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# MRCSP Phase III Geologic Test

## *at the Andersons/Marathon Ethanol Plant Greenville, Ohio*

*Briefing for the Public and Media  
Greenville, Ohio  
August 13, 2008*

*The MRCSP is being conducted by Battelle under DOE/NETL Contract DE-FC26-05NT42589*

# Today's Briefing

- Who are we?
- What are we proposing to do?
- Why is this important?
- Why did we choose this site?
- What are we going to do and how will we do it?
- What do we expect to learn from this test?
- Why do we think this test is safe?

# Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnerships

*"Developing the Infrastructure for Wide Scale Deployment"*

- 350 Organizations
  - 41 States
- 4 Canadian Provinces
  - 3 Indian Nations
- Total of 34% cost share



# Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnerships

	California Energy Commission <a href="http://www.westcarb.org/">http://www.westcarb.org/</a>
	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology <a href="http://www.southwestcarbonpartnership.org/">http://www.southwestcarbonpartnership.org/</a>
	Montana State University <a href="http://www.bigskyco2.org/">http://www.bigskyco2.org/</a>
	University of North Dakota, Energy & Environmental Research Center <a href="http://www.undeerc.org/pcor/">http://www.undeerc.org/pcor/</a>
	University of Illinois, Illinois State Geological Survey <a href="http://www.sequestration.org/">http://www.sequestration.org/</a>
	Battelle Memorial Institute <a href="http://www.mrcsp.org/">http://www.mrcsp.org/</a>
	Southern States Energy Board <a href="http://www.secarbon.org/">http://www.secarbon.org/</a>

## Characterization Phase

- 24 months (2003-2005)
- 7 Partnerships (41 states)
- \$16M DOE funds

## Validation Phase

- 4 years (2005 - 2009)
- Field validation tests
  - Over 20 Geologic
  - 11 Terrestrial
- \$112M DOE funds
- \$43M cost share

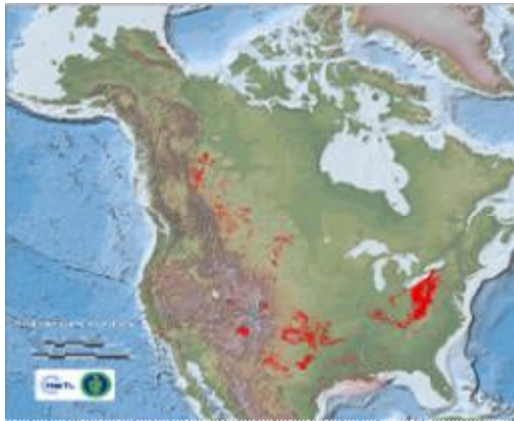
## Deployment Phase

- 10 years (2008-2017)
- Seven large volume injection tests
- Over \$700M DOE and cost share

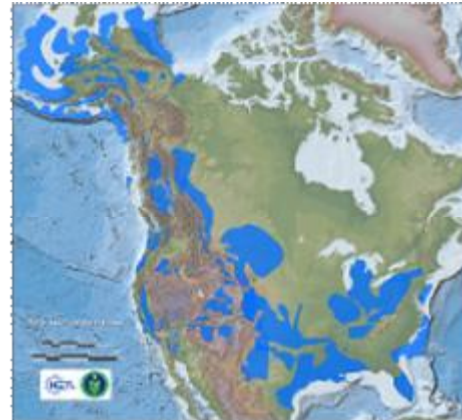
# National Atlas Highlights

## *Adequate Storage Projected*

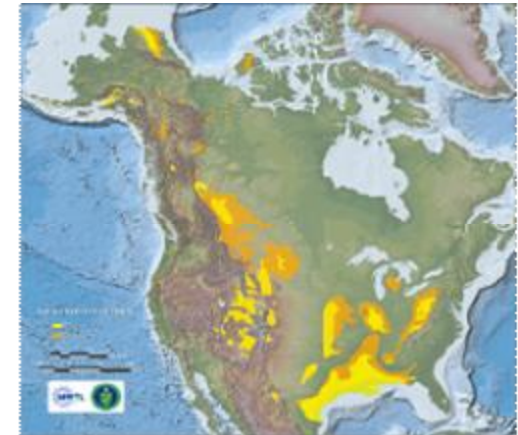
U.S. Emissions ~ 6 GT CO<sub>2</sub>/yr all sources



***Oil and Gas Fields***



***Saline Formations***



***Unmineable Coal Seams***

North American CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Potential  
(Giga Tons)

***Conservative  
Resource  
Assessment***

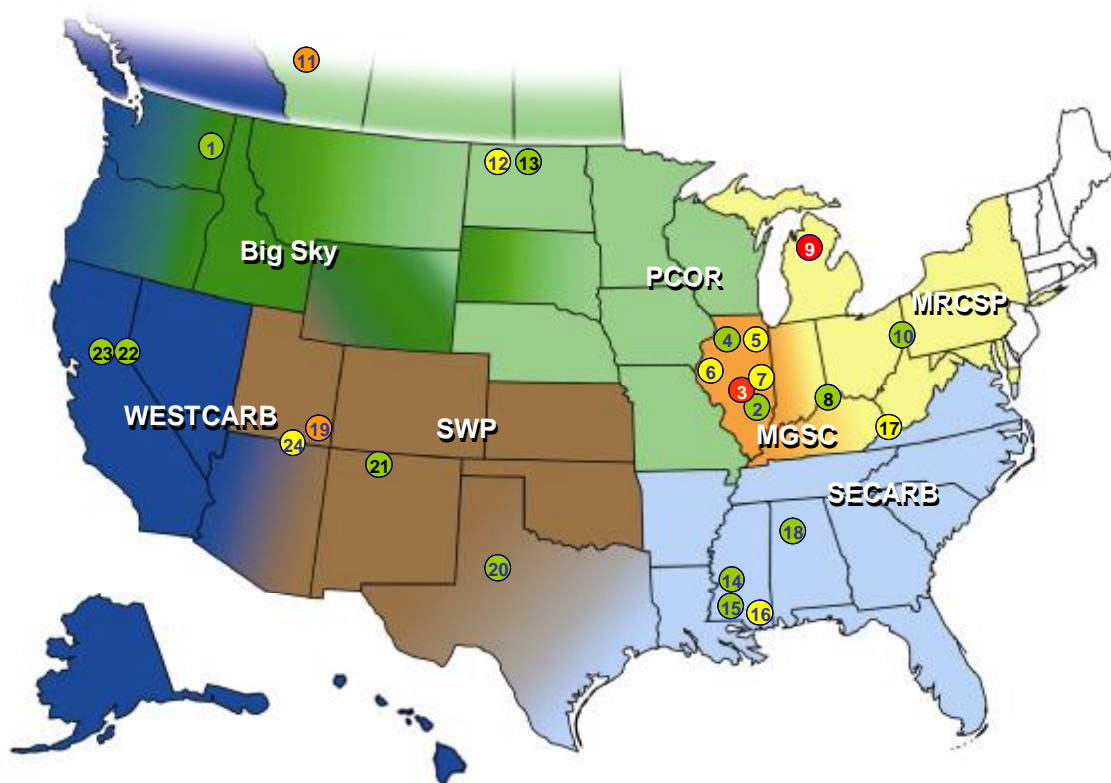
Sink Type	Low	High
Saline Formations	919	3,643
Unmineable Coal Seams	156	187
Oil and Gas Fields	82	82

***Hundreds of  
Years of  
Storage  
Potential***

Available for download at [http://www.netl.doe.gov/publications/carbon\\_seq/refshelf.html](http://www.netl.doe.gov/publications/carbon_seq/refshelf.html)



# Validation Phase – Geologic Field Tests Injection Schedule

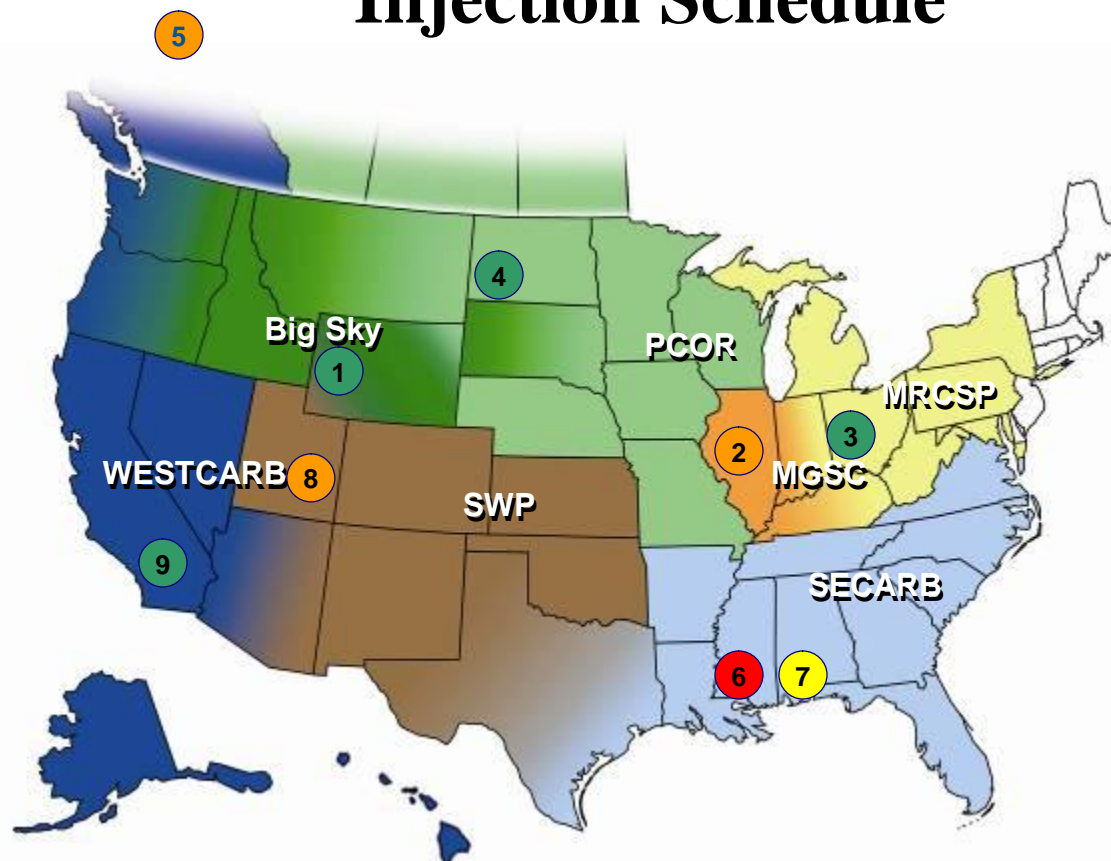


## Injection Schedule

- Injection Complete
- Injection Ongoing
- 2008 Injection Scheduled
- 2009 Injection Scheduled




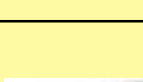

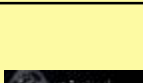

Partnership	Geologic Province	Formation Type
 1	Columbia Basin	Saline
2	Illinois Basin	Saline
3	Illinois Basin	Oil Bearing Heavy
4	Illinois Basin	Oil Bearing Well Conversion
5	Illinois Basin	Oil Bearing Pattern Flood I
6	Illinois Basin	Oil Bearing Pattern Flood II
7	Illinois Basin	Coal Seam
8	Cincinnati Arch	Saline
9	Michigan Basin	Saline
10	Appalachian Basin	Saline
11	Keg River Formation	Oil Bearing
12	Duperow Formation	Oil Bearing
13	Williston Basin	Coal Seam
14	Gulf Coast	Oil-Bearing
15	Gulf Coast	Saline
16	Mississippi Salt Basin	Saline
17	Central Appalachian	Coal Seam
18	Black Warrior Basin	Coal Seam
19	Paradox Basin, Aneth Fie	Oil Bearing
20	Permian Basin	Oil Bearing
21	San Juan Basin	Coal Seam
22	Thornton Gas Field	Saline
23	Thornton Gas Field	Gas Bearing
24	Colorado Plateau	Saline

# Large Scale Field Tests Injection Schedule



## Injection Schedule

- 2008 Injection Scheduled
- 2009 Injection Scheduled
- 2010 Injection Scheduled
- 2011 Injection Scheduled

	Partnership	Geologic Province	Formation Type
1		Triassic Nugget Sandstone/ Moxa Arch	Saline
2		Mt. Simon Sandstone	Saline
3		Mt. Simon Sandstone	Saline
4		Williston Basin	Oil Bearing
5		Devonian Age Carbonate Rock	Saline
6		Lower Tuscaloosa Formation Massive Sand Unit	Saline
7			
8		Regional Jurassic and Older Formations	Saline
9		San Joaquin Basin	Saline

# Battelle is a global leader in developing technology for commercial use



## Founded in 1929 in Columbus, Ohio

### Today

- Ø \$4 billion revenue
- Ø 21,000 staff
- Ø \$920 million energy RD&D
- Ø 9 major facilities

### Four Global Businesses

- Ø Energy
- Ø National Security
- Ø Health and Life Sciences
- Ø Laboratory Management



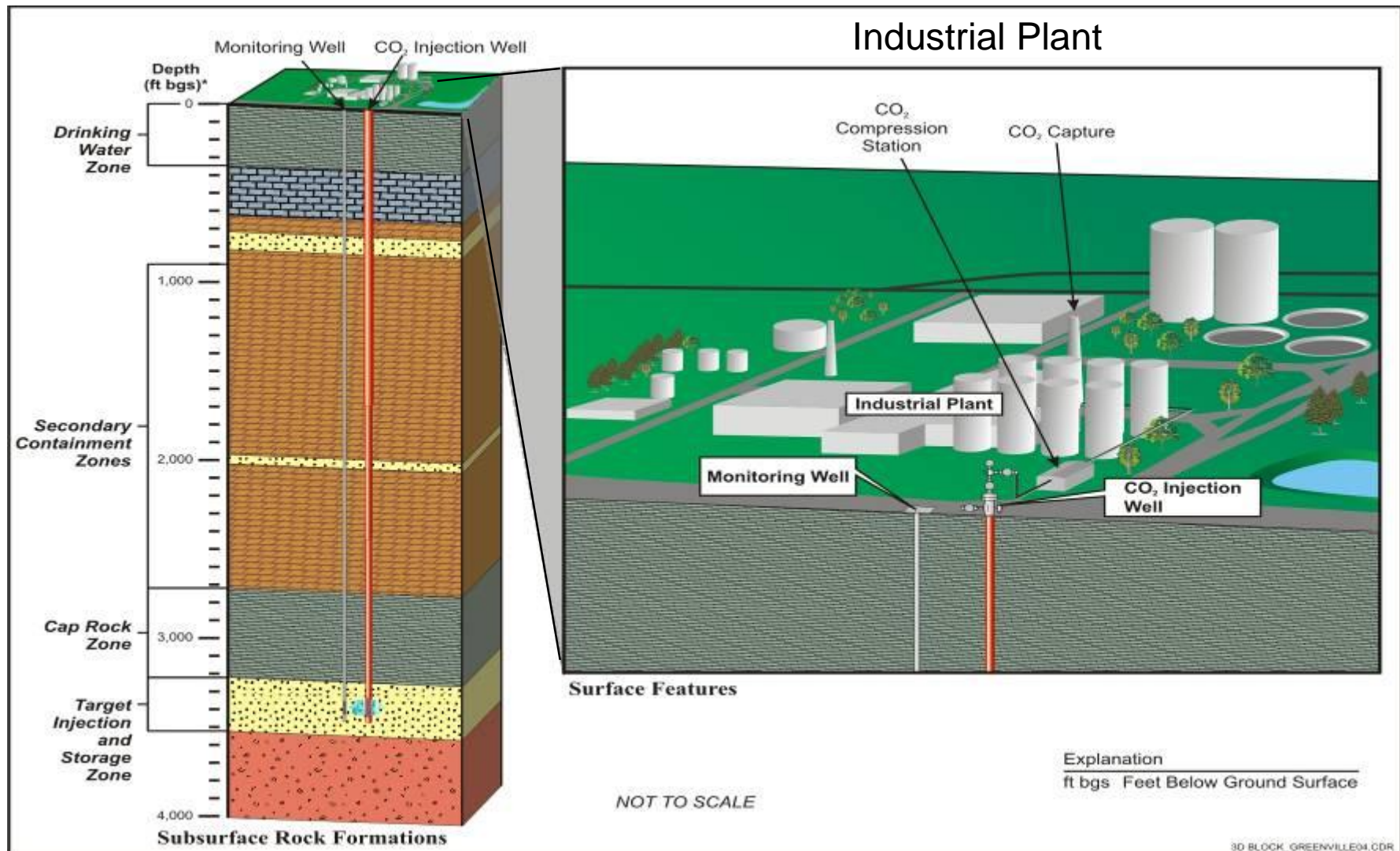
### Major Facilities

- Ø Columbus Operations (headquarters)
- Ø Pacific Northwest Lab (PNNL)
- Ø Idaho National Lab (INL)
- Ø Brookhaven National Lab (BNL)
- Ø Lawrence Livermore National Lab (LLNL)
- Ø Oak Ridge National Lab (ORNL)
- Ø National Renewable Lab (NREL)
- Ø BEST Center
- Ø NBAAC

*Our **core** purpose is translating new technology to commercial practice*



# In this proposed project we will be testing a technology called geologic sequestration

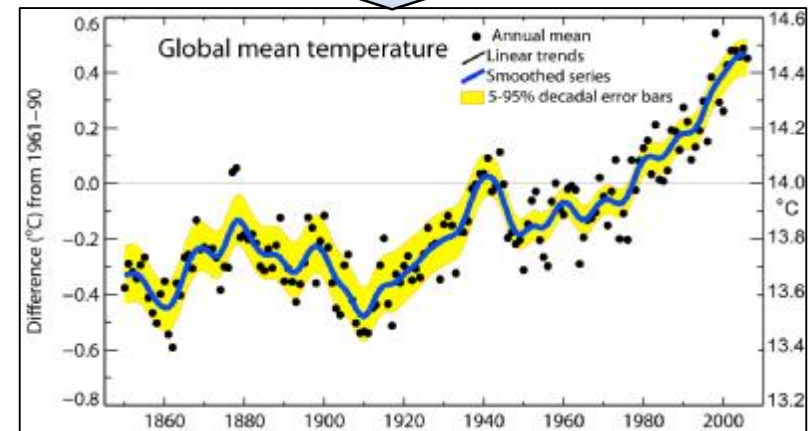
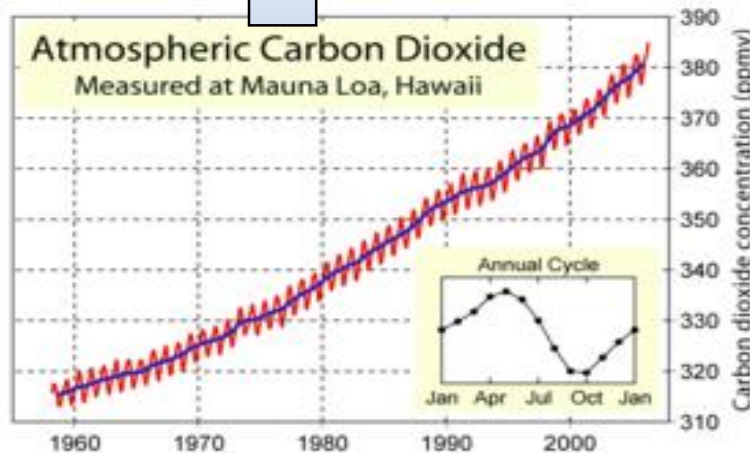


# Why is this technology important?

## *The growing scientific consensus on climate change*

“Most of the observed increase in globally averaged temperatures since the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century is **very likely**\* due to the observed increase in anthropogenic greenhouse gas concentrations”\*\*

This is leading to This

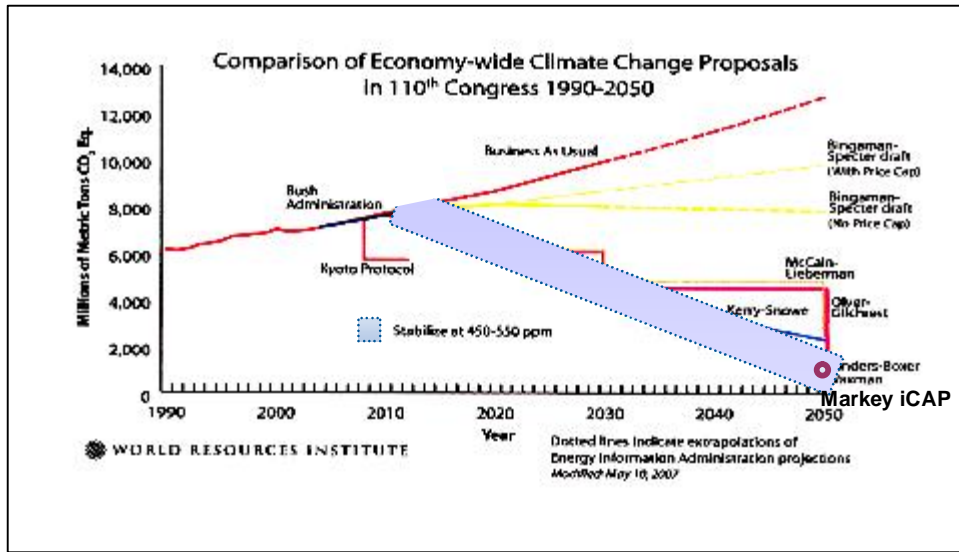
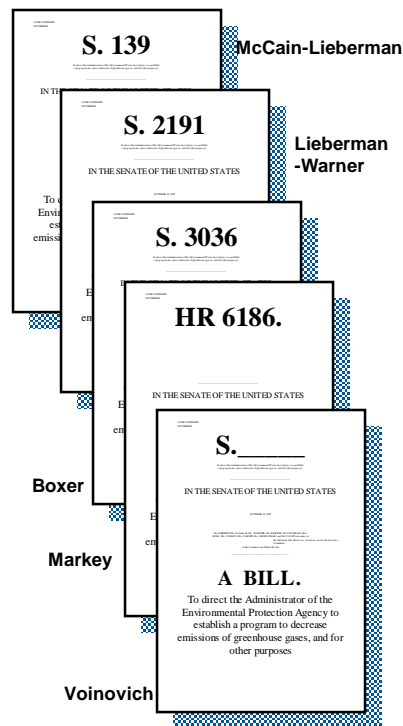


\* “**Very likely**” = Greater than 90% probability of occurrence

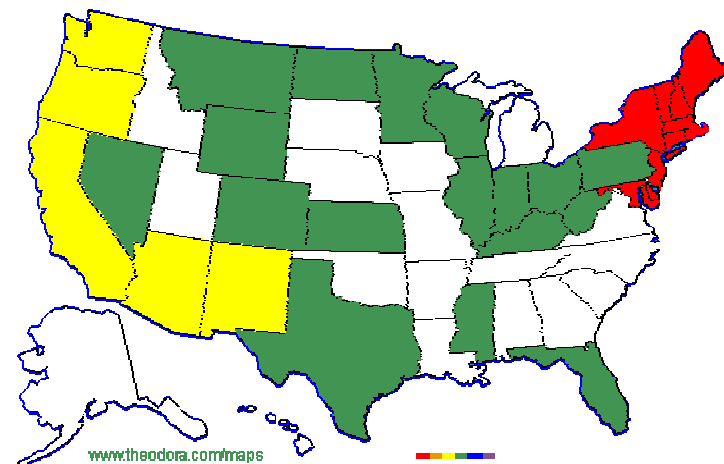
\*\*Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): 4th Assessment Report

# Beyond scientific evidence, policy makers in the US will likely act to limit CO<sub>2</sub>

The effect of various bills before the 110<sup>th</sup> congress

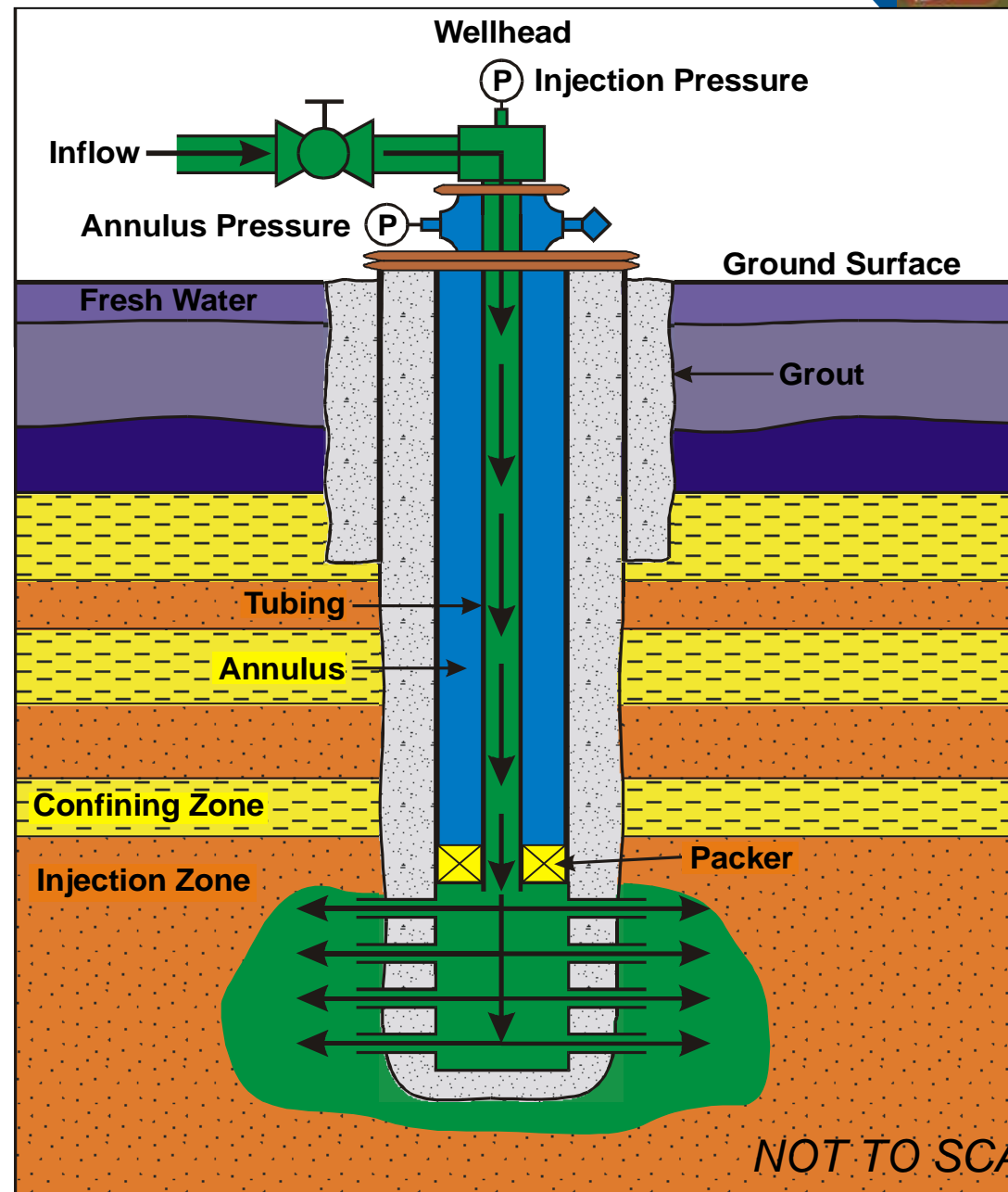


More than half the states in the US have some form of proposed legislation that would limit CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



# Typical Injection Well

## Injection Well Design and Protective Mechanisms



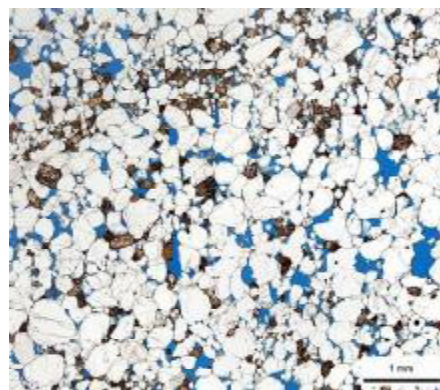


# How does carbon dioxide storage in geologic formations actually work?

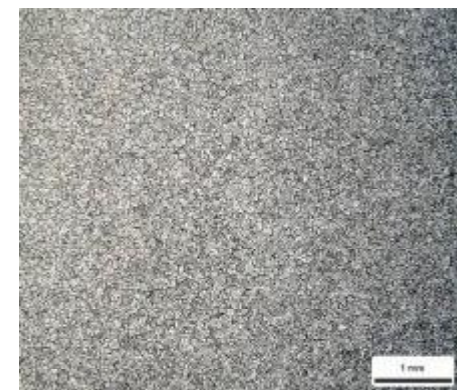
- Porosity is the amount of space between grains of rock; permeability is the connectedness of the pore spaces.
- A good storage reservoir has a lot of porosity and permeability which are combined in a term called “injectivity”
- A good cap rock has low porosity and permeability and acts as a barrier to prevent carbon dioxide from rising to the surface

Both images show a slice of rock that has been magnified 100 times and treated with blue dye to show the pore spaces. The image on the left is sandstone, a good storage reservoir. The image on the right is a shale, which forms a good cap rock or seal.

**Storage Reservoir**

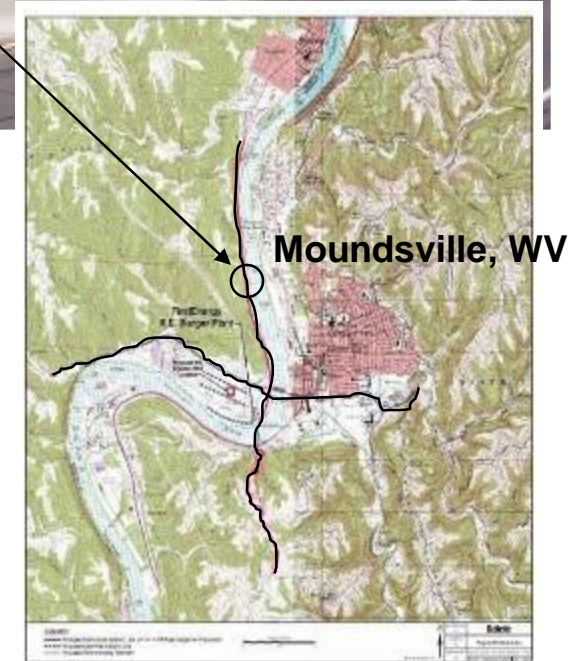


**Cap Rock**





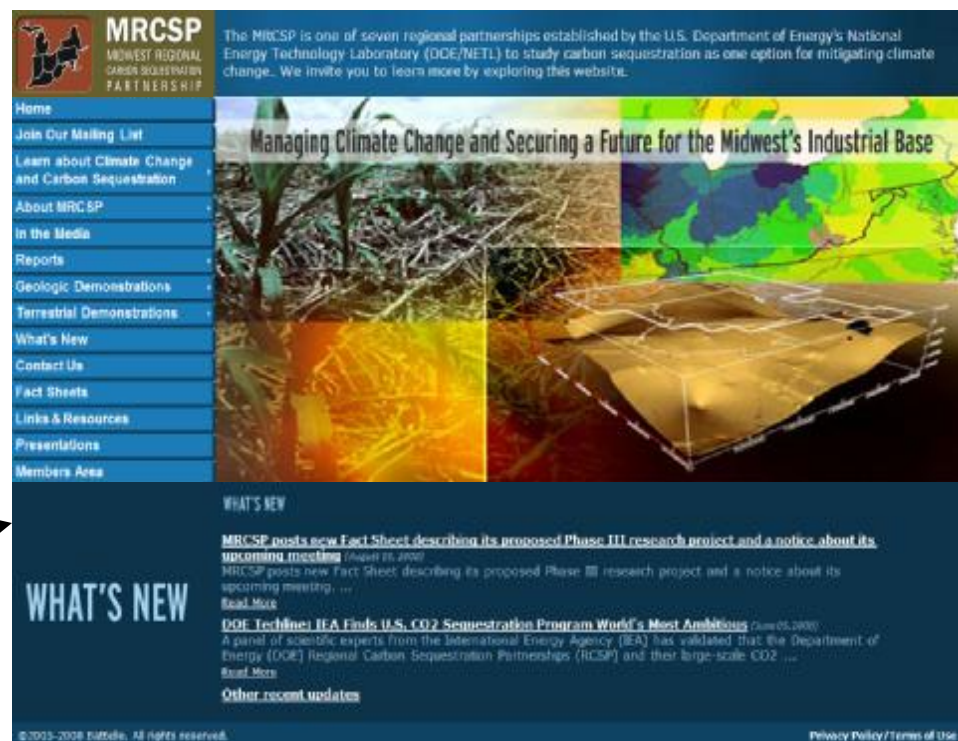
# What happens at a test site?



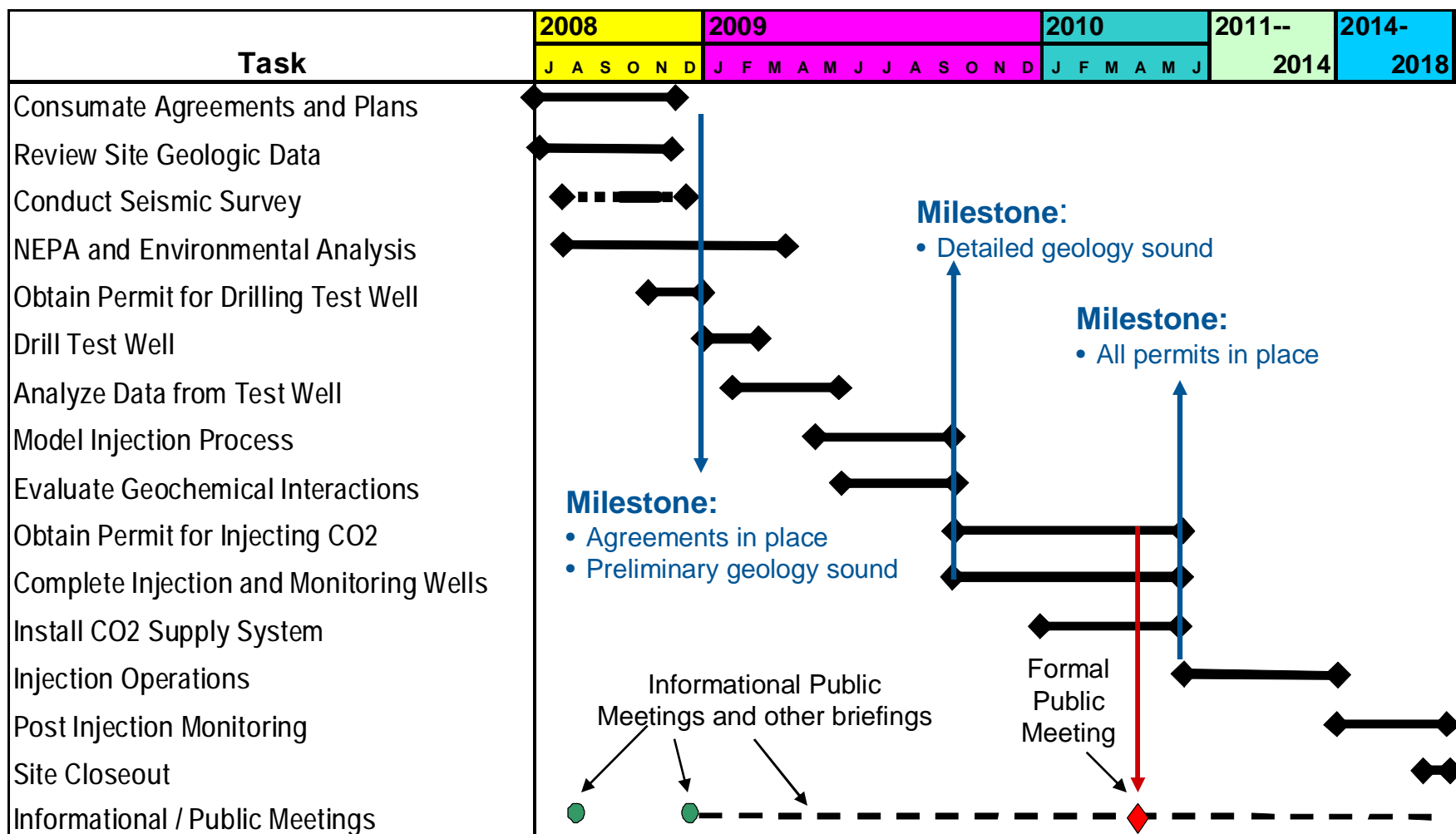
Seismic Lines

# Outreach with the public is a key requirement of our project

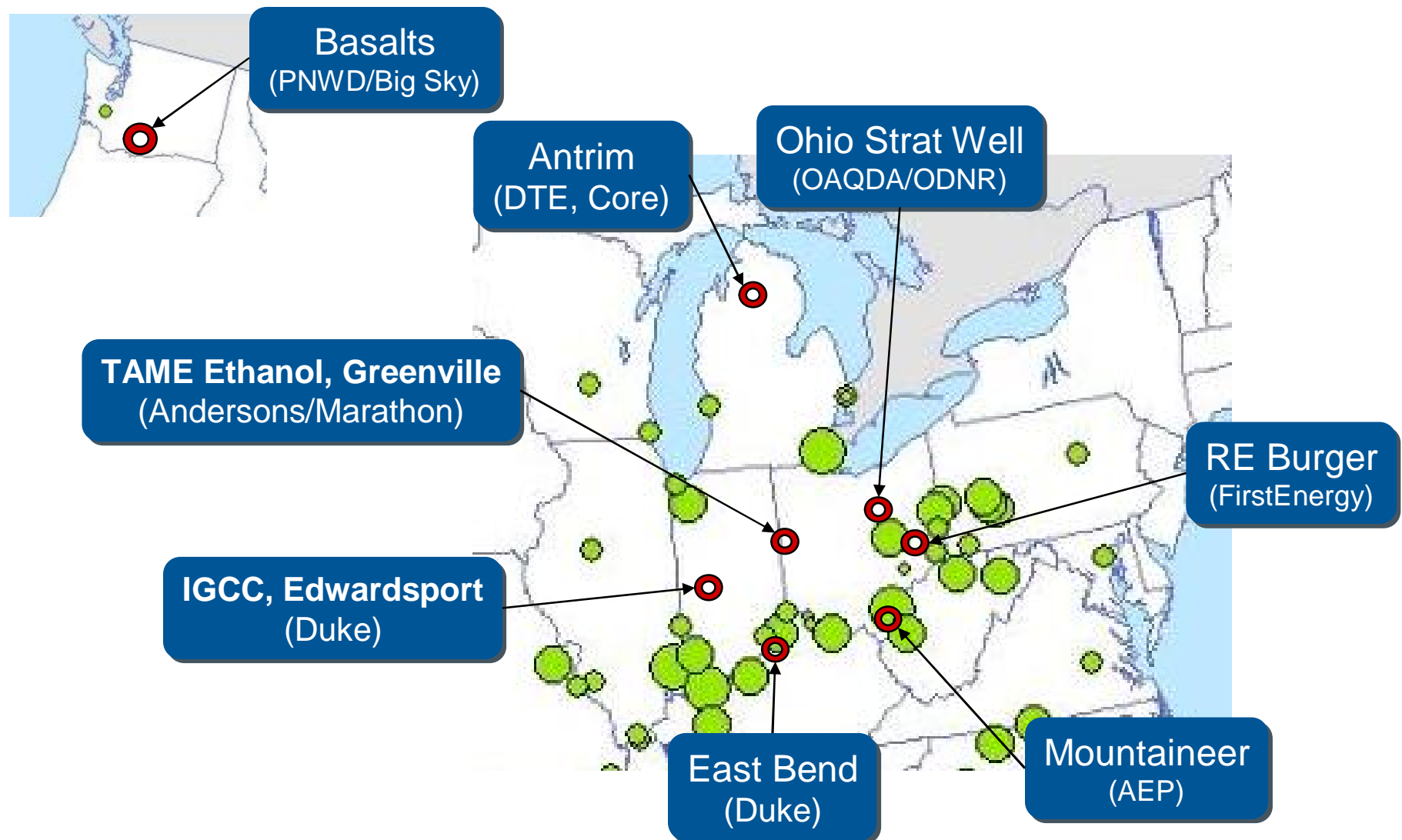
- We have held public meetings like this one for all our geologic field projects
- We will plan to hold additional meetings like this at key points for this proposed test
- We will also inform stakeholders by mail and other means throughout the course of the project.
- Our project web site, [www.mrcsp.org](http://www.mrcsp.org), will have information on this proposed test and other aspects of the MRCSP



# Proposed Schedule



# Other geologic tests Battelle is conducting





# Battelle has been conducting sequestration research at AEP's Mountaineer plant for over five years

Mountaineer Plant



1,300 MW Generator



Project Location  
New Haven, WV



9,000 ft deep test well (c.2003)

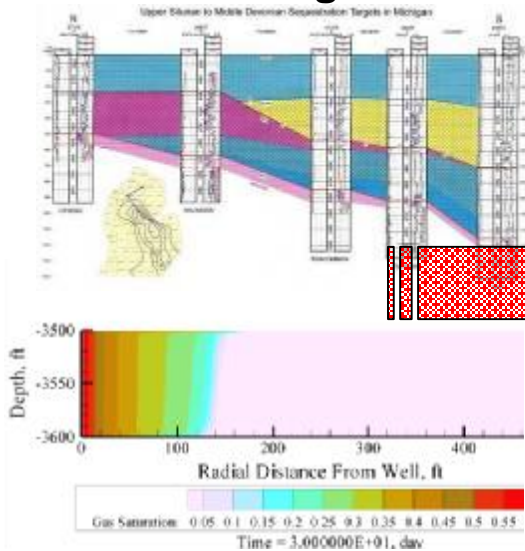


# Why did we choose the Andersons/Marathon site near Greenville?

- The ethanol process, provides reliable quantities of high purity carbon dioxide suitable for injection.
- The Andersons/Marathon plant near Greenville lies over the Mount Simon Sandstone, an important regional reservoir having suitable geology for carbon dioxide storage.
- The test will enable geologists to learn more about the capacity of the Mount Simon Reservoir on a regional basis.

# Field tests like this proposed test allow us to improve and validate our models

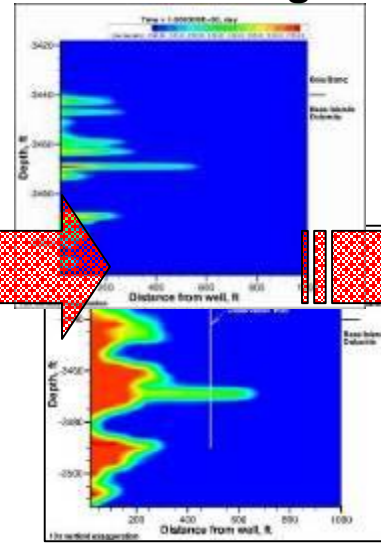
## Preliminary Modeling Based on Regional Data



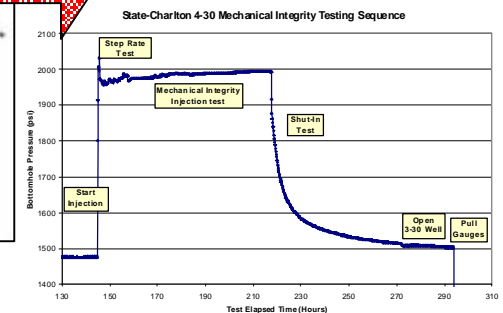
## Site Drilling and Testing



## Site Specific Modeling



## Post-Injection Calibration/Validation



Conceptualize

Characterize

Design

Monitor

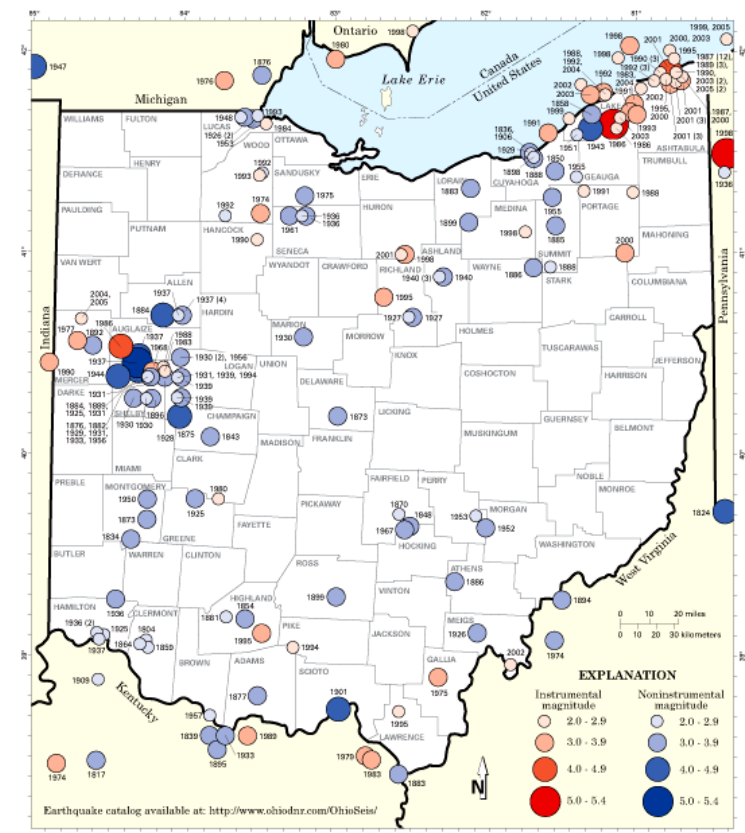
Calibrate

Validate

-----Communicate-----

# We know that seismic concerns have been raised relative to this proposed test

- Seismic analysis is a key part of all our geologic sequestration projects
- Seismic issues tend to be of two types
  - Leakage paths created in the past or future due to natural seismic activity
  - Seismic activity caused by injection operations
- A detailed seismic analysis and review is one of the early activities planned for the site.
- The permitting process sets pressure limits for this and any other deep well injection specifically for minimizing the potential for inducing fractures in the surrounding formations.



Past seismic events in Ohio

## Is it safe?

- Carbon dioxide is a non-toxic gas that occurs naturally in deep underground formations
- It, along with oil and natural gas, have been contained in similar underground formations for millions of years
- Carbon dioxide has been injected into deep formations for producing oil for several decades without incident.
- Both drilling and injection are regulated according to the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program.
- We have an extensive team of geoscientists, engineers, risk assessment specialists and others, including the Ohio and Indiana Geological Surveys that will review data each step of the way.
- Battelle and its suppliers have been carefully chosen for this project based on our experience

# Summary

- Geologic storage of CO<sub>2</sub> is an important part of a national strategy for addressing climate change
  - Especially important for the Ohio and the Midwest
- There are a number of similar tests underway around the US and other parts of the world, many of them conducted by Battelle
- This proposed test at Greenville is important because it is the next logical step needed for further development of the technology
- There are a number of safe guards built into the project
  - Injection occurs deep in the ground, well away from drinking water supplies
  - Geology is selected to ensure good cap rocks or seals above the injection zone
  - Detailed monitoring of the process will occur throughout.
  - Many of the techniques and processes are proven from other applications
  - The regulatory process is designed to assure safety
- We will plan to meet with the public at various key points in the process to keep you informed of our analysis and plans
- Public communication is a key part of our project. We will provide opportunities for people to learn about and provide input on this important technology



# Thank You

For more information on the MRCSP

see: [www.mrcsp.org](http://www.mrcsp.org)

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# BACKUP SLIDES

# Key Steps in Geologic Carbon Storage Demonstration Test

Conduct a preliminary analysis of the geology based on existing data

Prepare a preliminary analytical model of the injection zone

Initiate permitting process with appropriate authorities

Conduct a seismic survey. Drill and log a test well

Refine model based on actual data

Complete permitting process

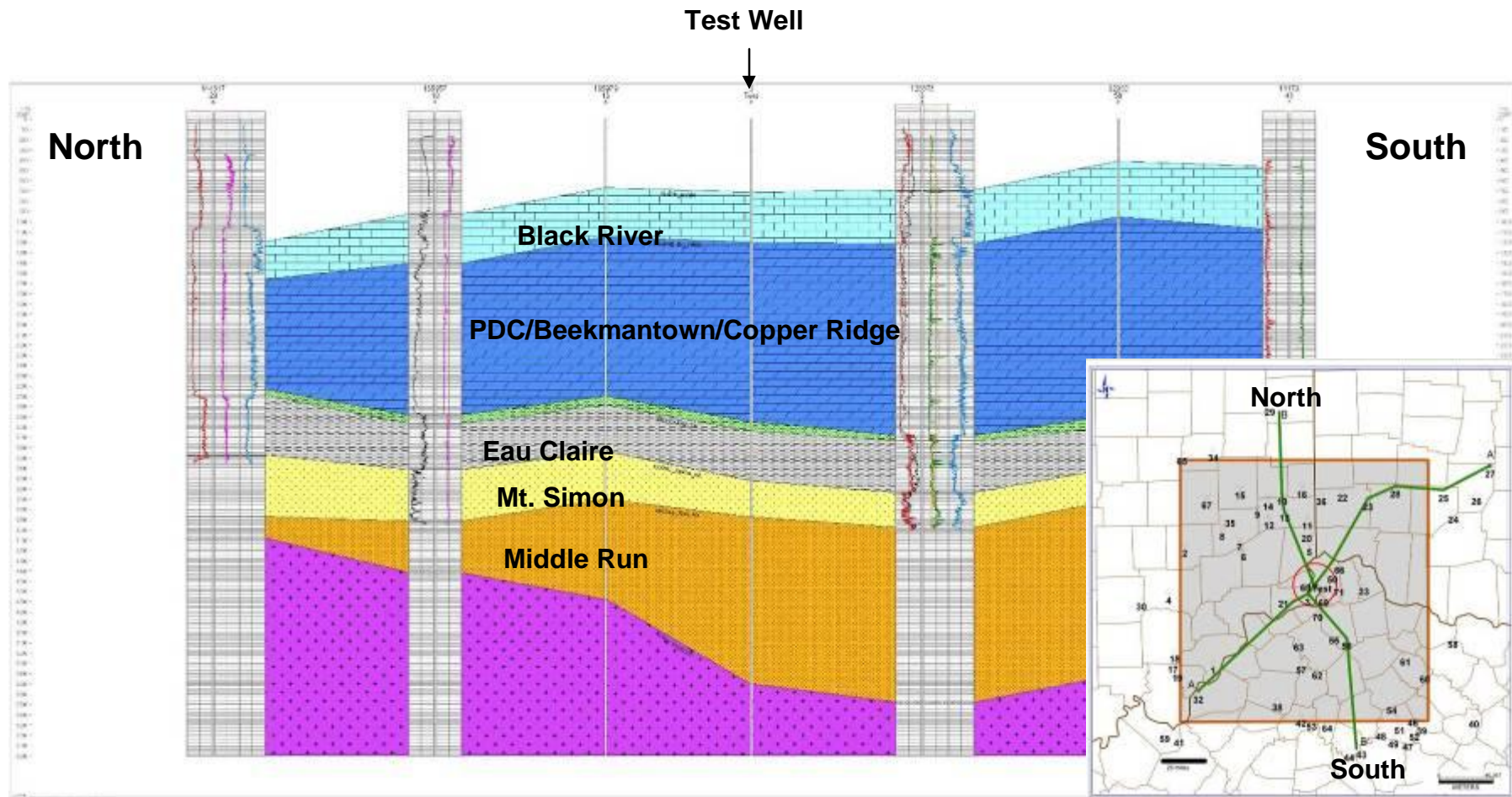
Inject carbon dioxide under carefully controlled test conditions

Monitor results to validate and refine the model.

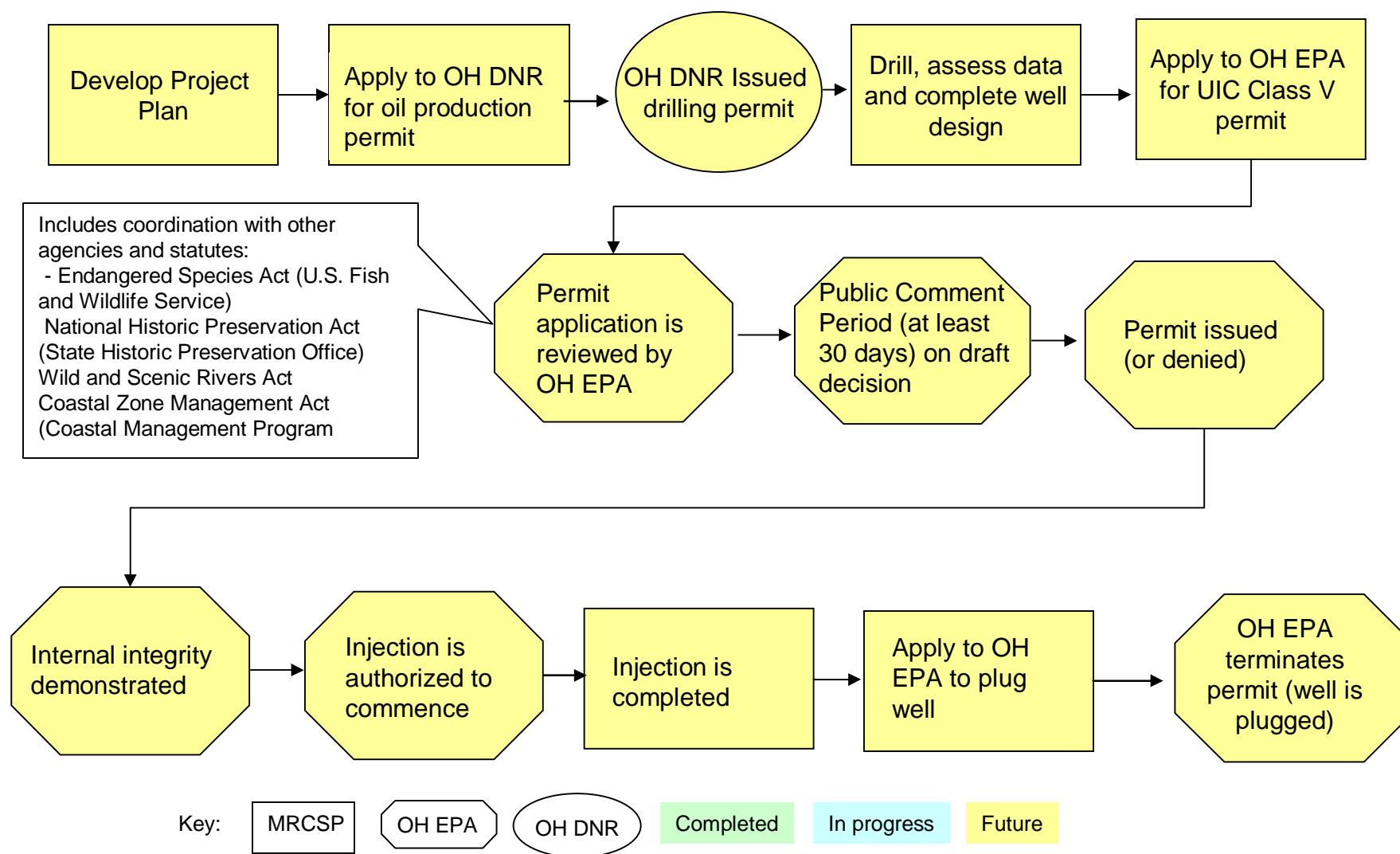
Report results

**The Goal:** demonstrate the feasibility of carbon dioxide storage in the real world as a step towards commercial deployment

# Preliminary Geologic Characterization

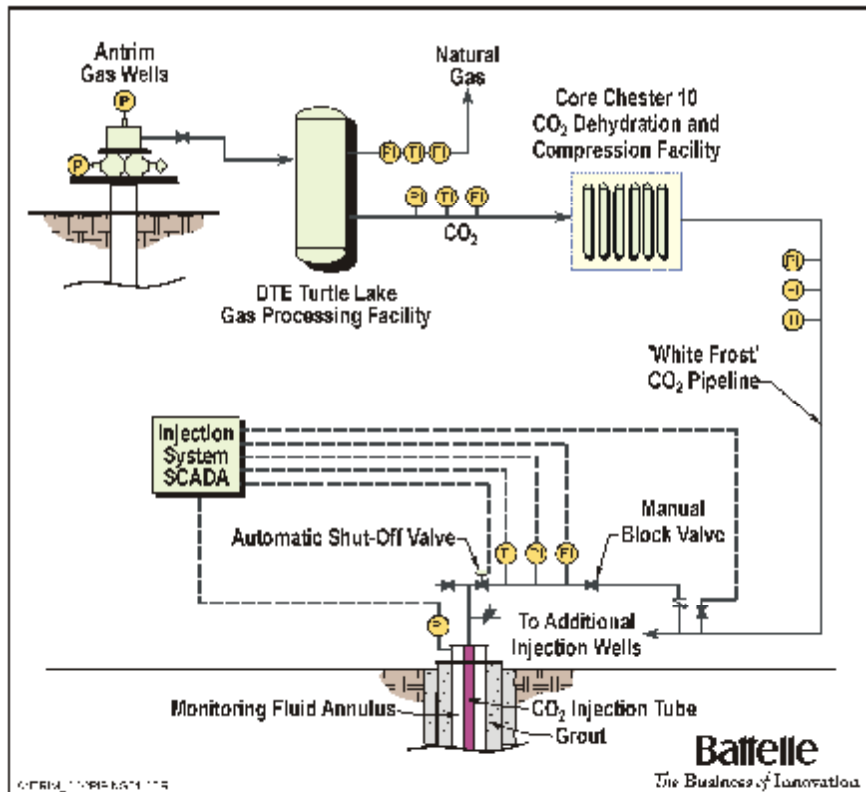


# Ohio Regulatory Process





# Phase III Monitoring – Wellhead Pressure and Temperature



Example for Michigan test site shown

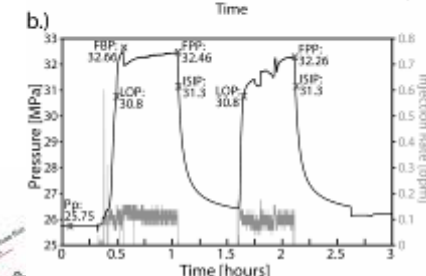
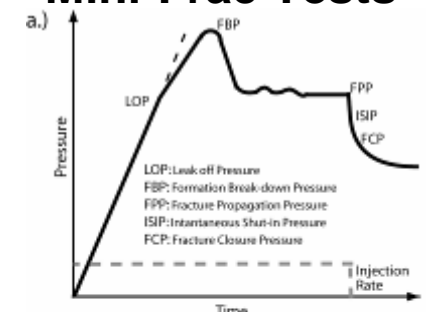
- Pressure and temperature will be continuously monitored at the surface
  - Data collection will also occur at the base of the well
- Automatic sensors will report any unusual change in pressure, temperature or volume.
- There will be ongoing update of the models with field data

# Geomechanical Framework

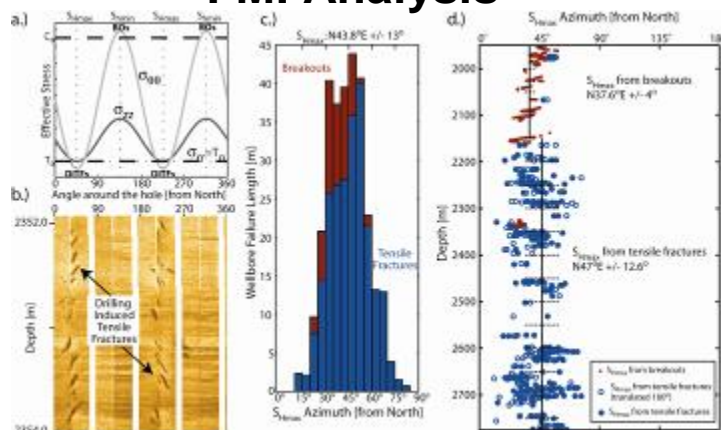
## *Evaluating Safety and Reservoir Stimulation*

- Example from a detailed geomechanical analysis framework developed for Mountaineer site
- Extensive geomechanical component in Phase II at MI Site and planned for Phase III

### Mini-Frac Tests

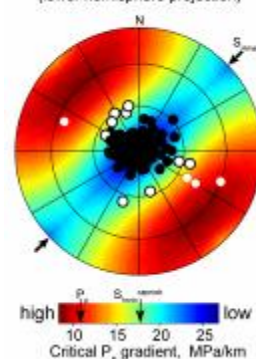


### FMI Analysis

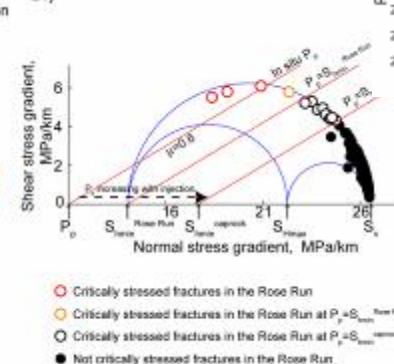


### Stress-Strain Analysis

A.) Likelihood of Fault Slip as a function of fracture pole orientation (lower hemisphere projection)



B.)



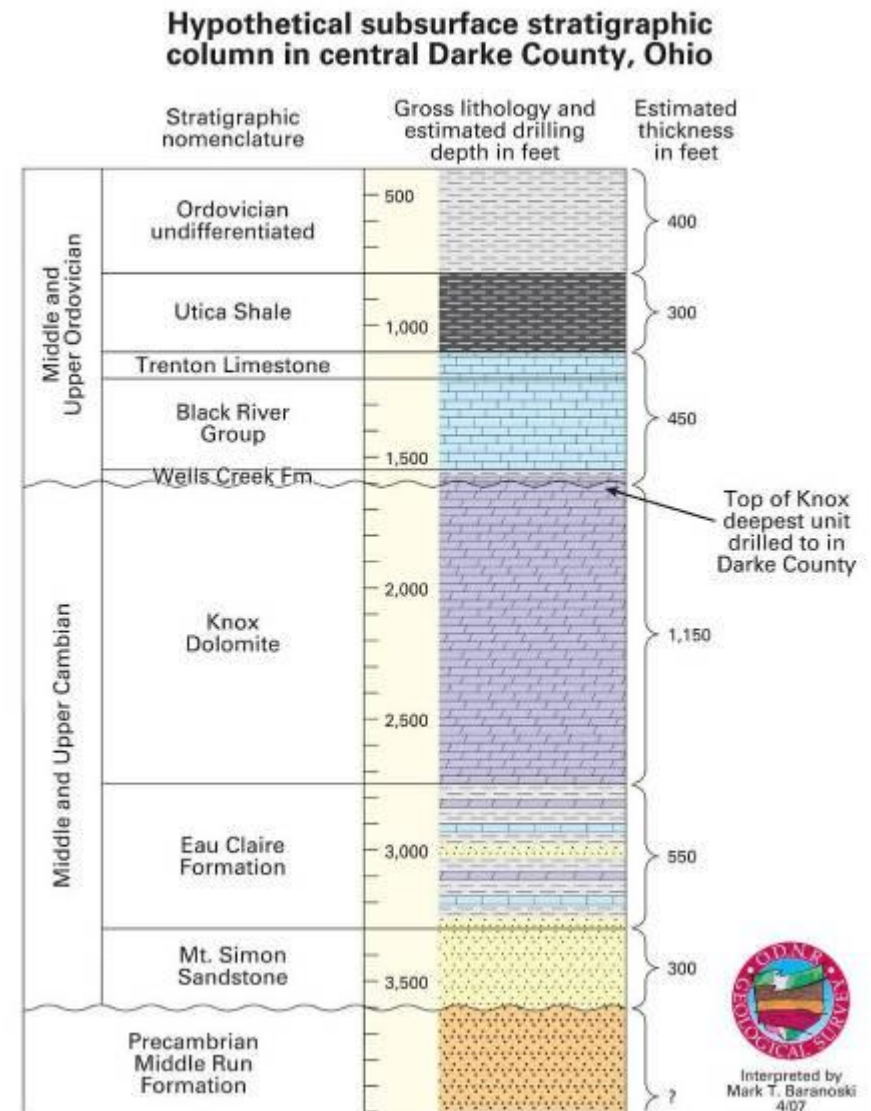
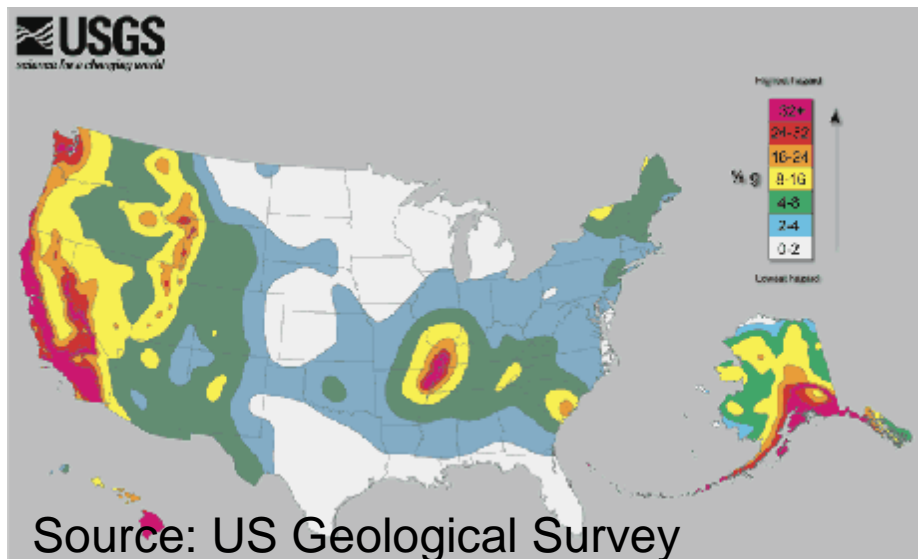
**Joint work with Mark Zoback, Amie Lucier, Laura Chiaramonte**

# MRCSP Membership



# Geologic framework at the TAME site

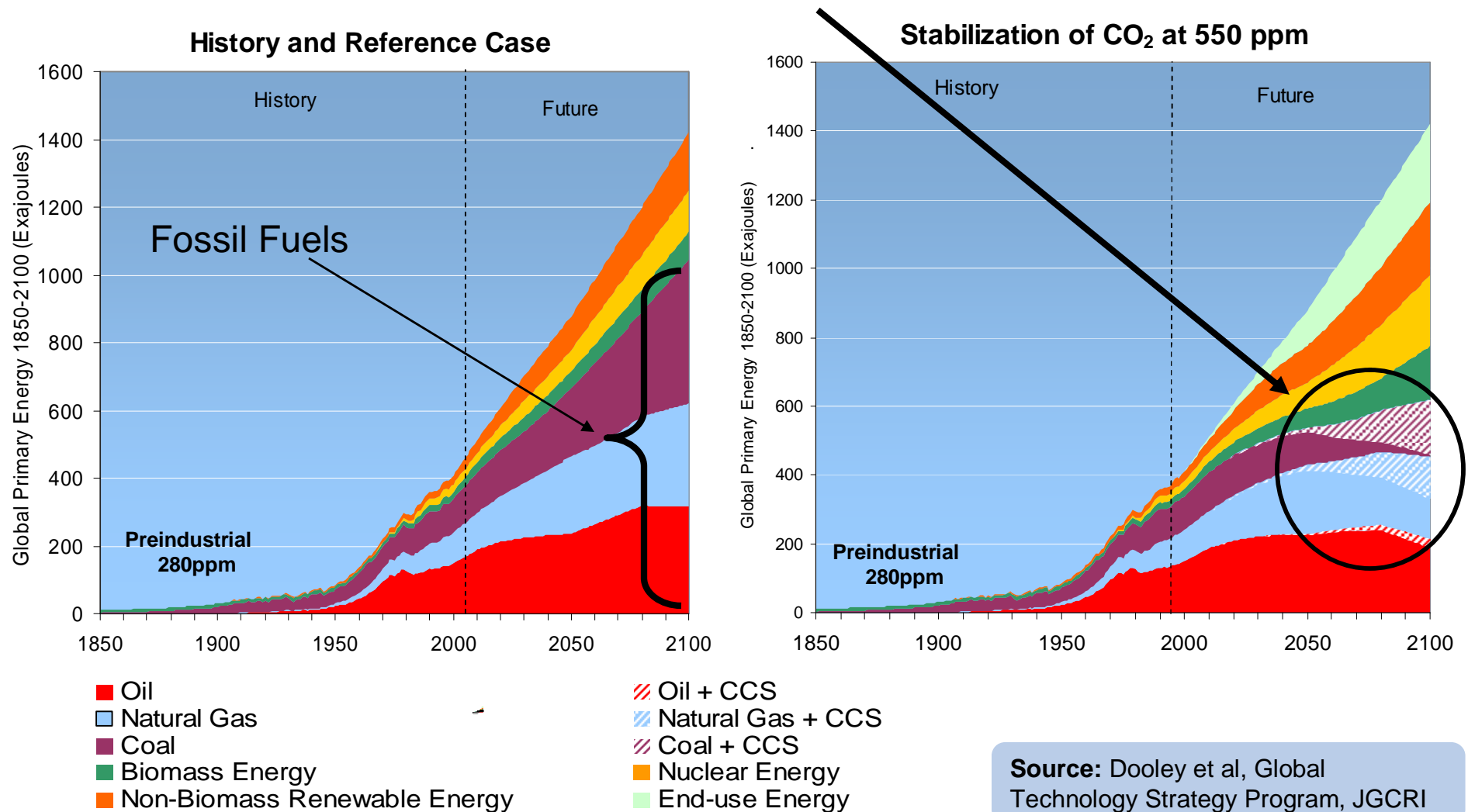
- A thick sequence of sedimentary rocks is present in the project area.
- The Mount Simon Reservoir is the only injection target deep enough for storage consideration at this site.
- The area has a low seismic hazard as shown in the map below.





# Why is geologic sequestration important?

*It is the only technology that directly controls CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuel use.  
Without it, we will have to stop using fossil fuels.*



**Source:** Dooley et al, Global Technology Strategy Program, JGCRI