The PCOR Partnership region has huge CCS potential!

Thank You for Your Kind Attention!

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Talking Points

What the PCOR Partnership would like to share with you:

•The PCOR Partnership region has huge CCS potential.

•Tertiary-phase EOR is the primary near-term opportunity for managing CO_2 in the PCOR Partnership region.

•If CO_2 supply surpasses EOR demand, saline aquifers are available throughout the region to meet sequestration demand.

•MVA programs can be developed that are unobtrusive to commercial operations and are both technically viable and commercially sustainable.

In discussions with the audience, I hope to gain knowledge of the following:

•Updates on other CCS projects and lessons learned.

•Regulatory issues, e.g., pore space ownership, liability, permitting, for other CCS projects.