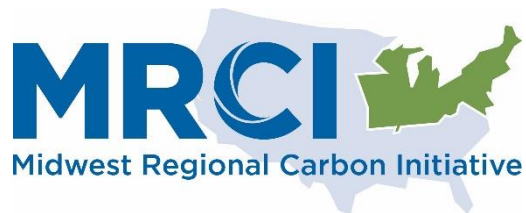


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# Leveraging Research, Datasets, and Legacy Seismic to Support CCS in the MRCI

Partners and Stakeholders Meeting  
September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
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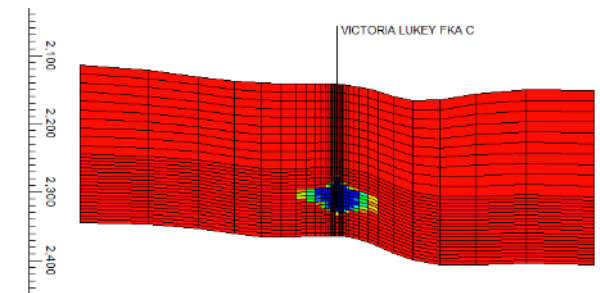
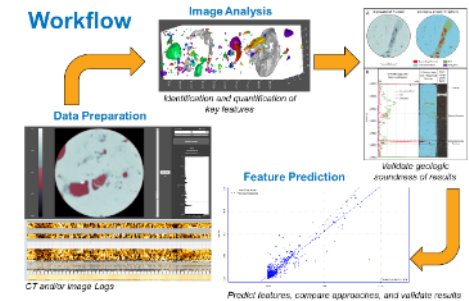
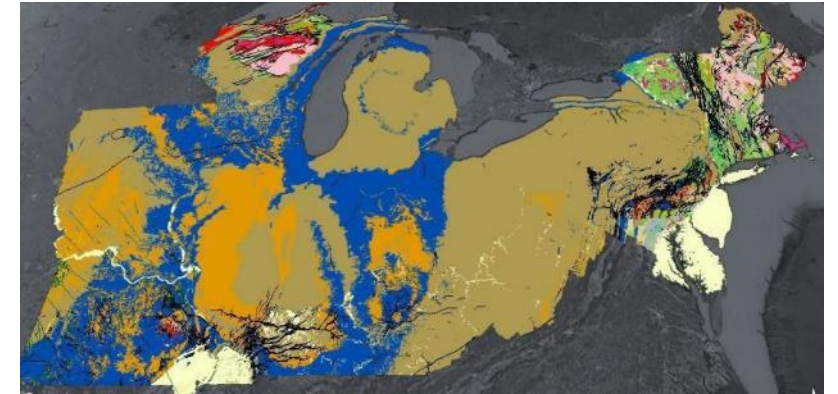
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# MRCI Research, Projects, Datasets

**Objective:** facilitate CCUS development through collection and sharing of existing and new technical data on from CCUS projects for possible further analysis and for assessment of tools by the project team and other DOE research programs.

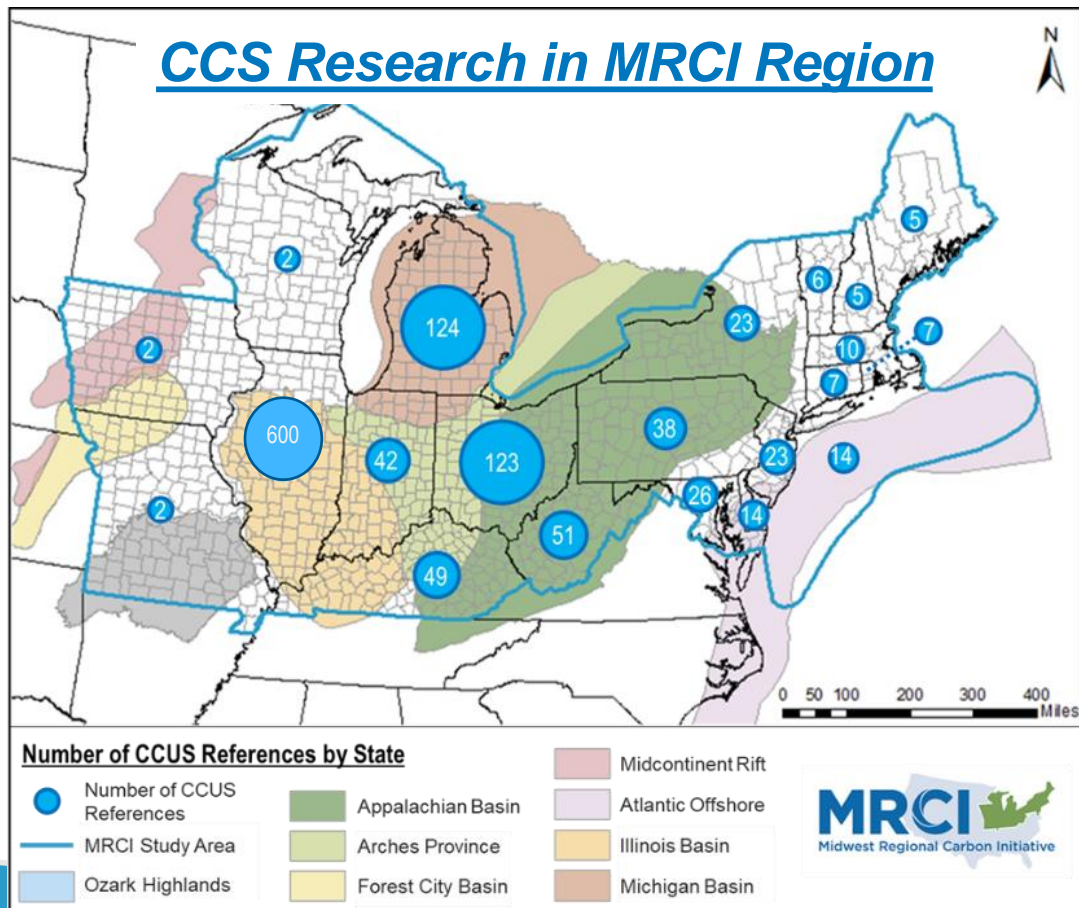
- Inventory & Compile Data from MGSC, MRCSP, State initiatives: completed summarizing 1000+ reports, datasets, projects completed in MRCI over the past 20+ years!
- Additional Data Analysis: completed topical studies for key CCS challenges in MRCI region.
- Collaborate with DOE-NETL, NRAP, Nat. Labs.





# MRCI Research, Projects, Datasets

- Over 1,000 reports, presentations, posters, technical papers, datasets inventoried from previous research on carbon storage in MRCI region.
- Research supports CCS technology development in the MRCI.



## **Technology Development in MRCI Region**

### **Applied Research: TRL 2–4**

- Proof-of-concept testing
- Lab/bench-scale
- Integration of components
- Short duration, low–moderate cost
- Simulated conditions

### **Development: TRL 5–6**

- Evaluation of performance
- Pilot field testing
- Small-scale CO<sub>2</sub> injection
- Longer duration, higher cost
- In situ operating conditions
- Relevant to a project lifecycle

### **Demonstration: TRL 7–9**

- Full-scale commercial application
- Large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> Injection
- Extended duration, major costs
- Variable operating conditions
- Relevant to all phases of a project's full lifecycle

### **Characterization & Feasibility CCS Projects**

- MGSC Phase I
- MRCSP Phase I
- Mid-Atlantic Offshore
- OCDO
- CarbonSAFE Phase I

### **Pilot-Scale CCS Projects**

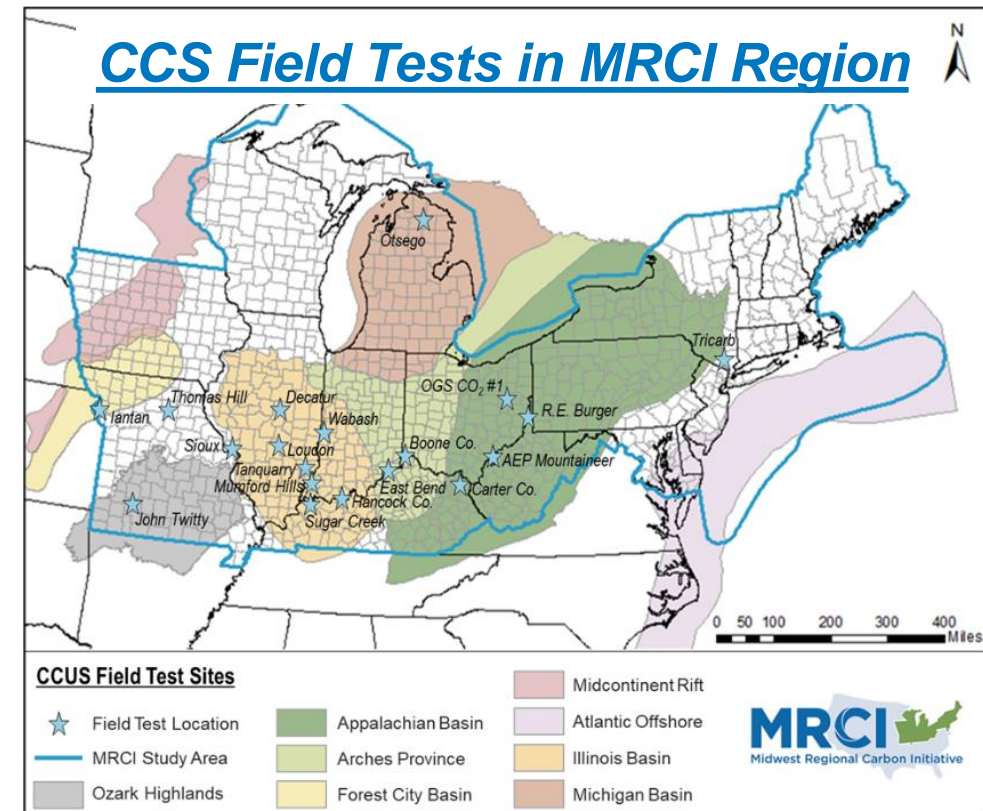
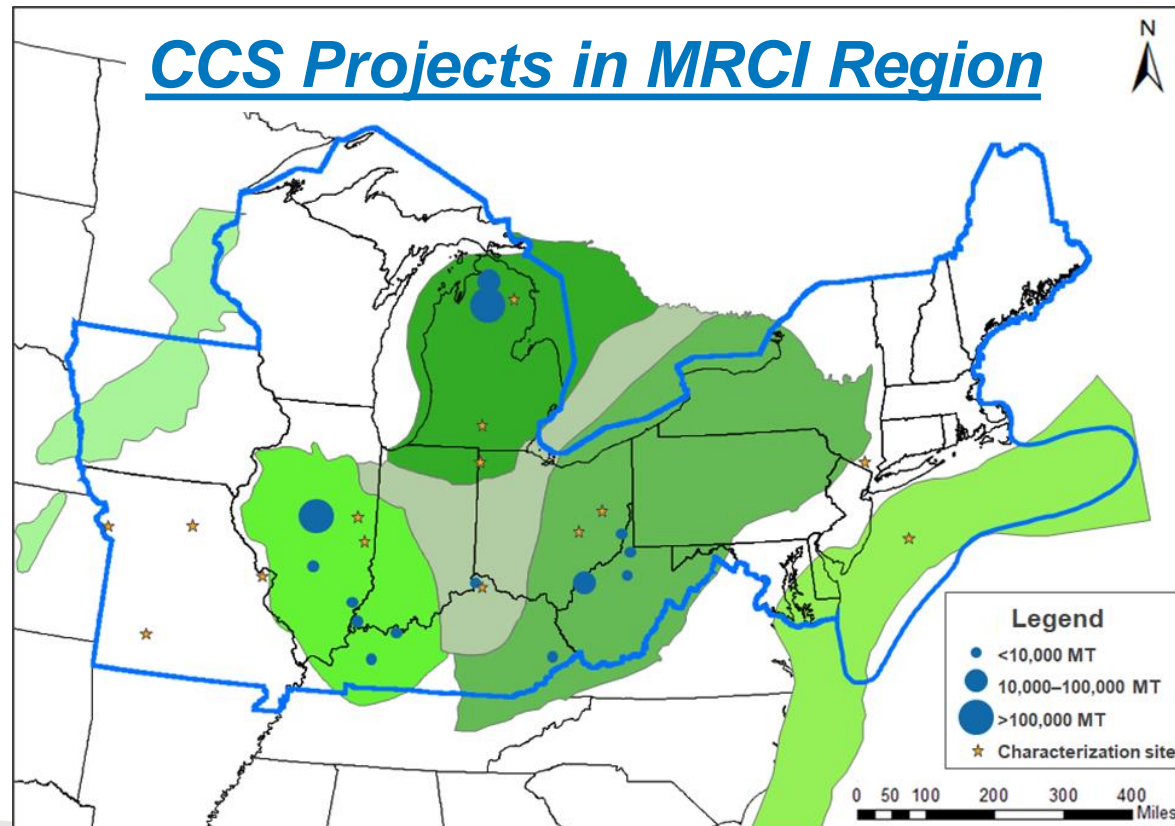
- MGSC Phase II Tests
- MRCSP Phase II Tests
- AEP Mountaineer
- Southern MI Advanced CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR

### **Large-Scale CCS Projects**

- MGSC Phase III Illinois Basin Decatur Project
- MRCSP Phase III Michigan Basin
- CarbonSAFE IL Phase III

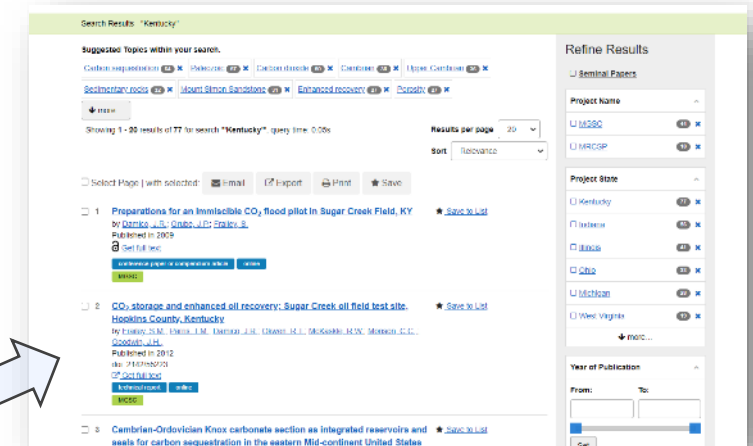
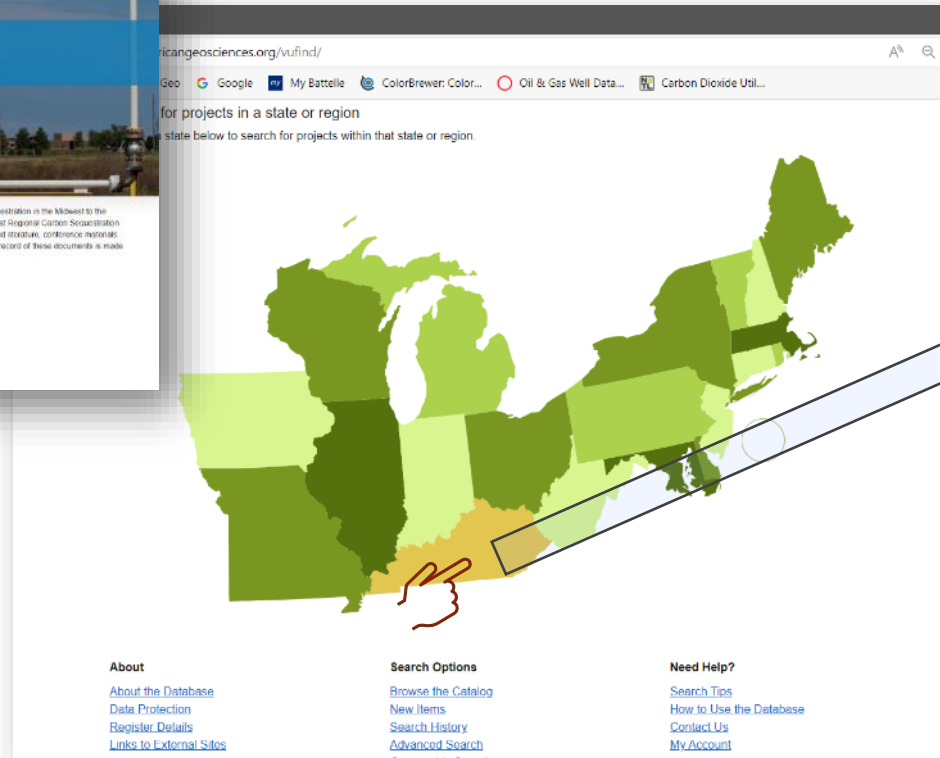
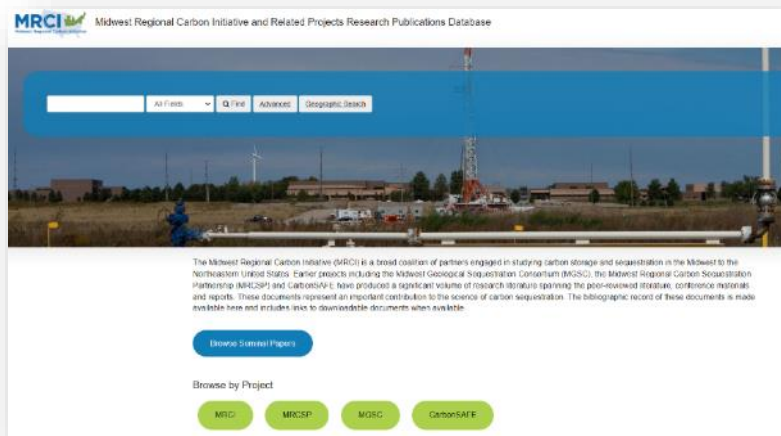
# MRCI Research, Projects, Datasets

- CCS projects and field tests provide foundation for CCS development in MRCI.
- More than 3,000,000 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub> injected, 10+ deep test wells, CO<sub>2</sub> injection tests, 100s kms of seismic surveys, 1000s rock core tests.



# MRCI Data Sharing

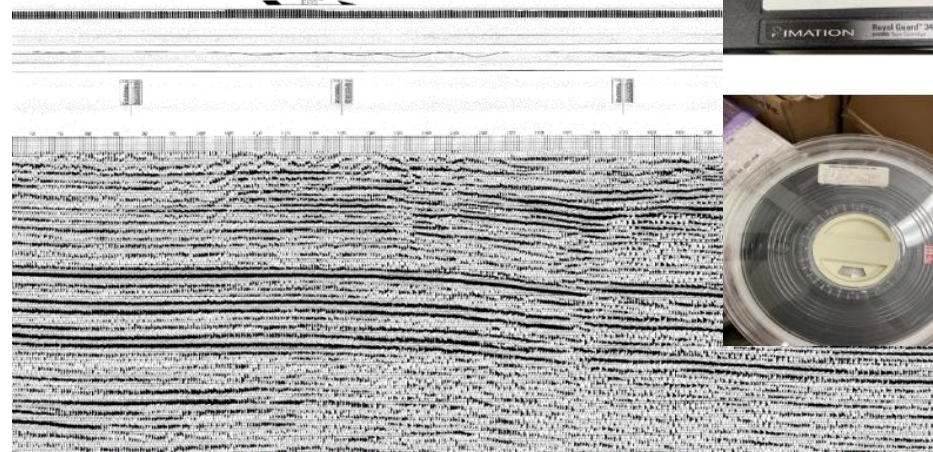
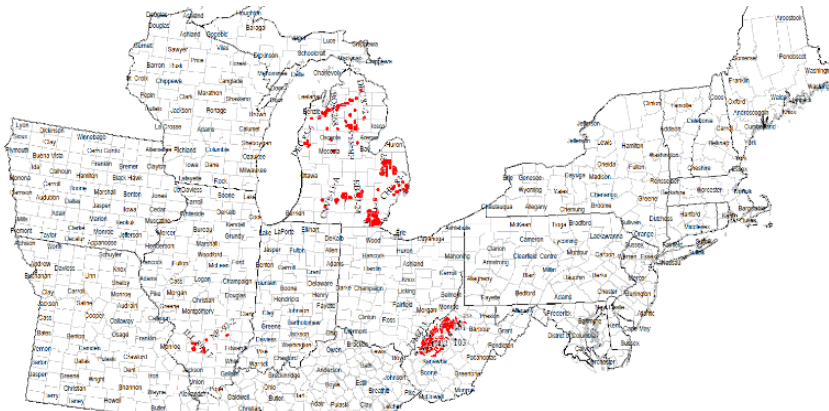
- Information on geological storage provided to project developers in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Maryland, Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, & Ontario, CAN.
- Online database developed by American Geosciences Institute for MRCI website.





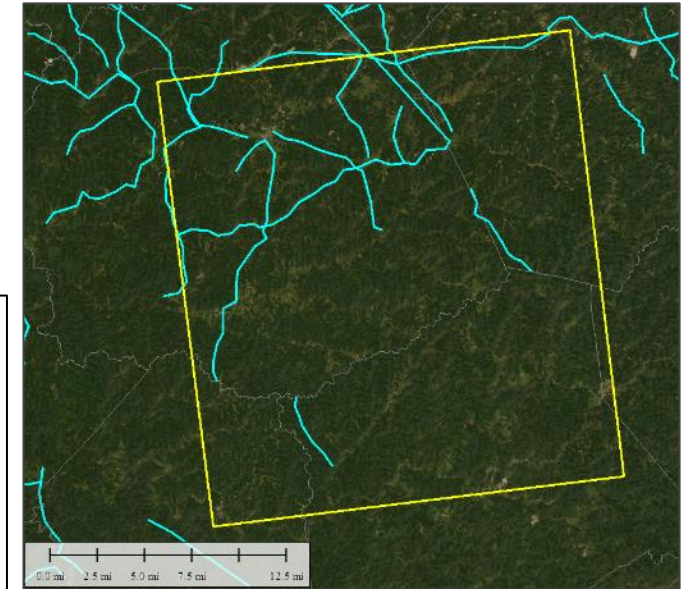
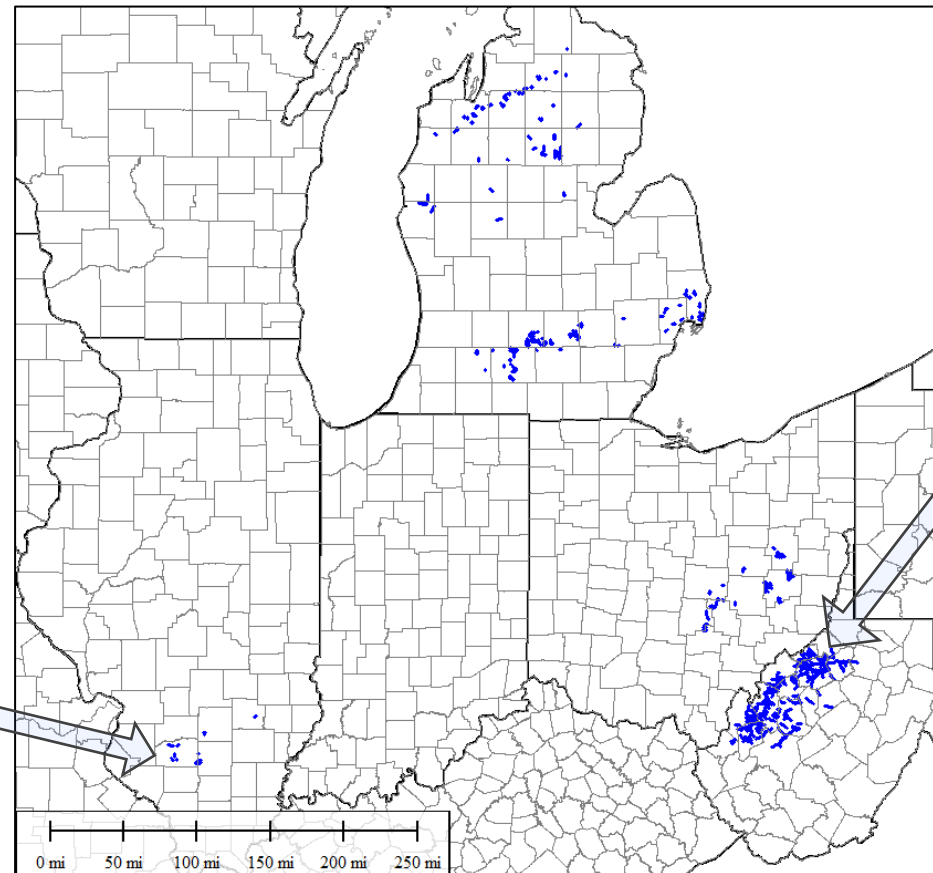
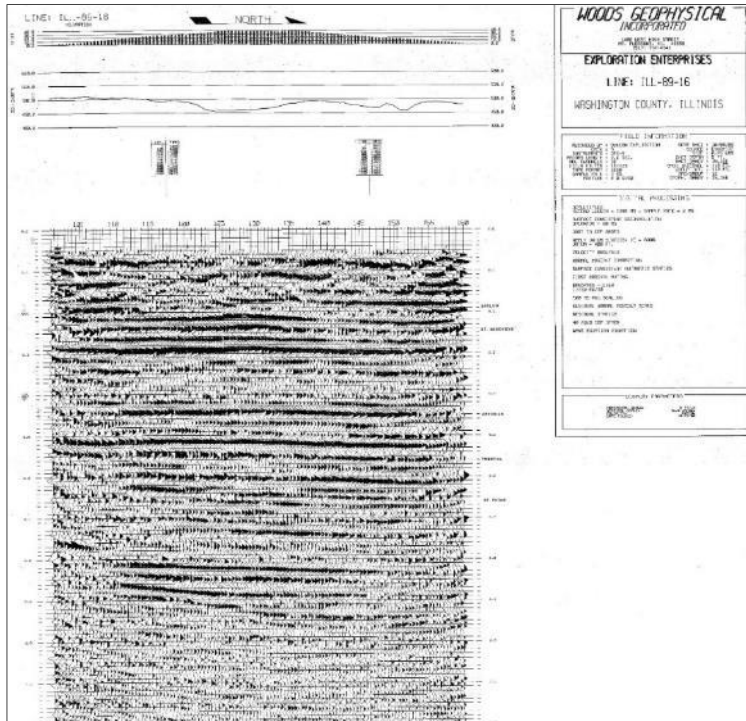
# Leveraging Legacy Seismic Datasets

- Legacy seismic data was obtained, organized, summarized, and digitized so that it may support CCS in the MRCI region:
  - 832 linear miles of 2D seismic data
  - 43 square miles of 3D seismic data
  - 57 boxes containing reels, tape cartridges, CD's, DVD's, floppy disks, paper plots, and mylars
  - 6 Oil & Gas Operators with data from Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia
- The seismic lines were cataloged in terms of acquisition parameters, vintage, quality, location, and resolution.



# Leveraging Legacy 2D Seismic Datasets

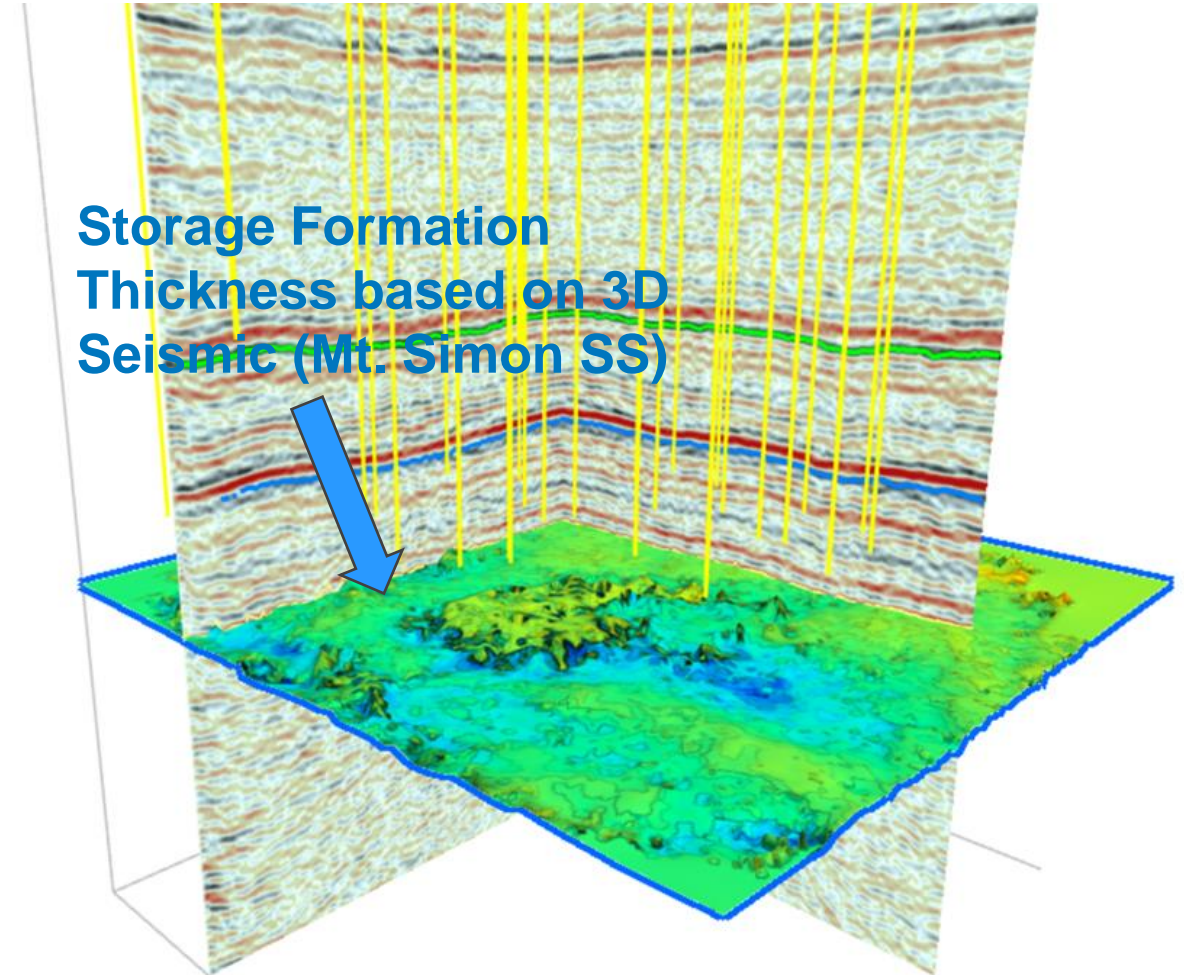
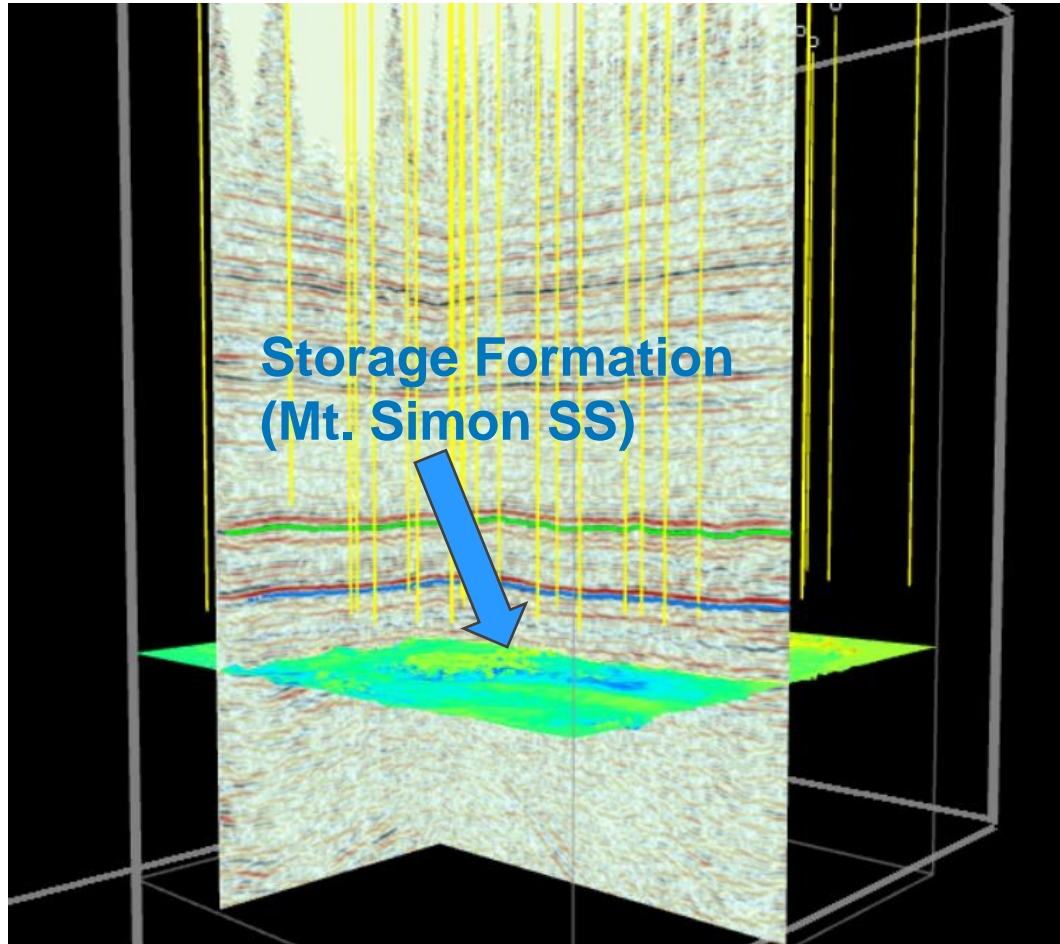
2D seismic line in southern Illinois scanned from mylar to digital format



Legacy seismic lines (blue) in relation to the model area in West Virginia developed under Task 2



# Leveraging Legacy 3D Seismic Datasets





# MRCI- Additional Data Analyses

*Additional analysis completed with existing CCS datasets for MRCI:*

- *Class I & II Underground Injection Control well injectivity analysis*
  - *Central MRCI Ethanol Plant CCS Screening Study*
  - *Greenhouse Gas Emissions Life Cycle Analysis for MRCI Sources*
  - *ACT collaboration for micro-seismicity*
  - *Machine learning for downhole pressure/temperature prediction*
  - *CT scan for carbonate porosity zones*
  - *NRAP tool validation with field data in MRCI*
- [Machine Learning for Bottomhole Pressure/Temp](#)*

### GHG LCA Net CO<sub>2</sub> Storage

- **Ethanol Plant with CS (82-90%)**
- **Direct Air Capture Plant (59-90%)**  
(depending on energy source for capture)
- **Petroleum refinery (NA)**
- **Fertilizer/Ammonia Plant (87-88%)**
- **Natural Gas Power Plant (71-76%)**  
(accounting for displaced electricity)
- **Hydrogen Plant (88-90%)**
- **Cement Plant (90-91%)**  
(new facility)
- **CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR (59-66%)**  
(not including  $29\text{mtpa}$  from combustion of fuel products)

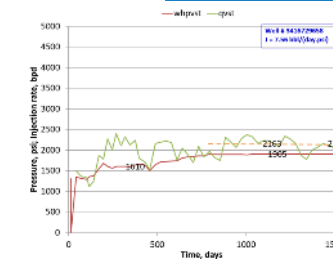
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Revenue	USD Millions	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240	250	260	270	280	290	300	310	320
Operating Expenses	USD Millions	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140	145	150	155	160	165	170
Operating Profit	USD Millions	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140	145	150
Capital Expenditure	USD Millions	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58	60	62	64
Free Cash Flow	USD Millions	20	23	26	29	32	35	38	41	44	47	50	53	56	59	62	65	68	71	74	77	80	83	86
Debt Repayment	USD Millions	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Equity Distribution	USD Millions	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Net Income	USD Millions	30	34	38	42	46	50	54	58	62	66	70	74	78	82	86	90	94	98	102	106	110	114	118
Operating Profit Margin	%	40%	41%	42%	43%	44%	45%	46%	47%	48%	49%	50%	51%	52%	53%	54%	55%	56%	57%	58%	59%	60%	61%	62%
Free Cash Flow Margin	%	20%	21%	22%	23%	24%	25%	26%	27%	28%	29%	30%	31%	32%	33%	34%	35%	36%	37%	38%	39%	40%	41%	42%
Debt to Equity Ratio	Ratio	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equity Distribution Ratio	%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Net Income Margin	%	30%	31%	32%	33%	34%	35%	36%	37%	38%	39%	40%	41%	42%	43%	44%	45%	46%	47%	48%	49%	50%	51%	52%
Operating Profit to Free Cash Flow	Ratio	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Free Cash Flow to Debt Repayment	Ratio	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.2
Equity Distribution to Net Income	%	33%	32%	31%	30%	29%	28%	27%	26%	25%	24%	23%	22%	21%	20%	19%	18%	17%	16%	15%	14%	13%	12%	11%
Net Income to Operating Profit	%	75%	76%	77%	78%	79%	80%	81%	82%	83%	84%	85%	86%	87%	88%	89%	90%	91%	92%	93%	94%	95%	96%	97%
Operating Profit to Debt Repayment	Ratio	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.1

**Effective monitoring of long-term site stability for transparent carbon capture and storage hazard assessment (ENSURE)**

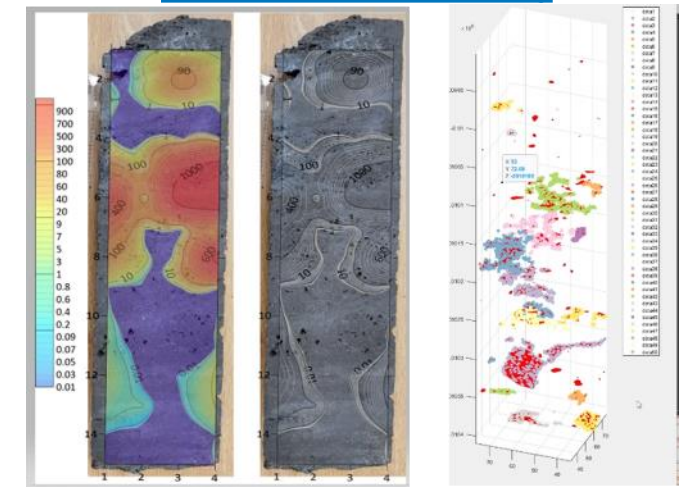
### Description of case study sites



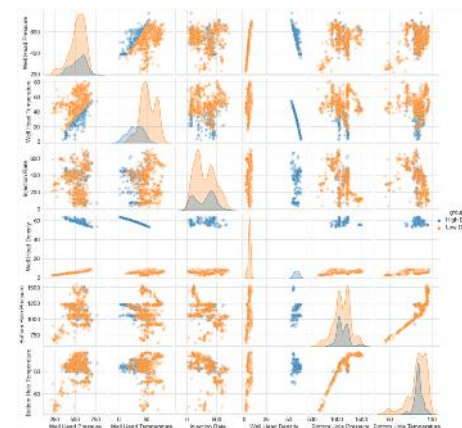
### Class II UIC Well Injectivity Analysis



### CT Scan of Carbonate Porosity



## Machine Learning for Bottomhole Pressure/Temp

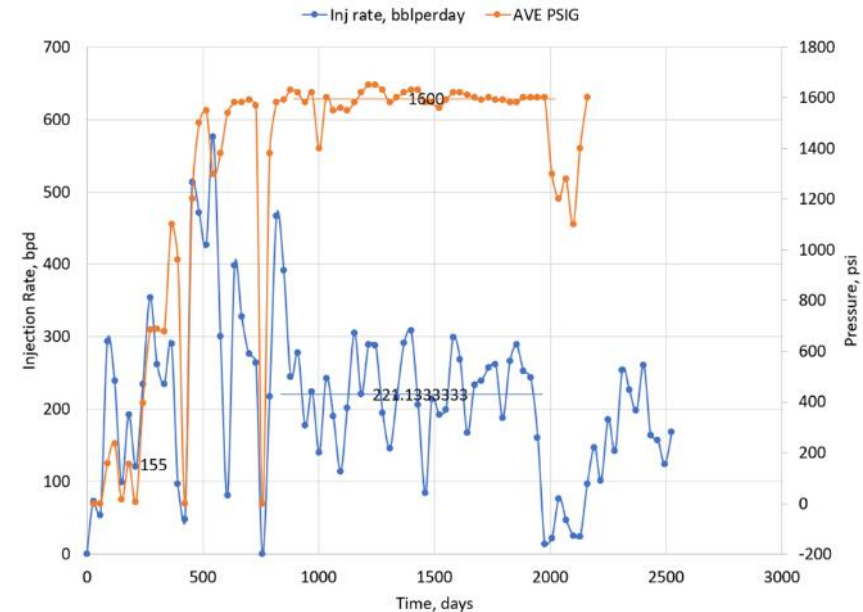


# Class I & II Underground Injection Control well injectivity analysis

- A key question for CO<sub>2</sub> storage projects in the MRCI is the ability to maintain high injection rates necessary for large scale CCS projects
- Operational data from Class I and Class II UIC injection wells was analyzed to understand injection performance (rate and pressures) in relation to CO<sub>2</sub> storage.



**Plot of q, WHP vs time for well PAS2D215BWAR.**  
**Calculated injectivity index is 0.15 bbl/day/psi**

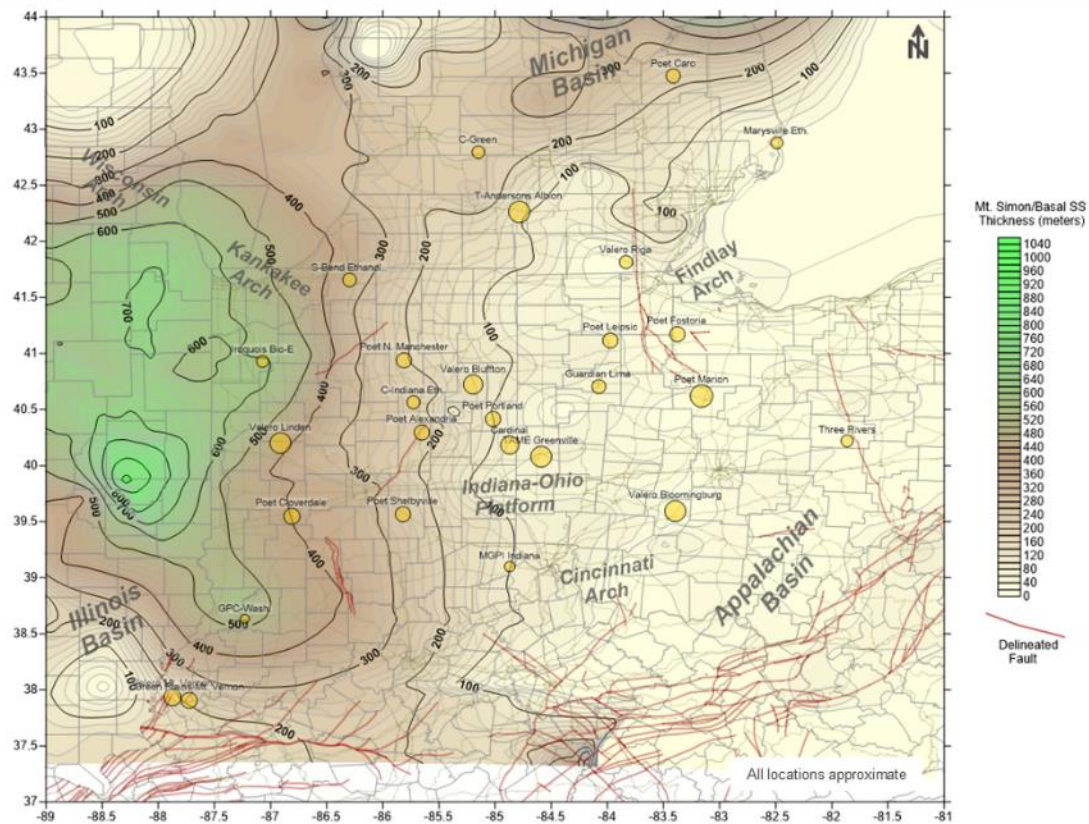




# Example: Central MRCI Ethanol Plant CCS Screening

- Numerous ethanol plants in central MRCI wanted to understand CO<sub>2</sub> storage feasibility at their facilities (mainly after 45Q policy clarifications).
- Screening study outlined key factors for CO<sub>2</sub> storage at plant locations.

Mt. Simon/Basal Sandstone Thickness (meters)



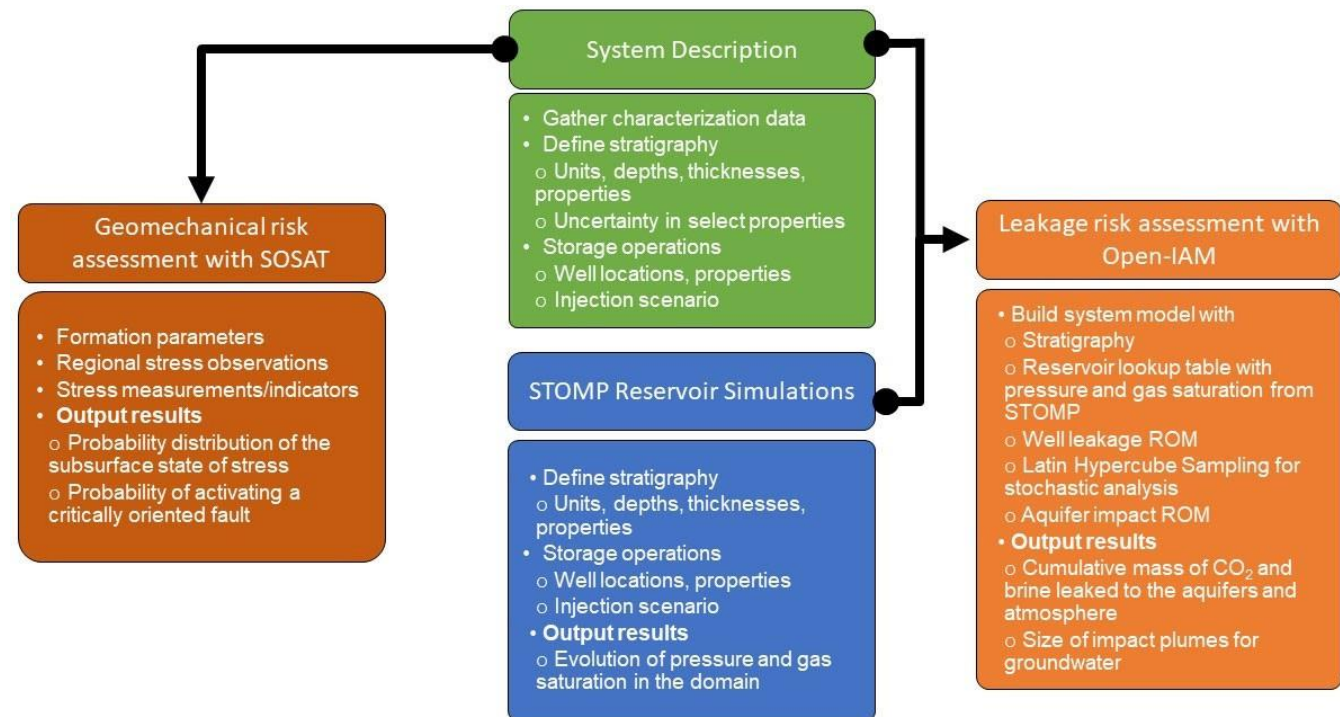
Central MRCI Ethanol Plants  
Preliminary CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Screening

Plant	Formation	Caprock	Seismic/ Faults	Injectivity	Source/Sink	Economics	Surface Factors	Ranking
Poet Biorefining-Marion	Favorable	Favorable	Marginal	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable
The Andersons Albion Ethanol, LLC	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable
Valero Renewable Fuels-Linden	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Marginal	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable
The Andersons Marathon Ethanol, LLC	Fair	Marginal	Favorable	Marginal	Favorable	Marginal	Marginal	Marginal
Valero Renewable Fuels-Bloomington	Marginal	Favorable	Favorable	Marginal	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Fair
Valero Renewable Fuels-Bluffton	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Marginal	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable
Cardinal Ethanol, LLC	Fair	Favorable	Favorable	Marginal	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Fair
Valero Renewable Fuels-Mount Vernon	Favorable	Favorable	Low	Marginal	Marginal	Favorable	Favorable	Marginal
Poet Biorefining-Cloverdale	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Marginal	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable
Green Plains-Mt. Vernon	Favorable	Favorable	Low	Marginal	Marginal	Favorable	Favorable	Marginal
Poet Biorefining-Alexandria	Favorable	Marginal	Low	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Fair
Poet Biorefining-North Manchester	Favorable	Marginal	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable
Poet Biorefining-Portland	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Marginal	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable
Poet Biorefining-Leipsic	Fair	Marginal	Low	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Fair
Poet Biorefining-Fostoria	Low	Marginal	Marginal	Marginal	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Low
Poet Biorefining-Shelbyville	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Marginal	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable
Poet Biorefining-Caro	Marginal	Favorable	Marginal	Low	Favorable	Marginal	Favorable	Marginal
Guardian Lima, LLC	Marginal	Marginal	Marginal	Fair	Fair	Marginal	Marginal	Marginal
South Bend Ethanol, LLC	Marginal	Marginal	Fair	Favorable	Marginal	Marginal	Marginal	Marginal
Central Indiana Ethanol, LLC	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Marginal	Favorable	Marginal	Favorable	Fair
Valero Renewable Fuels-Riga	Low	Marginal	Marginal	Marginal	Marginal	Marginal	Favorable	Low
Carbon Green BioEnergy, LLC	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Low	NA	NA
Iroquois Bio-Energy Company, LLC	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Low	NA	NA
Marysville Ethanol, LLC	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Low	NA	NA
Three Rivers Energy, LLC	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Low	NA	NA
MGPI of Indiana	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Low	NA	NA
Grain Proc. Corp.-Washington wet mill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Low	NA	NA

# Working with NETL National Risk Assessment Partnership

- The Illinois State Geological Survey worked with PNNL in support of the Wabash CarbonSAFE project, including STOMP reservoir simulations for the Potosi Dolomite, and assessments of well leakage risk and subsurface stresses using the NRAP-Open-IAM (Integrated Assessment Model) and a new version of the SOSAT (State-of-Stress Analysis Tool).
- The CarbonSAFE Illinois Storage Corridor project is currently in progress and leveraging NRAP tools (SOSAT, NRAP-Open-IAM and Designs for Risk Evaluation and Management [DREAM]) for site characterization and to support UIC Class VI permit applications for the project's two site hosts.

## General workflow for assessing leakage and geomechanical risks associated with the injection of carbon dioxide using two NRAP tools







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