



# ***Geological Carbon Storage in the Green Basin***

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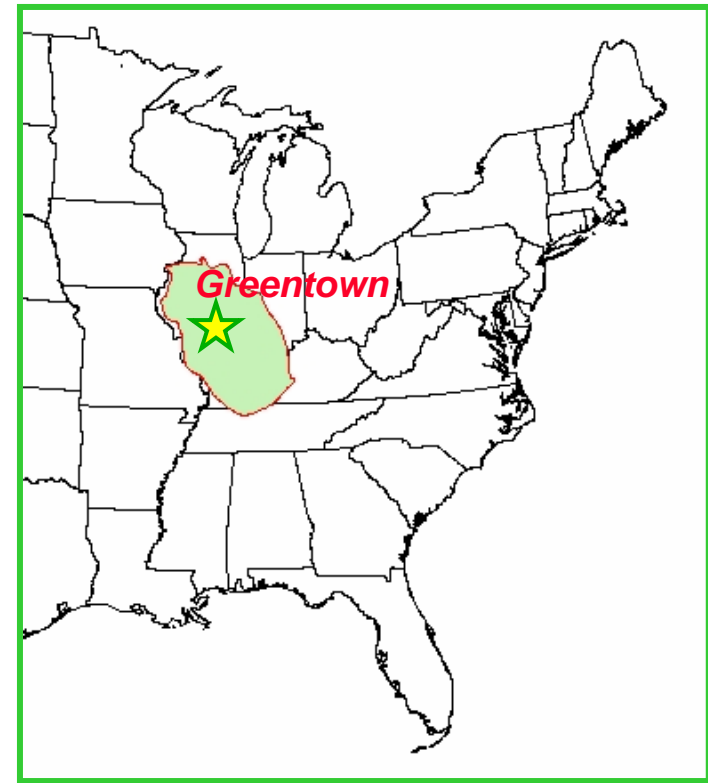
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## CPI and the new CO<sub>2</sub> emissions tax

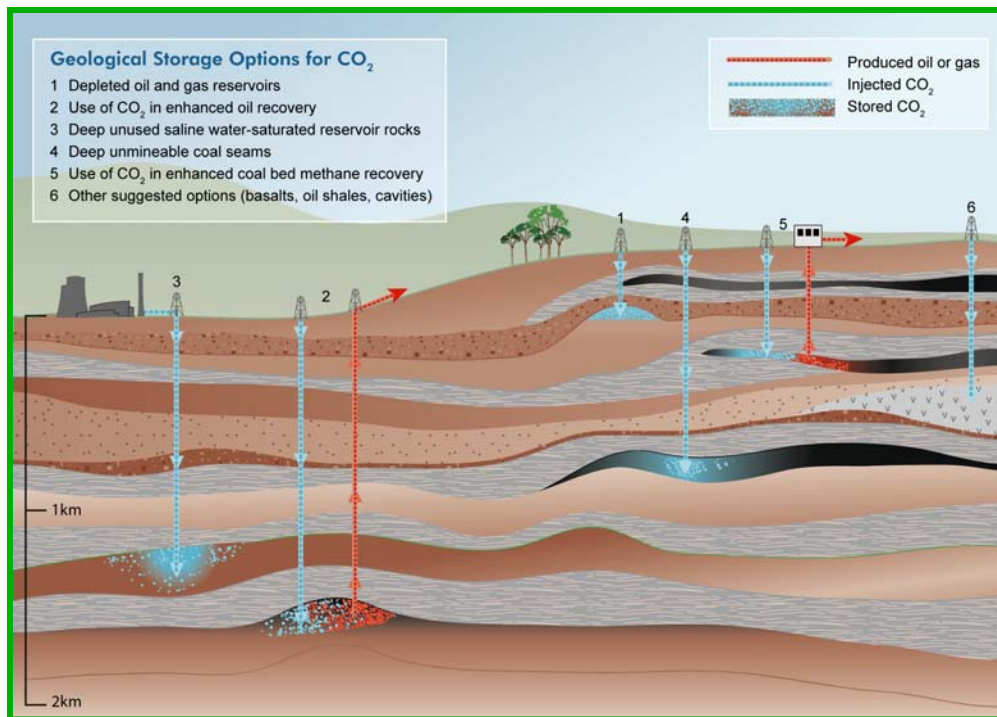
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- ◆ *Continued, secure delivery of electricity is best served through a set of measures including efficiency, increased renewable power, and carbon capture and sequestration (CCS)*
- ◆ *CPI believes that CCS technology will be required on future fossil-fueled units*
- ◆ *CCS could be economically important to Greenstate which depends heavily on coal for its energy and related employment*
- ◆ *We believe that there are opportunities for CCS within the current portfolio of plants within the Green Basin*



# Geological Carbon Storage (GCS) is an approach to safely reduce greenhouse gas emissions



- ◆ *CO<sub>2</sub> is injected into rocks at great depth, where it will remain for a long time*
- ◆ *Geological targets are selected on a basis of injectivity, capacity, and storage effectiveness*
- ◆ *The Green Basin is very well suited to GCS*

***The most promising site to store CO<sub>2</sub> is in saline formations more than a mile underground and far below drinking water supplies***

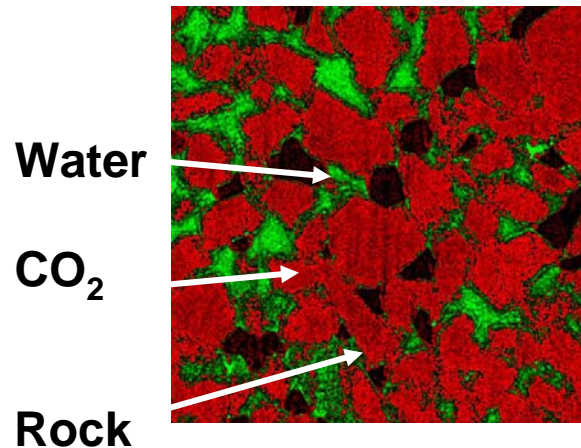


# What Keeps the CO<sub>2</sub> Underground?

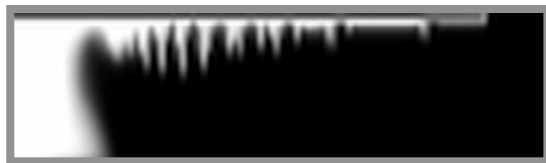
Ground Surface

- Physically trapped beneath seals
- CO<sub>2</sub> is trapped by capillary forces

X-ray of CO<sub>2</sub> in sandstone



- CO<sub>2</sub> dissolves in water



- CO<sub>2</sub> converts to solid minerals

>1 mile deep



# Multiple Lines of Evidence Indicate Storage Can Be Secure and Effective



## 1. Natural analogues

- Oil and gas reservoirs
- CO<sub>2</sub> formations

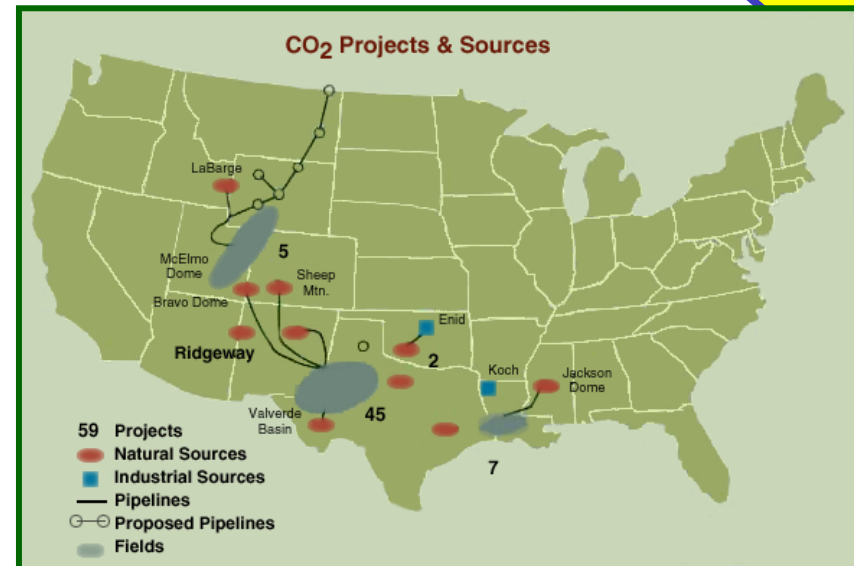
## 2. Industrial analogues

- CO<sub>2</sub> EOR
- Natural gas storage
- Liquid waste disposal

## 3. Existing projects

- Sleipner, Off-shore Norway
- Weyburn, Canada
- In Salah, Algeria

## 4. Fundamental physical and chemical processes





## CleanPower Inc. has evaluated the geological storage options within its portfolio of plants

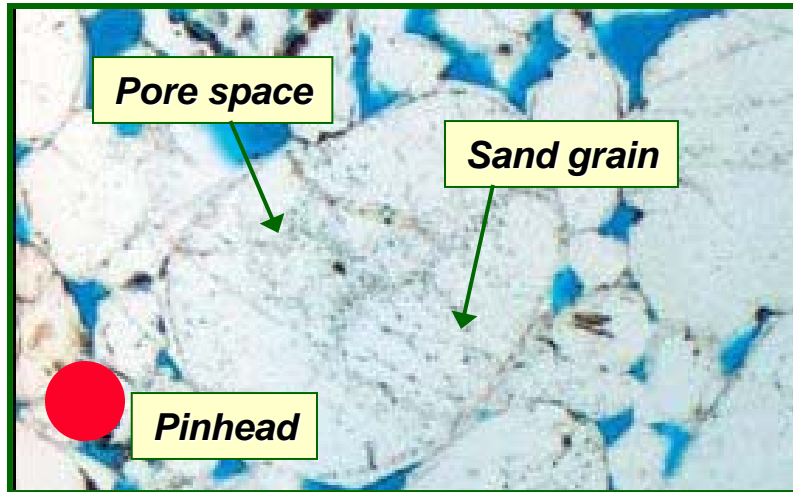


- ◆ *The Greentown plant emerged as the first plant for CCS retrofit, in large part due to the high effectiveness of local geology*
- ◆ *We asked for Clean Technologies Inc. to help characterize the region and select a preferred site*
- ◆ *We reviewed available information on the Greentown community (e.g., media reports, previous contacts with development groups and local organizations)*
- ◆ *We examined the rocks of the Green Sand unit, Breadbasket group using all available data*
  - ◆ *GU-UC*
  - ◆ *the state geological survey, USGS*
  - ◆ *Local oil and gas wells and cores*

# The Green Sandstone unit is used in the state for natural gas storage and other injection programs



**Green Sandstone**



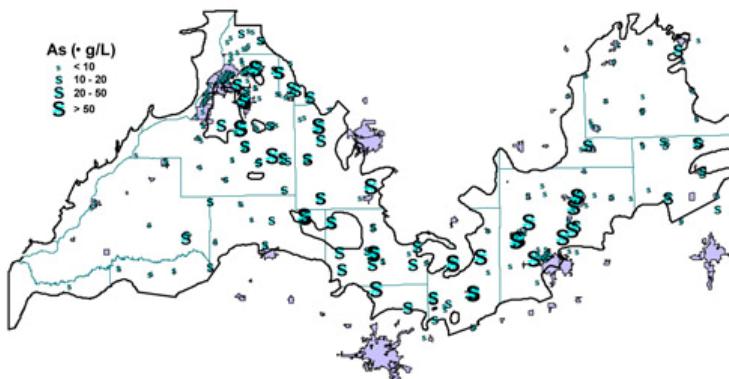
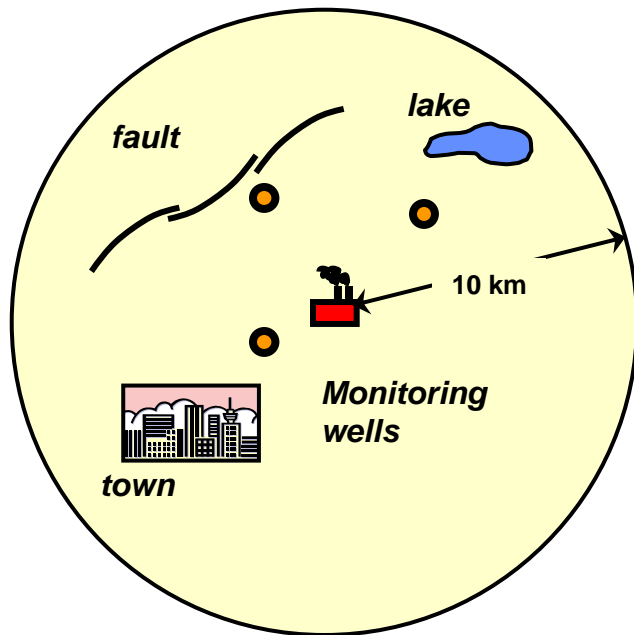
- ◆ *The unit has excellent injectivity and can contain large volumes of CO<sub>2</sub>*
- ◆ *The overlying seals are highly effective, and contain oil and natural gas elsewhere in the state*
- ◆ *We will collect new data to confirm the geological model*
  - ◆ *A new data well at the site*
  - ◆ *New geophysical surveys*
  - ◆ *Special analyses on cores*

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***We will work with you to make these data accessible and understandable to the public***

# CPI is committed to the highest level of environmental management



- ◆ ***We are designing a monitoring program suited to the local geology***
  - ◆ ***Three new monitoring wells with permanent sensors***
  - ◆ ***A new surface detection array***
  - ◆ ***Regular geophysical surveys***
- ◆ ***We will monitor water quality in municipal wells on a monthly basis***
- ◆ ***We will continue to study and improve our operational effort in accordance with accepted protocols***
- ◆ ***We are committed to informing and seeking feedback from you, the public***



# **We want to hear from you**



- Your input and support is essential to the success of our project
- If you have questions, want more information, or wish to be put on a mailing list for updates, please contact:

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