# FIRST WAVE OF INCENTIVE-DRIVEN CCS PROJECTS IN NORTH DAKOTA





#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- The North Dakota Industrial Commission has granted the first three geologic (carbon dioxide) CO<sub>2</sub> storage facility permits through the state's Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class VI Primacy Program.
- Recent momentum in carbon capture and storage (CCS) activity in North Dakota builds on the solid foundation of regional characterization and field validation developed through the Plains CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction (PCOR) Partnership.<sup>1</sup>
- The North Dakota Administrative Code integrated with the Class VI Primacy Program provides for regulatory certainty by formalizing the process for:
- Establishing pore space ownership and rules.
- Amalgamating storage reservoir pore space.
- Determining financial responsibility.
- Establishing long-term trust funds.
- Facilitating postinjection title transfer and release of liability.
- Incentive programs such as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Section 45Q tax credits and Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) protocols are driving the acceleration of CCS investment in North Dakota.
- This initial wave of projects is informing investment in, and creating the opportunity for, innovation that will enable the next wave of incentive-based CCS projects.

## GREAT PLAINS CO, SEQUESTRATION PROJECT

FACILITY Lignite coal gasification plant capable of gasifying 6 MMtpa

TONNAGE 1.0 to 2.7 MMtpa of CO<sub>2</sub>

INJECTOR DESIGN Up to six injection wells into a single storage reservoir

REGULATORY STATUS

NDIC | March 2022: Class VI permit submitted

OTHER | Within the anticipated CO<sub>2</sub> plume boundary area, 56% of the land surface is reclaimed mining land, creating unique conditions for near-surface and geophysical monitoring techniques.

## SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS

FACILITY 32 ethanol plants and other facilities in five states

TONNAGE 8.0 million tonnes per annum (MMtpa) of CO<sub>2</sub>, initial pipeline capacity of 12.0 MMtpa, expansion capabilities to handle up to 20.0 MMtpa

INJECTOR DESIGN | Multiple injection wells into stacked storage reservoirs

PROJECT STATUS | Site characterization and design under way to inform Class VI permits and incentive program compliance

OTHER Largest proposed CCS project to date, one of the first CO<sub>2</sub> storage hubs

#### COAL CREEK STATION

FACILITY 1100-MW two-unit minemouth lignite coal-fired power generation facilities

**TONNAGE** About 9 MMtpa of CO<sub>2</sub> anticipated

PROJECT STATUS CO, capture pre-FEED study completed on one of the 550-MW units, FEED study under way.

OTHER | Largest coal-fired power plant in North Dakota



#### RED TRAIL ENERGY

FACILITY 64-million-gallon dry mill ethanol production plant

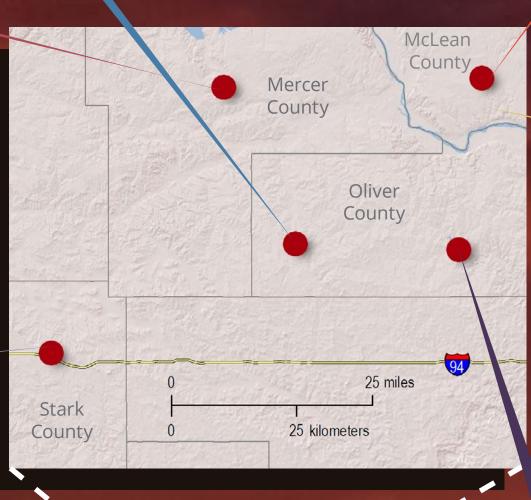
TONNAGE 180,000 tpa of CO<sub>2</sub>

INJECTOR DESIGN One CO<sub>2</sub> injector into single storage reservoir

REGULATORY STATUS

NDIC | October 2021: Class VI permit approved March 2022: Permit to inject approved

OTHER | The DOE, the NDIC Renewable Energy Program, and the PCOR Partnership, provided funding for storage site development and demonstration of novel monitoring techniques.







#### MIDWEST AGENERGY

**FACILITY** Blue Flint 70-million-gallon dry mill ethanol production plant

TONNAGE | About 200,000 tpa of CO<sub>2</sub>

INJECTOR DESIGN One CO<sub>2</sub> injector into single storage reservoir

PROJECT STATUS | Stratigraphic test well and 3D seismic survey completed; modeling, design, and permitting under way

### PROJECT TUNDRA

FACILITY 734-MW two-unit minemouth lignite coal-fired power plant

TONNAGE | About 3.9 MMtpa of CO<sub>2</sub>

INJECTOR DESIGN | Dual injection wells into stacked storage reservoirs

REGULATORY STATUS

NDIC| January 2022: Two Class VI permits approved

EPA| December 2021: MRV plan submitted

OTHER | CarbonSAFE Phase III North Dakota project



Since 2003, the PCOR Partnership with its 200+ current and prior member organizations has been laying the groundwork for permanent, safe, and practical geologic storage of CO<sub>2</sub>.

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