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## 1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In order to build on work published in two previous reports - - “*Storing CO<sub>2</sub> with Enhanced Oil Recovery*”<sup>1</sup> and a series of “*Ten Basin-Oriented Reports*”<sup>2</sup>, Advanced Resources International (ARI) was sponsored by the U.S. DOE/NETL, Office of Systems, Analysis and Planning to examine both the potential for increased oil recovery as well as CO<sub>2</sub> storage which could result from new technologies. CO<sub>2</sub> enhanced oil recovery (CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR) offers the potential for storing significant volumes of carbon dioxide emissions while increasing domestic oil production. However, a number of technical challenges limit the full theoretical potential offered by integrated CO<sub>2</sub> storage and CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR. In this report, ARI identifies and analyzes four “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology options that address some of these technical challenges.

The four “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology options are: (1) increasing the volume of CO<sub>2</sub> injected into the oil reservoir; (2) optimizing pattern design and orientation, including adding infill wells, to achieve increased contact between injected CO<sub>2</sub> and the oil reservoir; (3) improving the mobility ratio between the injected CO<sub>2</sub>/water and the residual oil; and, (4) extending the miscibility range, thus helping more reservoirs achieve higher oil recovery efficiency.

These practices could dramatically increase the performance of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology and increase the volume of CO<sub>2</sub> that could be stored in oil reservoirs compared to current practices. Table 1 shows the improvements that “next generation” technology would bring to a sample CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR project. In this instance, incremental oil recovery is improved by 57% and CO<sub>2</sub> storage is increased by 18%.

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<sup>1</sup> “*Storing CO<sub>2</sub> with Enhanced Oil Recovery*” report prepared for U.S. DOE/NETL, Office of Systems, Analyses and Planning, DOE/NETL-402/1312/02-07-08, February 7, 2008. [http://www.netl.doe.gov/energy-analyses/pubs/Storing%20CO2%20w%20EOR\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.netl.doe.gov/energy-analyses/pubs/Storing%20CO2%20w%20EOR_FINAL.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> The Advanced Resources completed series of ten “basin studies” were the first to comprehensively address CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity from combining CO<sub>2</sub> storage and CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR. These ten “basin studies” covered 22 of the oil producing states plus offshore Louisiana and included 1,581 large (>50 MMBbls OOIP) oil reservoirs, accounting for two thirds of U.S. oil production. These reports are available on the U.S. Department of Energy’s web site at: [http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/oilgas/eor/Ten\\_Basin-Oriented\\_CO2-EOR\\_Assessments.html](http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/oilgas/eor/Ten_Basin-Oriented_CO2-EOR_Assessments.html).

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**Table 1 - Comparison of “Best Practices” and “Next Generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR Technologies – Example Light Oil Reservoir**

	Current Application of “Best Practices”	“Next Generation” Technology*
Oil Recovery (Million Barrels)	276	433
Oil Recovery (% OOIP)	17%	27%
CO <sub>2</sub> Storage (Bcf)	1,338	1,596
CO <sub>2</sub> Storage (metric tons)	71	84
Project Life (years)	22	32
CapEx (\$/Bbl)	\$2.20	\$3.00
CO <sub>2</sub> Costs (\$/Bbl)**	\$19.40	\$17.00
OpEx (\$/Bbl)	\$3.10	\$5.20

\*Includes extra costs for applying “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology.

\*\*Assumes long-term oil price of \$70 per barrel and CO<sub>2</sub> cost of \$45/metric ton.

At the national level, this analysis suggests three major benefits would accrue from using integrated “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub> storage and enhanced oil recovery:

- Employing “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology would create CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity in domestic oil fields of over 28 gigatons, equal to captured CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 151 GWs of coal-fired power plants (for 30 years)<sup>3</sup>. It would also create economic CO<sub>2</sub> demand for 11.5 gigatons to be used in domestic oil fields. (A portion of the economic demand, 2.5 gigatons, can be met by natural CO<sub>2</sub> and already being captured industrial CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.) Importantly, the net economic demand for CO<sub>2</sub> of 9 gigatons is equal to captured CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 50 GW of coal-fired power (for 30 years). The sale of CO<sub>2</sub> to meet this economic demand for CO<sub>2</sub> by CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR can help coal-fired power plants and other industrial facilities offset the costs of CO<sub>2</sub> capture while fully avoiding the costs of CO<sub>2</sub> storage.
- Application of “next generation” technology would provide 126 billion barrels of technically recoverable domestic oil (compared to 81 billion barrels with current “best practices” CO<sub>2</sub> EOR technology). Almost half of this technically recoverable resource,

<sup>3</sup> Assuming 85% capacity factor and 34% efficiency, a 1GW power plant would generate 223 billion kWh of electricity in thirty years (1GW x 85% x 8.76 (conversion between GW and billion kWh/year) \* 30 years). With a CO<sub>2</sub> intensity of 0.94 million metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh (thermodynamic equivalency based on efficiency of power plant and emissions profile of average coal) and 90% capture, this power plant would supply 188 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> in 30 years, 6.3 million metric tons per year.

58 billion barrels, would be economically recoverable under the mid-range (Base Case) oil price used in the study, Table 2.<sup>4</sup>

**Table 2 - Technically and Economically Recoverable Domestic Oil and CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Capacity from “Next Generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR: National Totals\***

Basin/Area	Technically Recoverable Oil*		Economically Recoverable Oil**		“Next Generation” CO <sub>2</sub> Storage Capacity (Million Metric Tons )	
	(Billion Barrels)		(Billion Barrels)		Technical Potential	Economic Demand
	“Best Practices”	“Next Generation”	“Best Practices”	“Next Generation”		
1. Lower-48 Onshore	66.7	107.1	34.7	49.4	23,990	9,910
2. Offshore GOM	5.7	5.7	0.7	0.7	1,740	200
3. Alaska	8.6	12.7	2.1	7.8	2,670	1,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>81.2</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>28,400</b>	<b>11,510</b>

\*Incremental technically recoverable oil resources after subtracting 2.3 billion barrels already being developed with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR.

\*\*Base Case economics uses an oil price of \$70 per barrel (constant, real) and a CO<sub>2</sub> cost of \$45 per metric ton (\$2.38/Mcf), delivered at pressure to the field.

- Third, the oil produced with injection of captured CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is to a large extent “carbon-free”, after balancing the carbon content in the oil produced and the volume of CO<sub>2</sub> stored with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR in the reservoir. If operators were incentivized to change their CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and storage design (including continuing to inject CO<sub>2</sub> at the end of the project), they could store more CO<sub>2</sub> in the oil reservoir than contained in the produced oil, resulting in over 100% carbon free (“green”) oil. A case study of pursuing high capacity CO<sub>2</sub> storage and CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR, that helps illustrate this point, is presented in Appendix C.

The results from this study presented in this report are based on using Advanced Resources database of 6,344 large domestic oil reservoirs, screened and evaluated using a streamline reservoir simulation and a detailed cost and cash-flow based economic model.

<sup>4</sup> In addition to the mid-range oil price case of \$70/barrel, the study investigated a low price case of \$50/barrel with a CO<sub>2</sub> price of \$35/metric ton and a high price case of \$100/barrel with a CO<sub>2</sub> price of \$60/metric ton.

An additional opportunity for storing CO<sub>2</sub> with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR is in saline aquifers containing residual oil (ROZ) in zones that underlie the primary oil interval (main pay zone). Due to their low oil concentrations, these residual oil zones are not economically feasible to pursue with primary/secondary recovery. However, we believe that the potential CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity offered by the ROZ is large, on the order of 50 gigatons of CO<sub>2</sub>. While needing further study, the ROZ/saline aquifer interval would provide storage for captured CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from over 250 GWs of coal-fired power (30 years). The ability to receive credits for sequestering CO<sub>2</sub> into saline reservoirs containing residual oil would make the ROZ attractive for storing CO<sub>2</sub> and producing additional oil, particularly when operated jointly with a CO<sub>2</sub> flood in the main pay zone. The quantification of the additional CO<sub>2</sub> storage and oil recovery potential offered by ROZs is an important area for further work.

Additionally, advanced drilling and modeling technology have made vertical (“gravity stable”) CO<sub>2</sub> floods more of a possibility. Generally speaking, vertical floods produce crude oil at a slower rate than conventional floods but enable a higher amount of the oil in-place to be recovered. Furthermore, this alternative method would allow a much greater amount of CO<sub>2</sub> to be stored within the oil reservoir, as discussed in Appendix C. Vertical floods are also an important area for future study.

## 2. **BACKGROUND**

### 2.1 **UPDATED RESERVOIR AND ECONOMICS DATA**

In January 2008, Advanced Resources International, with sponsorship by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy, issued a study entitled, "*Storing CO<sub>2</sub> with Enhanced Oil Recovery*." This study examined the domestic oil recovery and CO<sub>2</sub> storage potential offered by widespread application of currently used "best practices" CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology (In the *Storing CO<sub>2</sub> with CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Oil Recovery* report, the term "State of the Art" is synonymous with the term "best practices" used in this report). It also synthesized the analysis previously contained in the series of ten basin reports, noted above.

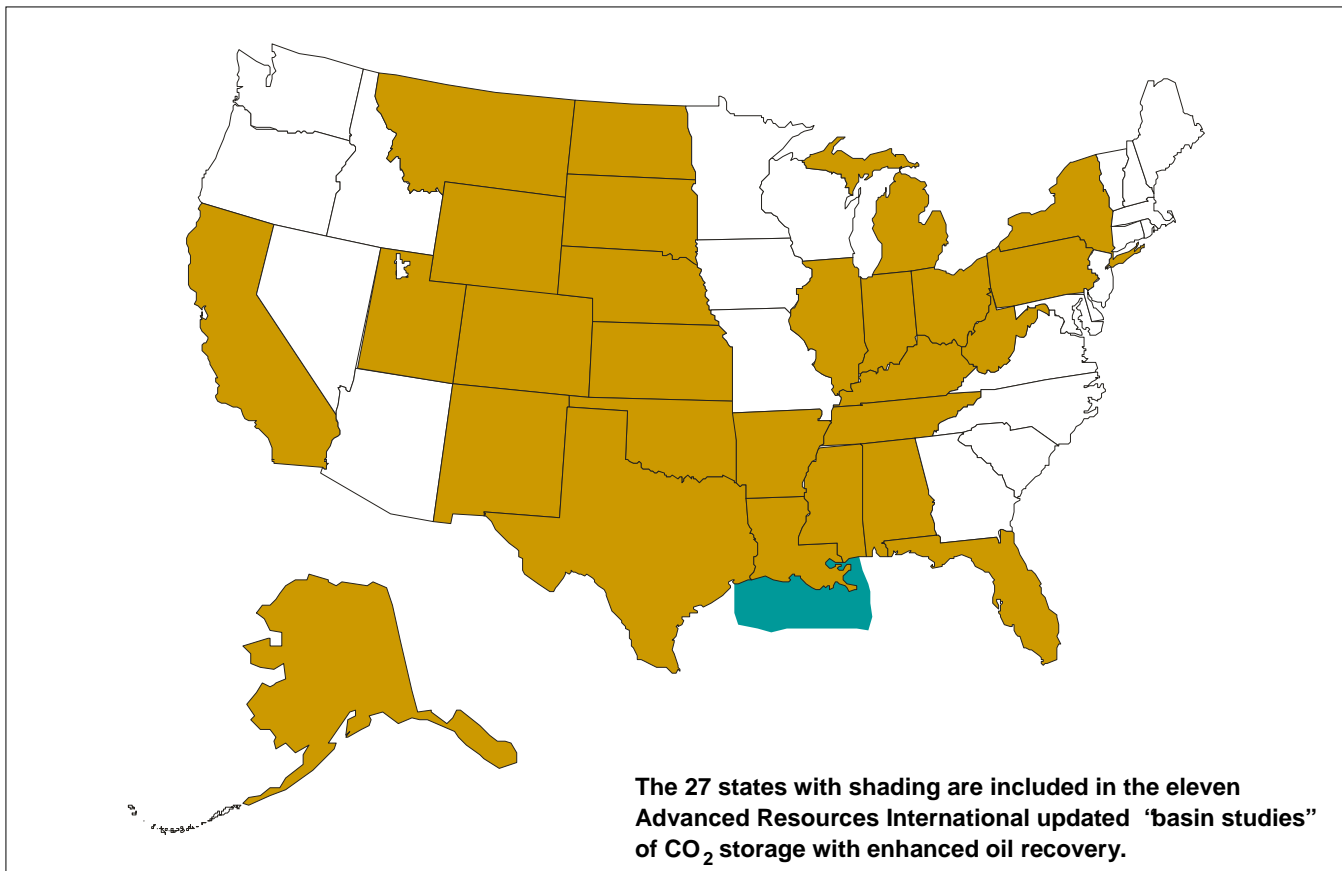
This report builds on the reservoir data and CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR performance provided in the above cited study "*Storing CO<sub>2</sub> with Enhanced Oil Recovery*" and includes an updated cost model and field-by-field reservoir modeling of evaluating and then applying "next generation" CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology to 1,715 domestic oil reservoirs.

A brief description of the updated data and analytical work contained in this report is set forth below.

- A significant number, over 4,000 additional oil reservoirs have been added to the database, including oil reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico, Alaska, and Appalachian Basin. The database now includes 6,344 oil reservoirs accounting for three-quarters of the U.S. oil resource in 27 states, Figure 1. These new oil reservoirs were made available for this study from a proprietary Advanced Resources' database;
- Improvements and updates have been made to the well spacing and CO<sub>2</sub> injection portions of the model. Oil field cost data have been updated and indexed to mid-year 2008. These updates and improvements are based on internal work undertaken by Advanced Resources; and
- An expanded set of oil prices and a revised oil price/CO<sub>2</sub> cost relationship have been incorporated into the economic analyses.

### 2.2 **STUDY METHODOLOGY**

A six part methodology was used to assess the CO<sub>2</sub> storage and EOR potential of domestic oil reservoirs. The six steps were: (1) assembling and updating the Major Oil Reservoirs Database; (2) calculating the minimum miscibility pressure for applying CO<sub>2</sub> -EOR; (3) using minimum miscibility pressure and other criteria to screen reservoirs favorable for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR; (4) calculating oil recovery from applying "next generation" CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology; (5) applying the updated cost and economic model; and, (6) performing economic and sensitivity analyses to understand how the combined effects of technology and oil prices impact the results of applying "next generation" CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and CO<sub>2</sub> storage technology.



**Figure 1 - U.S. Basins/Regions Studied For Future CO<sub>2</sub> Storage and Enhanced Oil Recovery**

To calculate the incremental oil produced by CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR from oil reservoirs, the study utilized the *PROPHET2* model. *PROPHET2* is a stream tube miscible flood predictive model that was first developed by the Texaco Exploration and Production Technology Department under a DOE cost share program and has been further modified by Advanced Resources International.<sup>5</sup>

The *PROPHET2* model was calibrated with an industry standard reservoir simulator, GEM<sup>6</sup>, to determine how permeability distributions within a multi-layer reservoir and gravity override, two computational functions absent in *PROPHET2*, might influence the calculation of oil recovery. The models were calibrated by comparing their results from trial runs on an example light oil reservoir.

The GEM model was run at two distributions of reservoir permeability (an upward fining and an upward coarsening permeability structure) plus CO<sub>2</sub> gravity override to establish oil recovery values against which the results from *PROPHET2* would be compared. This work indicated that that oil recovery values from *PROPHET2* were between the oil recoveries from the high and low cases of the GEM model, suggesting that *PROPHET2* is neither over nor under optimistic in its calculations of oil recovery.

Appendix A provides additional detail on the methodology used in this study.

### **2.3 REPORT OUTLINE**

The report begins with a summary presentation of the three topics central to analyzing the potential of integrated “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and CO<sub>2</sub> storage technologies:

1. What is the size and nature of the domestic oil resource base;
2. How much of this resource base is recoverable with “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR; and,
3. What portion of this technically recoverable oil resource is economic under alternative oil prices and CO<sub>2</sub> costs?

The report then examines the CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity available in domestic oil fields and the market demand for captured CO<sub>2</sub> emissions offered by the EOR industry.

A series of appendices provide supporting data and technical information for the analytical results discussed in the main report. Appendix A provides information on the study methodology. Appendix B provides detail on our cost and economics model. Appendix C provides a case study of gravity stable CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR flooding. Appendix D provides more detailed state-level results of our study.

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<sup>5</sup> “Post Waterflood CO<sub>2</sub> Flood in a Light Oil, Fluvial Dominated Deltaic Reservoir” (DOE Contract No. DE-FC22-93BC14960).

<sup>6</sup> Generalized Equation of State Model Compositional Reservoir Simulator” by Computer Modeling Group LTD.

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### **3. THE DOMESTIC OIL RESOURCE BASE**

The U.S. has a large oil resource base, on the order of 597 billion barrels originally in-place. About one-third of this oil resource base, 204 billion barrels, has been recovered or placed into proved reserves with existing primary and secondary oil recovery technologies. This leaves behind a massive target of 393 billion barrels of remaining, “technically stranded”, oil, Figure 2.<sup>7</sup>

Table 3 provides a tabulation of the national in-place, conventionally recoverable and “stranded” oil in the lower-48 onshore, offshore Gulf of Mexico (GOM) and Alaska. Much of the “stranded” oil resides in East and Central Texas (74 billion barrels), the Mid-Continent (66 billion barrels), and the Permian Basin of West Texas and New Mexico (62 billion barrels). California, Alaska, the Gulf Coast and the Rockies also have significant volumes of “stranded” oil. Appendix D provides additional details for the “basins” addressed by this study.

The Advanced Resources’ Major Oil Reservoirs Database of 6,344 distinct oil reservoirs contains 447 billion barrels of Original Oil in Place (OOIP) out of the national total of 597 billion barrels of OOIP, Table 4. The database values are scaled up to national levels using the state-by-state ratio of cumulative oil production in the Major Oil Reservoir Database and the state-by-state cumulative oil production data from state, EIA, and other sources.

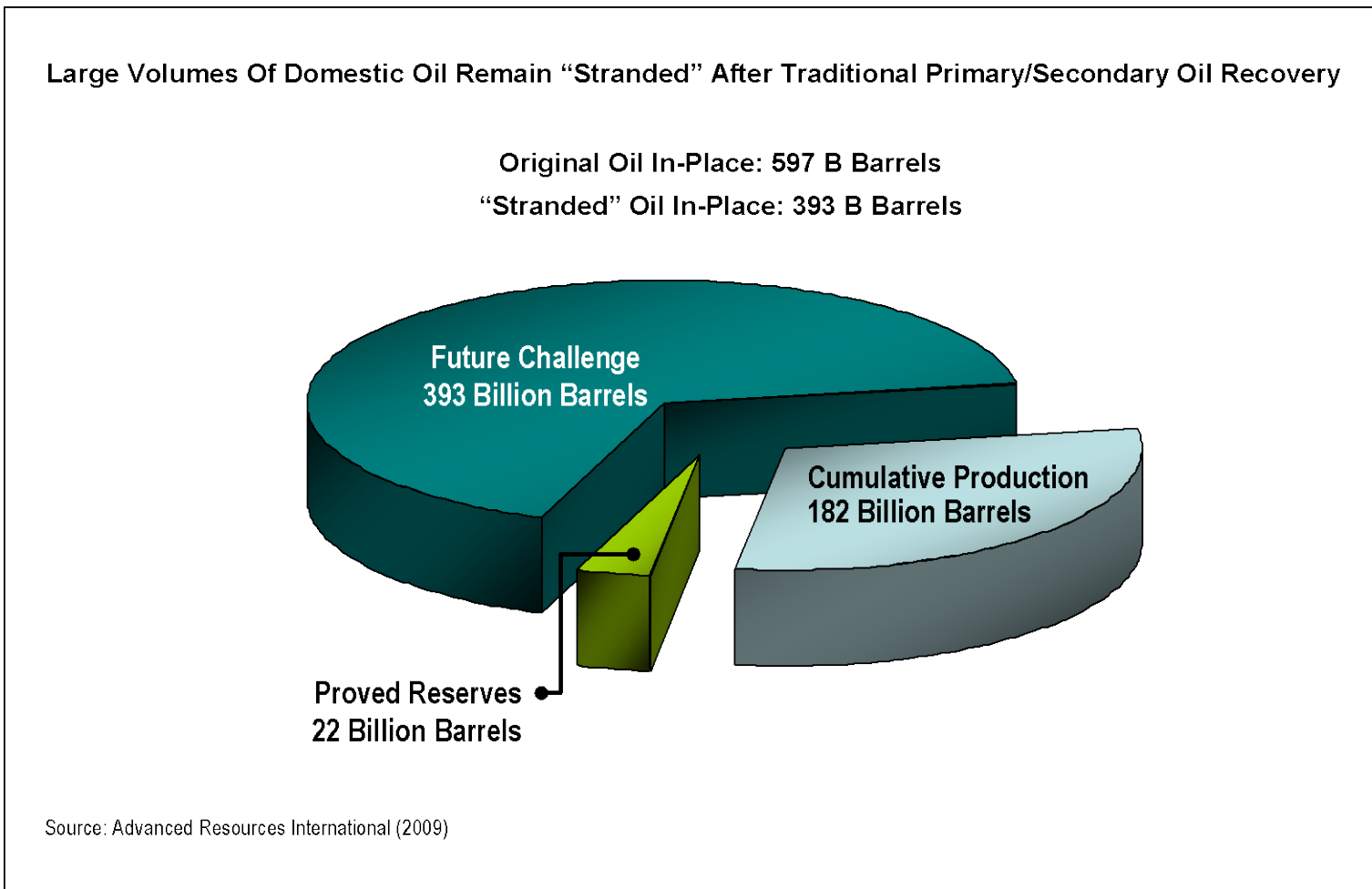
The database coverage for individual basins/areas ranges from 59% for the Mid-Continent to 100% for Alaska and a national coverage of 75%. As such, the Major Oil Reservoir Database provides a solid foundation for estimating the national oil recovery potential from CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR.

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<sup>7</sup> When less established domestic oil resources, such as undiscovered oil, tar sands, and oil trapped in residual oil zones are included, the “stranded” oil resource approaches 1,000 billion barrels. For further information on this topic see Chapter 3 (pages 183 and 184) of the National Petroleum Council report “Hard Truths, Facing the Hard Truths about Energy” July, 2007, <http://www.npchar truthsreport.org/>

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**Figure 2 - The Domestic Oil Resource Base**

**Table 3 - National In-Place, Conventionally Recoverable and “Stranded” Crude Oil Resources**

Basin/Area	National Data OOIP* (Billion Barrels)	Conventionally Recoverable		ROIP “Stranded”** (Billion Barrels)
		(Billion Barrels)	% of OOIP	
1. Lower-48	500.3	161.0	32%	339.3
2. Offshore GOM	46.1	20.9	45%	25.2
3. Alaska	50.7	21.9	43%	28.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>597.1</b>	<b>203.8</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>393.3</b>

\*Original Oil In-Place \*\*Remaining Oil In-Place

Source: Advanced Resources Int'l, 2009.

Please see Appendix D, Table D-3 for expanded version.

**Table 4 - Comparison of Oil Resources of National and Major Oil Reservoirs Databases**

Basin/Area	National Data OOIP* (Billion Barrels)	Major Oil Reservoirs Database OOIP* (Billion Barrels)	Coverage
1. Lower-48 Onshore	500.3	350.2	70%
2. Offshore GOM	46.1	46.1	100%
3. Alaska	50.7	50.7	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>597.1</b>	<b>447.0</b>	<b>75%</b>

\*Original Oil In-Place

Source: Advanced Resources Int'l, 2009. Data base figures are from Advanced Resources' internal database of large domestic oil reservoirs.

Please see Appendix D, Table D-4 for expanded version.

Not all of the remaining domestic oil resource is technically amenable to CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR. Favorable reservoir properties for miscible CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR include sufficiently deep formations with lighter (higher gravity) oil. A portion of the shallower oil reservoirs with heavier (lower gravity) oil may be amenable to immiscible CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR.<sup>8</sup>

Table 5 provides a basin/area level tabulation of the 6,344 reservoirs in the Major Oil Reservoirs Database, showing that 1,715 reservoirs (containing 305 billion barrels of OOIP) screened as being amenable to miscible and immiscible CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR. More than half of the oil reservoirs in California, particularly the shallower heavy oil fields, screen as unfavorable for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR while the great bulk (over 80%) of the oil reservoirs in the Permian Basin screen as favorable for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR.

**Table 5 - Major Oil Reservoirs Screened as Favorable for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR**

Basin/Area	Major Oil Reservoirs Database	
	# of Total Reservoirs	# Favorable for CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR
1. Lower-48 Onshore	1,809	1040
2. Offshore GOM	4,493	642
3. Alaska	42	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,344</b>	<b>1,715</b>

Please see Appendix D, Table D-5 for expanded version.

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<sup>8</sup> For readers unfamiliar with the distinction between miscible and immiscible EOR, a more detailed description is given in section 4.1

## 4. DETAILED DISCUSSION OF CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR

### 4.1 USING CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR TO RECOVER “STRANDED” OIL

Large volumes of oil are left unrecovered (“stranded”) after completion of primary and secondary oil recovery methods. The reasons for these large volumes of “stranded” oil include: oil that is bypassed due to poor waterflood sweep efficiency; oil that is physically unconnected to a wellbore; and, most importantly, oil that is trapped by viscous, capillary and interfacial tension forces as residual oil in the pore space.

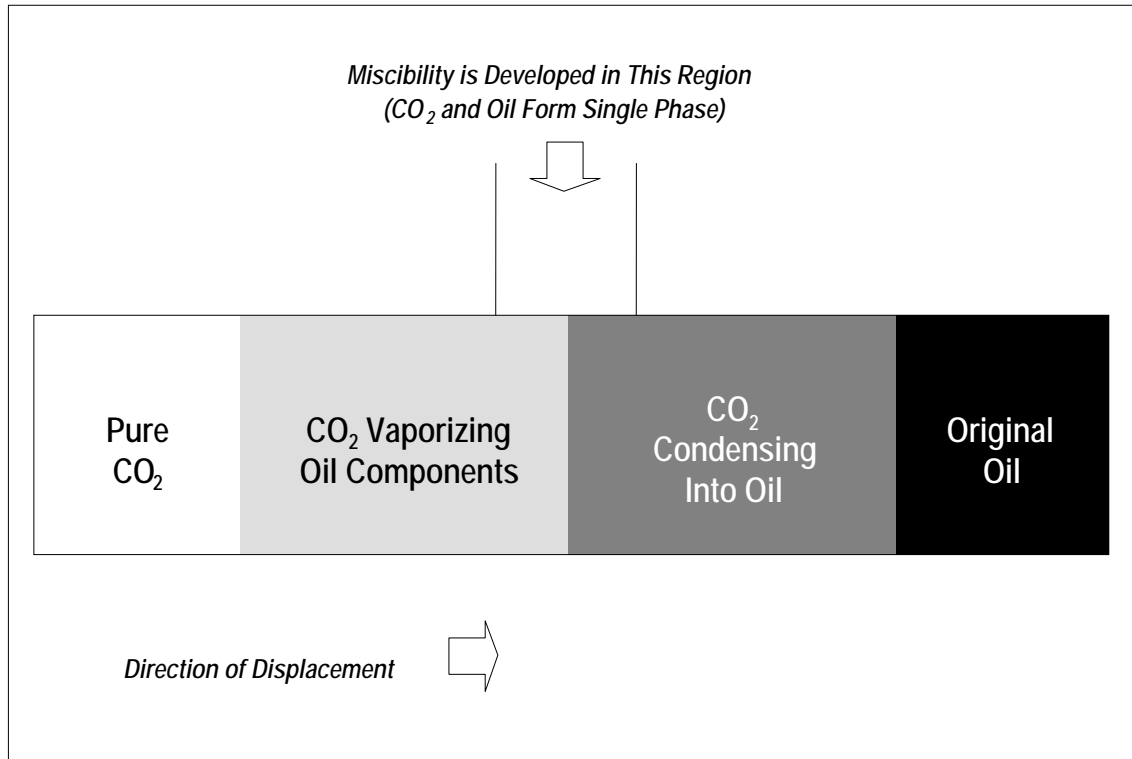
The main mechanism by which CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR can recover this trapped oil is by creating, with the assistance of pressure, miscibility between the residual oil and the injected CO<sub>2</sub>. Additional mechanisms such as viscosity reduction, oil swelling and improved reservoir contact further contribute to efficient oil recovery.

- Miscible CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR is a multiple contact process involving interactions between the injected CO<sub>2</sub> and the reservoir’s oil. During this multiple contact process, CO<sub>2</sub> vaporizes the lighter oil fractions into the injected CO<sub>2</sub> phase and CO<sub>2</sub> condenses into the reservoir’s oil phase. This leads to two reservoir fluids that become miscible (mixing in all parts), with favorable properties of low viscosity, enhanced mobility and low interfacial tension, thus remobilizing and dramatically reducing the post-waterflooding residual oil in the reservoir’s pore space. Figure 3 provides a one-dimensional schematic showing the fluid dynamics of the CO<sub>2</sub> miscible process.
- Immiscible CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR occurs when insufficient reservoir pressure is available or the reservoir’s oil composition is less favorable (heavier). The main mechanisms involved in immiscible CO<sub>2</sub> flooding are: (1) oil phase swelling, as the oil becomes saturated with CO<sub>2</sub>; (2) viscosity reduction of the swollen oil and CO<sub>2</sub> mixture; (3) extraction of lighter hydrocarbon into the CO<sub>2</sub> phase; and, (4) fluid drive plus pressure. This combination of mechanisms enables a portion of the reservoir’s remaining oil to be mobilized and produced. In general, immiscible CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR is much less efficient than miscible CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR in recovering the oil remaining in the reservoir.

Currently available CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technologies, including both miscible and immiscible CO<sub>2</sub> injection, are in commercial use today. However, today’s CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technologies still underperform compared to their theoretical potential as established by laboratory testing, reservoir simulation and a handful of forward-looking, highly instrumented projects. As evidence for underperformance, field data shows that currently practiced CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology recovers only 5% to 15% of a reservoir’s OOIP as opposed to theoretically possible oil recoveries using “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology of over 20% of OOIP.

The “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology options include: (1) increasing the volume of CO<sub>2</sub> injected into the oil reservoir to increase sweep efficiency; (2) optimizing well design and placement, including adding infill wells, to achieve increased contact between the injected CO<sub>2</sub> and the oil reservoir; (3) improving the mobility ratio between the injected CO<sub>2</sub>/water and the residual oil; and, (4) extending the miscibility range, thus helping more reservoirs achieve higher oil recovery efficiency.

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**Figure 3 - One-Dimensional Schematic Showing the CO<sub>2</sub> Miscible Process**

If implemented, these practices could dramatically increase the efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR-based oil recovery. They would also increase the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> that could be stored in oil reservoirs. Reservoir analysis suggests that the combined application of “next generation” technologies could increase the oil recovery from selected oil reservoirs by about 50% relative to continued application of today’s “best practices” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology.

The remainder of this section discusses the performance of today’s “best practices” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology, where it is being performed in the U.S., and how “next generation” technology could increase the amount of oil recovered from domestic fields.

#### **4.2 CURRENT CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR ACTIVITY AND PRODUCTION**

According to the 2008 EOR Survey published by the Oil and Gas Journal, approximately 250,000 barrels per day of incremental domestic oil is being produced by 105 CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects, distributed broadly across the U.S. Since 1986, when CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR was first used in commercial production, over 1.3 billion barrels of incremental oil have been recovered using this technology.

Figure 4 provides the location of the currently active 105 CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects (including the Weyburn project, in Canada) and illustrates their sources of CO<sub>2</sub> supply. Figure 5 tracks the steady growth in CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR based oil production for the past 20 years, noting that although new activities are underway in the Gulf Coast and the Rockies, the great bulk of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR is still being produced from the Permian Basin.

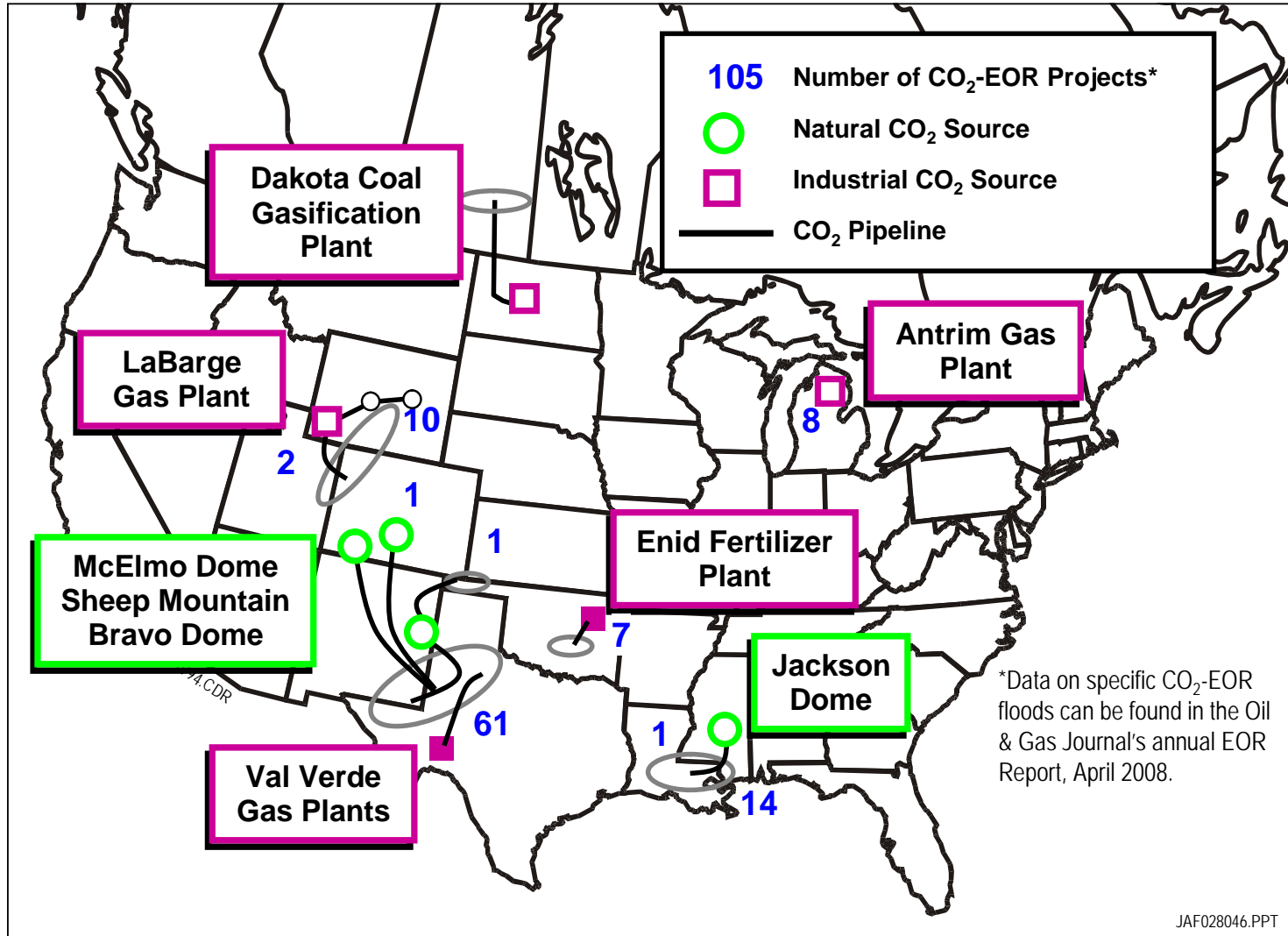


Figure 4 - U.S. CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR Activity

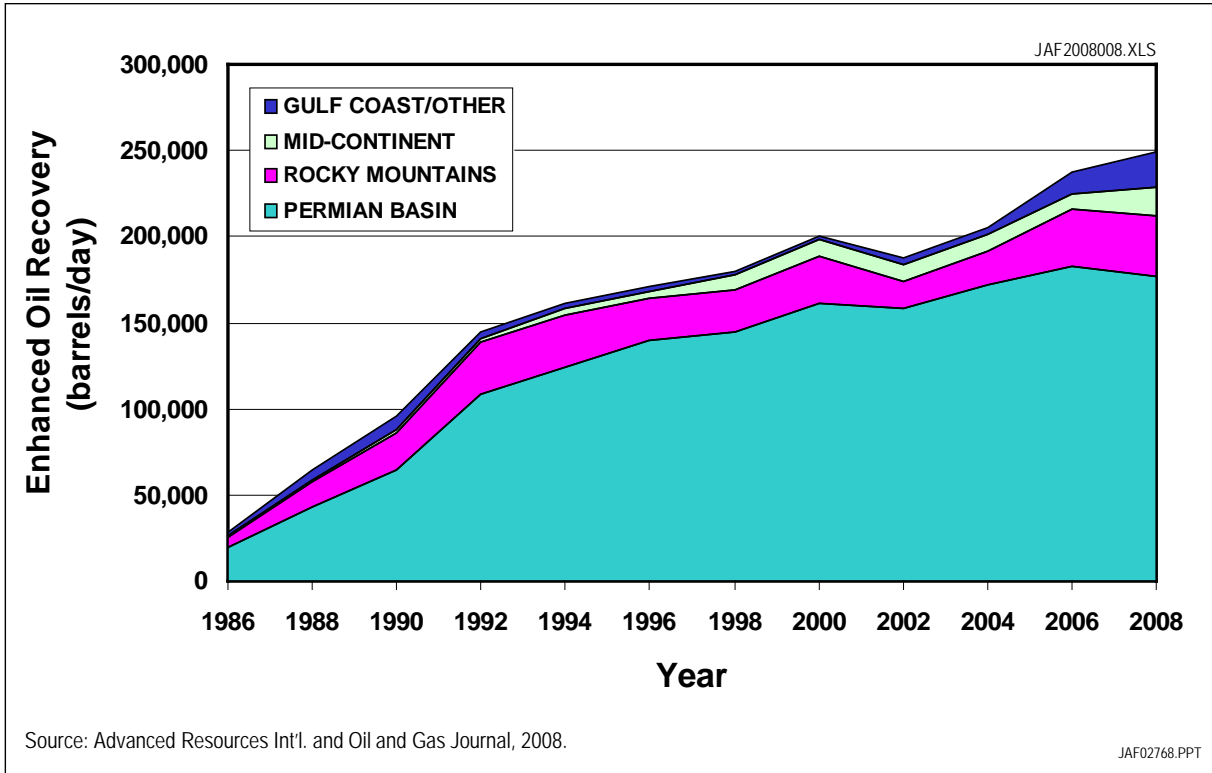


Figure 5 - Growth of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR Production in the U.S

### 4.3 PERFORMANCE OF CURRENT CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR TECHNOLOGY

Laboratory tests and reservoir modeling show that very high oil recovery efficiencies are theoretically possible using innovative applications of CO<sub>2</sub> enhanced oil recovery (CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR). Under ideal conditions, gravity-stable laboratory core floods using high pressure CO<sub>2</sub> have recovered essentially all of the residual oil. Similarly, reservoir simulation models, using innovative well placement and process designs that facilitate contact of the majority of the reservoir's pore volume with CO<sub>2</sub>, also show that high oil recovery efficiencies are possible.

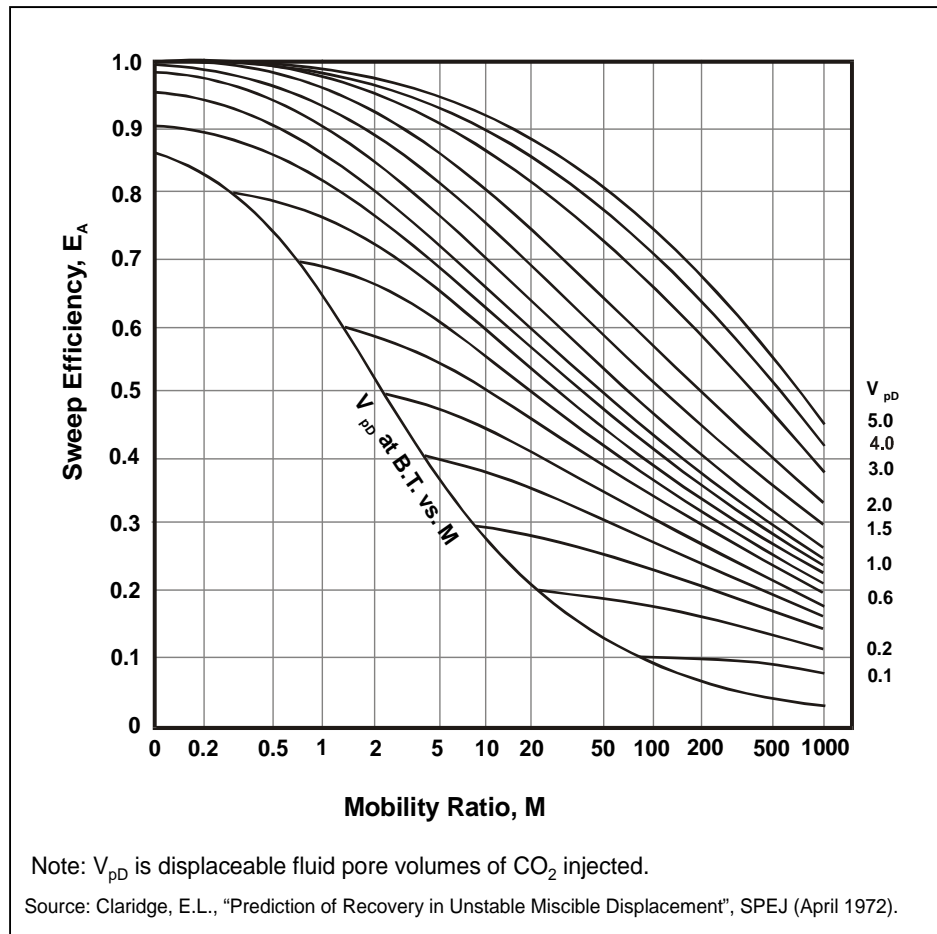
However, the actual field performance of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects has not exhibited the high oil recovery efficiency shown in laboratory tests. Geologically complex reservoir settings combined with lack of reliable performance information or process control capability during the CO<sub>2</sub> flood are some of the challenges facing optimum oil recovery using CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR.

#### 4.3.1 Barriers to Improved CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR Performance

The causes of less-than-optimum past-performance and modest oil recoveries by currently used CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technologies include the following:

1. **Insufficient Injection of CO<sub>2</sub>.** The great majority of past CO<sub>2</sub> floods injected insufficient volumes of CO<sub>2</sub> for optimum oil recovery. This was due in part to high CO<sub>2</sub> costs relative to oil prices and the inability to control CO<sub>2</sub> flow through the reservoir. Figure 6 shows

that low reservoir sweep efficiency results from using small volumes of CO<sub>2</sub> injection, particularly under conditions of high (unfavorable) mobility ratios. Table 6 provides an example of the relationship of CO<sub>2</sub> injection and oil recovery efficiency from an ideal, single layer oil reservoir, where CO<sub>2</sub> is used as the oil secondary recovery process. Table 6 provides a useful methodology for assessing how much CO<sub>2</sub> to inject. It shows that the injection of the final 0.5 HCPV<sup>9</sup> of CO<sub>2</sub> (from 1.0 to 1.5 HCPV), equal to 391,000 Mcf, leads to recovery of 34,000 additional barrels of oil with a CO<sub>2</sub> to oil ratio of 11.5 Mcf per barrel, a CO<sub>2</sub> to oil ratio that is economically favorable at an oil price of \$70 per barrel.



**Figure 6 - Oil Recovery in Miscible Flooding for Five-Spot Well Patterns**

<sup>9</sup> Hydrocarbon Pore Volume (HCPV) is a measure of the volume of the reservoir originally holding oil.



**Table 6 - Example Secondary Oil Recovery Efficiency vs. HCPV of CO<sub>2</sub> Injection\***

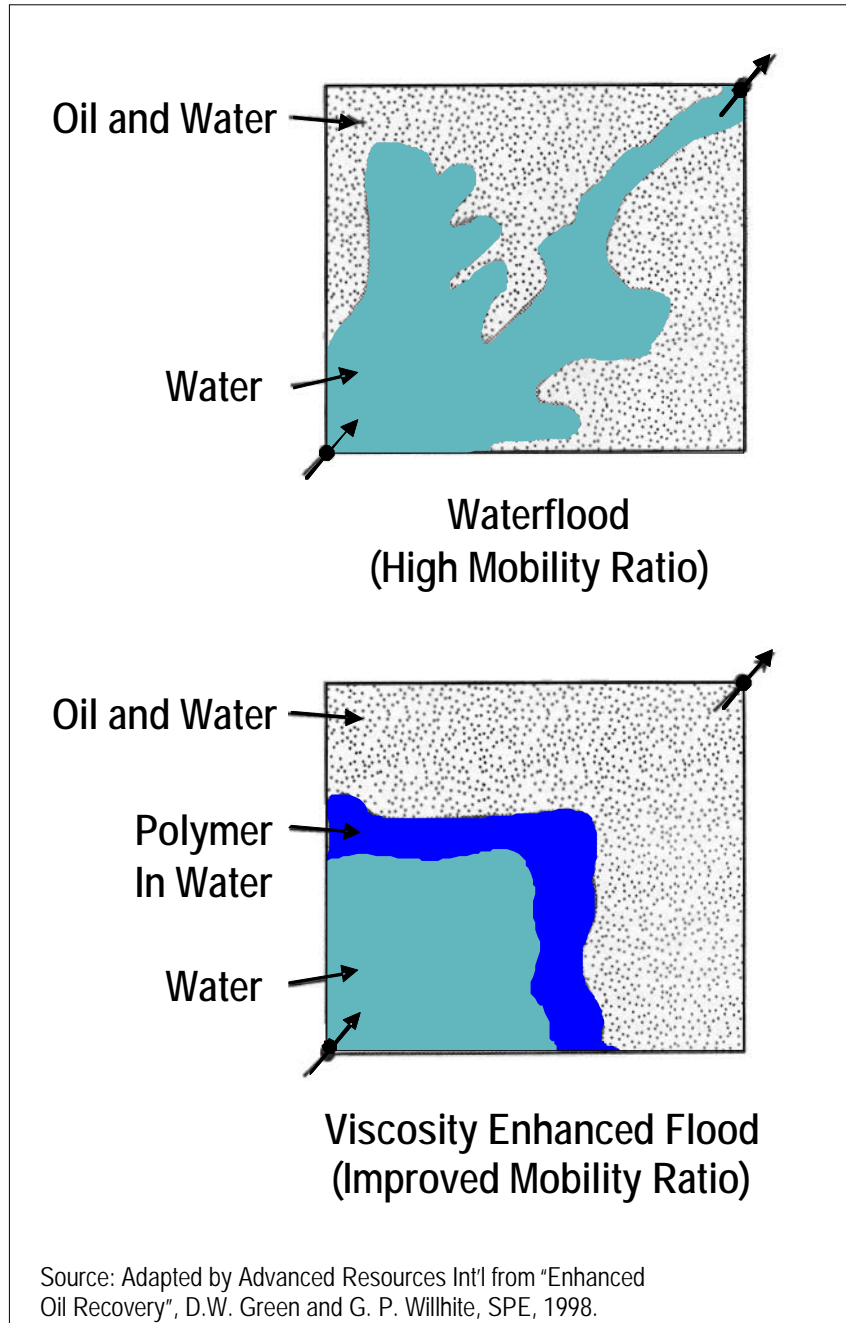
Injected CO <sub>2</sub> (HCPV)	Injected CO <sub>2</sub> (Mcf)	Reservoir Sweep Efficiency (Fraction)	Oil Recovery (Barrels)	Oil Recovery Efficiency (% OOIP)
0.40	312,800	0.345	117,300	32.2
0.60	469,200	0.440	149,600	41.1
0.80	625,600	0.515	175,100	48.1
1.00	782,000	0.570	193,800	53.2
1.50	1,173,000	0.670	227,800	62.6

\*Amount of oil produced by CO<sub>2</sub> flood divided by original oil in-place assumed at 364 thousand barrels

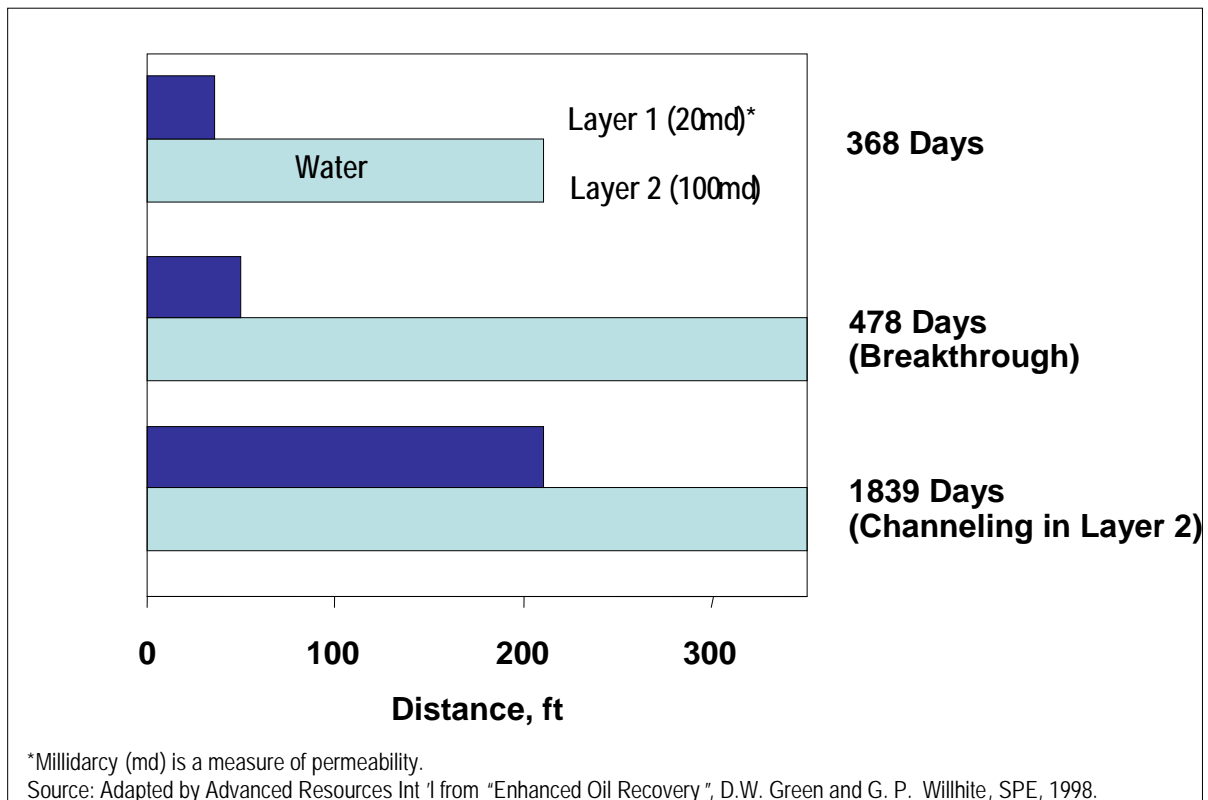
Source: Adapted by Advanced Resources Int'l from "Enhanced Oil Recovery", D.W. Green and G. P. Willhite, SPE, 1998.

2. **Poor Sweep Efficiency.** In many of the previous CO<sub>2</sub> floods, the injected CO<sub>2</sub> achieved only limited contact with the residual oil in the reservoir (poor sweep efficiency). This was due to a variety of causes, including: gravity override by the less dense CO<sub>2</sub>; viscous fingering of the CO<sub>2</sub> through the reservoir's oil; and channeling of the CO<sub>2</sub> in highly heterogeneous reservoirs. Figure 7 shows how a high mobility ratio for the injected fluid can lead to viscous fingering and how addition of viscosity enhancers would help reduce this problem in a traditional waterflood.
3. **Poor Displacement Efficiency.** Analysis of past CO<sub>2</sub> floods also shows that, in many cases, the CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR project mobilized only a modest portion of the residual oil (poor displacement efficiency) due to lack of effective miscibility between the injected CO<sub>2</sub> and the reservoir's oil, caused by unexpected pressure declines in portions of the reservoir and less than optimum injection and production well operating practices.
4. **Lack of CO<sub>2</sub> Contact With Remaining Oil Resources.** An often overlooked but important cause of poor CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR performance is the inability to efficiently target injected CO<sub>2</sub> to preferred (high residual oil) reservoir strata and then capture and produce the mobilized oil. Figure 8 shows how the lower permeability portion of the reservoir strata (Layer 1) is less efficiently swept by a waterflood, leaving behind much higher residual oil saturations in this layer of the oil reservoir. Injection of CO<sub>2</sub> into this type of reservoir, without undertaking selective CO<sub>2</sub> placement, would cause the CO<sub>2</sub> to enter the higher permeability (100 md) Layer 2, bypassing the lower permeability, higher oil saturation Layer 1.
5. **Inadequate "Management and Control".** Finally, a variety of other operating issues have contributed toward less-than-optimum performance, including the inability to

“manage and control” the CO<sub>2</sub> flood for lack of real-time process and performance information from within the oil reservoir.



**Figure 7 - Schematic of Macroscopic Displacement Efficiency Improvement with Polymer-Augmented Waterflooding (Quarter of a Five-Spot Pattern)**



**Figure 8 - Relative Location of the Water Front in a Layered Reservoir**

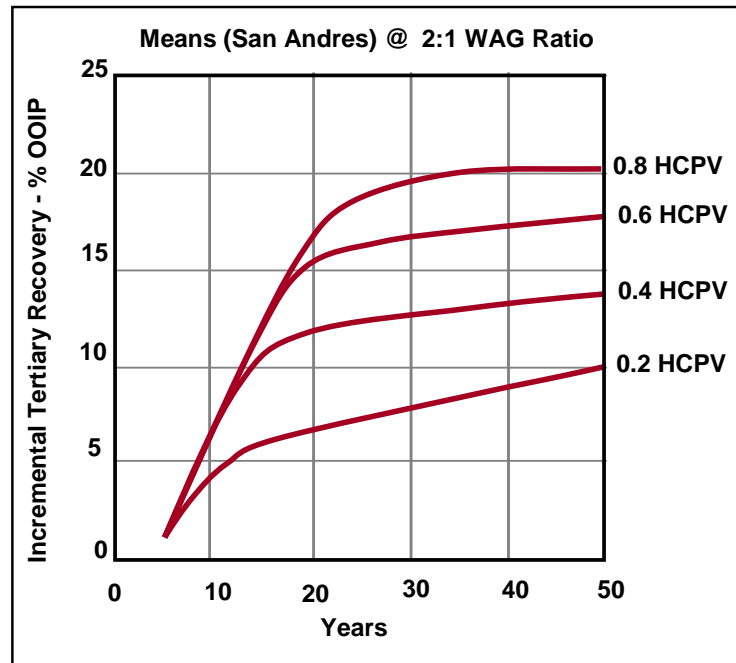
#### 4.3.2 Evolution in CO<sub>2</sub> Flooding Practices

Considerable evolution has occurred in the design and implementation of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology since it was first introduced. Notable changes include: (1) use of larger (up to 1 HCPV) volumes of CO<sub>2</sub>; (2) incorporation of tapered WAG (water alternating with gas) and other methods for mobility control; and (3) application of advanced well drilling and completion strategies to better contact previously bypassed oil. As a result, the oil recovery efficiencies of today's better designed and operated CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects have steadily improved.

- Figure 9 provides analytical support for using larger volumes of injected CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Figure 10, using information from Occidental Petroleum (Oxy Permian), provides a 17 year snapshot of the evolution of the "industry standard" for the most effective volume of CO<sub>2</sub> injection (the optimum "slug size").
- Figure 11, illustrates how rigorous monitoring and well remediation can be used to target injected CO<sub>2</sub> to reservoir strata with high remaining oil saturation, helping reduce ineffective CO<sub>2</sub> channeling.

The "next generation" technology goals analyzed in this report build on the successes of forward thinking firms that have begun to address the challenges for optimizing CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR performance.

**Actual field projects confirm that injection of higher volumes of CO<sub>2</sub> lead to higher oil recovery.**



Source: SPE 24928 (1992)

The CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR WAG project at Means (San Andres Unit) was implemented as part of an integrated reservoir development plan and involve the drilling of 205 new producers and 158 new injectors.

Initial objective was to inject 260 Bcf of CO<sub>2</sub>, equal to 55% HCPV, (0.4 HCPV purchased; 0.15 HCPV recycled) at a 2:1 WAG ratio.

Latest objective is to inject 480 Bcf (~1 HCPV) of CO<sub>2</sub>. Increasing the volume of injected CO<sub>2</sub> can also be achieved by increasing the rate of CO<sub>2</sub> injection (not shown in this chart).

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**Figure 9 - Science Behind Volume of CO<sub>2</sub> Injection and Oil Recovery Efficiency: Actual Practice**

<b>Eastern Denver Unit (Wasson Oil Field) CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR Project</b>	<b>Started</b>
➔ Start of CO <sub>2</sub> injection in EDU with 40% HCPV CO <sub>2</sub> slug size	1984
EDU WAG & start off CO <sub>2</sub> injection in WAC, FIA, B8 FIA	1989
Non performing FIA patterns stopped (~20% HCPV CO <sub>2</sub> slug size)	1992
EDU 40% to 60% HCPV CO <sub>2</sub> slug size increase approved	1994
EDU 60% to 80% HCPV CO <sub>2</sub> slug size increase approved	1996
➔ EDU 80% to 100% HCPV CO <sub>2</sub> slug size increase approved	2001

Source: OXY Permian 2006

Occidental Petroleum (Oxy Permian) is the industry leader for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR, in terms of number of large projects, volume of CO<sub>2</sub> used and volumes of oil production.

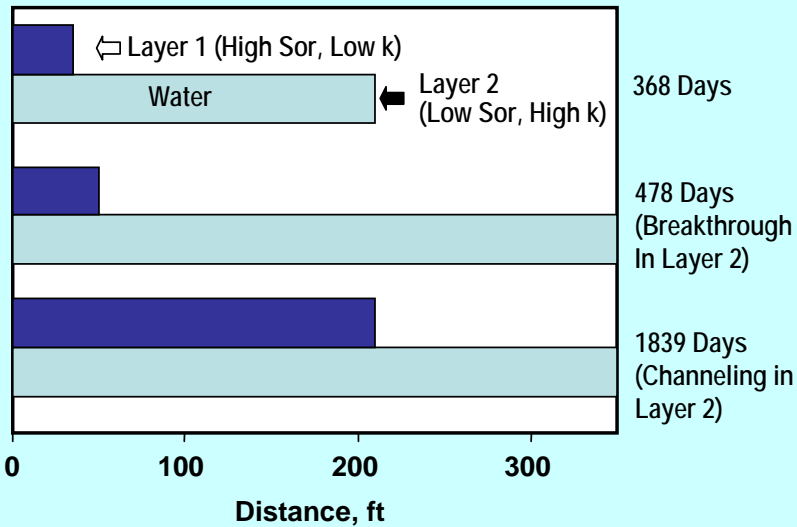
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**Figure 10 - Evolution of “Industry Standard” for Volume CO<sub>2</sub> Injection (“Slug Size”)**

**Monitoring and well remediation can be used to target injected CO<sub>2</sub> to reservoir strata with higher residual oil saturation.**

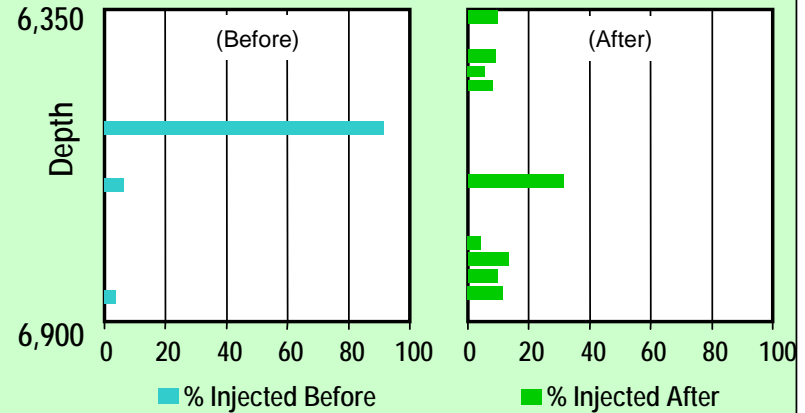
- Higher oil saturation portion of reservoir is often inefficiently swept.
- CO<sub>2</sub> channeling can be reduced with well workover or targeted well placement.

Relative Location of the CO<sub>2</sub>/Water Front



Source: Adapted by Advanced Resources Int'l from "Enhanced Oil Recovery", D.W. Green and G. P. Willhite, SPE, 1998.

Well 27-6 Injection Profile



Source: "SACROC Unit CO<sub>2</sub> Flood: Multidisciplinary Team Improves Reservoir Management and Decreases Operating Costs", J.T. Hawkins, et al., SPE Reservoir Engineering, August 1996.

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**Figure 11 - Overcoming the Effects of Geologic Complexity on CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR Performance**

## 4.4 “NEXT GENERATION” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR TECHNOLOGY

For this report, we examine four specific “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology options. These options involve: 1) increasing the volume of CO<sub>2</sub> injected, 2) optimizing well design and placement, 3) improving the mobility ratio, and 4) extending miscibility. Below, we discuss each technology application in detail and investigate how these options would increase the performance of currently used CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technologies. Importantly, each of these is a topic for future R&D.

### 4.4.1 Overview of Next Generation Technology Performance

#### **Technology Option #1. Increasing CO<sub>2</sub> Injection**

The first “next generation” technology option involves increasing CO<sub>2</sub> injection volumes to 1.5 HCPV. Higher HCPVs of injected CO<sub>2</sub> enable more of the reservoir’s residual oil to be contacted (and even multiply contacted) by the injected CO<sub>2</sub>. However, higher volumes of CO<sub>2</sub> injection lead to longer overall project length and higher gross CO<sub>2</sub> to oil ratios. Field operators will need to carefully consider this option to evaluate its cost effectiveness.

In the past, the combination of high CO<sub>2</sub> costs and low oil prices led operators to use small-volume injections of CO<sub>2</sub> (traditional 0.4 HCPV) to maximize profitability. This low volume CO<sub>2</sub> injection strategy was also selected because field operators had very limited capability to observe and then control the sub-surface movement of the injected CO<sub>2</sub> in the reservoir. With adequate volumes of lower cost CO<sub>2</sub> and higher oil prices, CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR economics today favor using higher volumes of CO<sub>2</sub>. However, these increased CO<sub>2</sub> volumes would need to be “managed and controlled” to assure that they contact, displace and recover additional residual oil rather than merely circulate through a high permeability interval of the reservoir.

#### **Technology Option #2. Innovative Flood Design and Well Placement**

Technology Option # 2 assumes that through optimized well design and placement more of the residual oil in a reservoir would be contacted. The well design and placement objective is to ensure that both the previously highly waterflood-swept (with low residual oil) portions of the oil reservoir and the poorly waterflood-swept (with higher residual oil) portions of the oil reservoir are optimally contacted by injected CO<sub>2</sub>.

Examples of such innovative well design and placement options include: (1) isolating the previously poorly-swept reservoir intervals (with higher residual oil) for targeted CO<sub>2</sub> injection; (2) drilling horizontal injection (and/or production) wells to target bypassed or poorly produced reservoir areas or intervals; (3) modifying the injection and production well pattern alignment; (4) using physical or chemical diversion materials to divert CO<sub>2</sub> into previously poorly-contacted portions of the reservoir; and (5) placing the injection and production wells at closer spacings.

To model Technology Option #2, we assume that one new vertical injection or production well would be added to each pattern targeting previously bypassed or poorly contacted portions of the reservoir. (The model assumes that each CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR pattern has one production and one injection well).

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### **Technology Option #3. Improving the Mobility Ratio**

Technology Option # 3 assumes that an increase in the viscosity of the injected water (as part of the CO<sub>2</sub>-WAG process) is achieved using polymers or other agents. (The viscosity of the CO<sub>2</sub> itself was left unchanged, although increasing the viscosity of CO<sub>2</sub> with CO<sub>2</sub>-philic agents, such as those being pursued in the joint DOE/University of Pittsburgh research program<sup>10</sup>, could theoretically further improve performance.) To model Technology Option # 3, we assume the viscosity of injected water is increased to 3cps<sup>11</sup>, or three times the viscosity of water.

### **Technology Option #4. Extending Miscibility**

Technology Option # 4 assumes that “miscibility extenders” are added to the CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR process to reduce minimum miscibility pressure requirements by 500psi (pounds per square inch). Examples of miscibility enhancing agents would include: addition of Liquefied Petroleum Gasses (LPG) to the CO<sub>2</sub>, although this would lead to a more costly injection process; addition of H<sub>2</sub>S or other sulfur compounds, although this may lead to higher cost operations; and, use of other (to be developed) miscibility pressure or interfacial tension reduction agents. Successful application of Technology Option # 4 could allow 21 previously immiscible fields to become suitable for miscible CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR operations.

### **Technology Option # 5. Integrating Application of “Next Generation” Technology Options**

The maximum benefits, in terms of increased oil recovery, accrue when these four individual “next generation” technology options are applied jointly, and as part of a highly instrumented and process-controlled field operations strategy.

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<sup>10</sup> DOE Program Reference Number: DE-FC26-01BC15315.

<sup>11</sup> A centipoise (cp) is the unit of measure for dynamic viscosity. Water has cp value of 1 at 20 degrees Celsius.

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#### 4.5 EXAMINING THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF USING “NEXT GENERATION” EOR CO<sub>2</sub> TECHNOLOGY

Insights on the costs and benefits of conducting an integrated “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR flood may be gained by examining the changes in oil production, capital investment, CO<sub>2</sub> requirements and operating costs between using today’s “best practices” and using, in an integrated fashion, “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technologies. The example set forth is representative light oil field, Table 7 and Table 8.

Appendix B provides additional discussion of the “next generation” cost and economic model.

**Table 7 - Economic Comparison of Alternative CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR Technologies – Example Light Oil Reservoir**

	Current Application of “Best Practices”	“Next Generation” Technology*
Oil Recovery (Million Barrels)	276	433
Oil Recovery (% OOIP)	17%	27%
Project Life (years)	22	32
CapEx (\$/Bbl)	\$2.20	\$3.00
CO <sub>2</sub> Costs (\$/Bbl)**	\$19.40	\$17.00
OpEx (\$/Bbl)	\$3.10	\$5.20

\*Includes extra costs for applying “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology.

\*\*Assumes long-term oil price of \$70 per barrel, adjusted for gravity and location differentials, and \$45/metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub>.

**Oil Recovery** Oil recovery from the example light oil field (with 1,596 million barrels of original oil in-place) is estimated at 433 million barrels in 32 years under “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology versus 276 million barrels in 22 years under “best practices” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology.

**Table 8 - Economic Comparison of Alternative CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR Technologies - Example Light Oil Reservoir\***

	Currently Used "Best Practices"	Application of "Next Generation" CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR Technologies
<b>OIL RECOVERY (Million Barrels)</b>	276	433
% OOIP	17%	27%
Project Life (years)	22	32
<b>CAPITAL INVESTMENT (Million \$)</b>		
Basic Cap Ex	\$615	\$615
Additional Wells	-	\$583
Larger CO <sub>2</sub> Recycle Plant	-	\$8
Process Control Measurements and Feedback	-	\$99
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$615</b>	<b>\$1,305</b>
<b>CO<sub>2</sub> COSTS (Million \$)</b>		
Purchased CO <sub>2</sub>	\$3,184	\$3,799
Recycled CO <sub>2</sub>	\$2,174	\$3,546
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,358</b>	<b>\$7,345</b>
<b>OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE (Million \$)</b>		
Basic OpEx	\$855	\$855
Additional OpEx and Fluid Lifting	-	\$970
Viscosity Enhancement and Mobility Control	-	\$358
Real-Time Project Information and Management	-	\$88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$855</b>	<b>\$2,271</b>

\* Figures in millions of 2007 dollars, unless otherwise noted

**Capital Investment** Capital investment in this sample oil field under “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology is \$1,305 million versus \$615 million with currently used “best practices”. The extra costs are due to:

- An extra \$583 million for drilling, completing, and equipping additional wells
- A larger CO<sub>2</sub> recycle plant, adding \$8 million, and
- An allocation of \$99 million for instrumented observation wells, 4-D seismic and downhole testing to provide real-time information with which to “manage and control” the “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub> flood.

On dollars of capital investment per recovered barrel of oil basis, the CapEx costs of “next generation” technologies are about \$0.80 per barrel higher.

**CO<sub>2</sub> Costs** CO<sub>2</sub> injection and supply costs for the example oil field are higher, at \$7,345 million under “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology (with its 1.5 HCPV of CO<sub>2</sub> versus \$5,358 million under “best practices”. The extra costs are due to:

- Larger volumes of purchased CO<sub>2</sub> under “next generation” technology of 1,596 Bcf of purchased CO<sub>2</sub>, compared to 1,338 Bcf under “best practices”.
- Significantly larger volumes of recycled CO<sub>2</sub> are used under “next generation” technology than “best practices” technology. In this example, “next generation” technology uses 5,066 Bcf of recycled CO<sub>2</sub>; “best practices” technology uses only 3,103 Bcf of recycled CO<sub>2</sub>.

On a cost of CO<sub>2</sub> per barrel of oil recovered basis, CO<sub>2</sub> costs are \$2.40 per barrel lower with “next generation” technology.

**Operating and Maintenance Costs (O&M)** O&M costs in the sample oil field are higher, at \$2,271 million (for 32 years of operation) under “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology versus \$855 million (for 22 years) under “best practices”. The extra costs are due to:

- An extra \$970 million for operating a larger number of wells for 10 additional years and lifting additional volumes of produced oil and water,
- An extra \$358 million for purchase and injection of viscosity enhancing and mobility control materials aspects, and
- An allocation of \$88 million for helping “manage and control” the “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub> flood.

## **5. TECHNICALLY RECOVERABLE RESOURCES FROM “NEXT GENERATION” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR OPERATIONS**

Our reservoir-by-reservoir assessment of the 1,715 large oil reservoirs amenable to CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR (extrapolated to national totals) shows that a significant volume, 128 billion barrels, of domestic oil may be recoverable with the application of “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technologies, Table 9. Subtracting the 2.3 billion barrels of oil that has already been produced or placed into proved reserves by CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR (as of 2006), “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR would add 126 billion barrels of technically recoverable oil to domestic supplies, Figure 12. For perspective, the current domestic proved crude oil reserves are 22 billion barrels, as of the end of 2007.

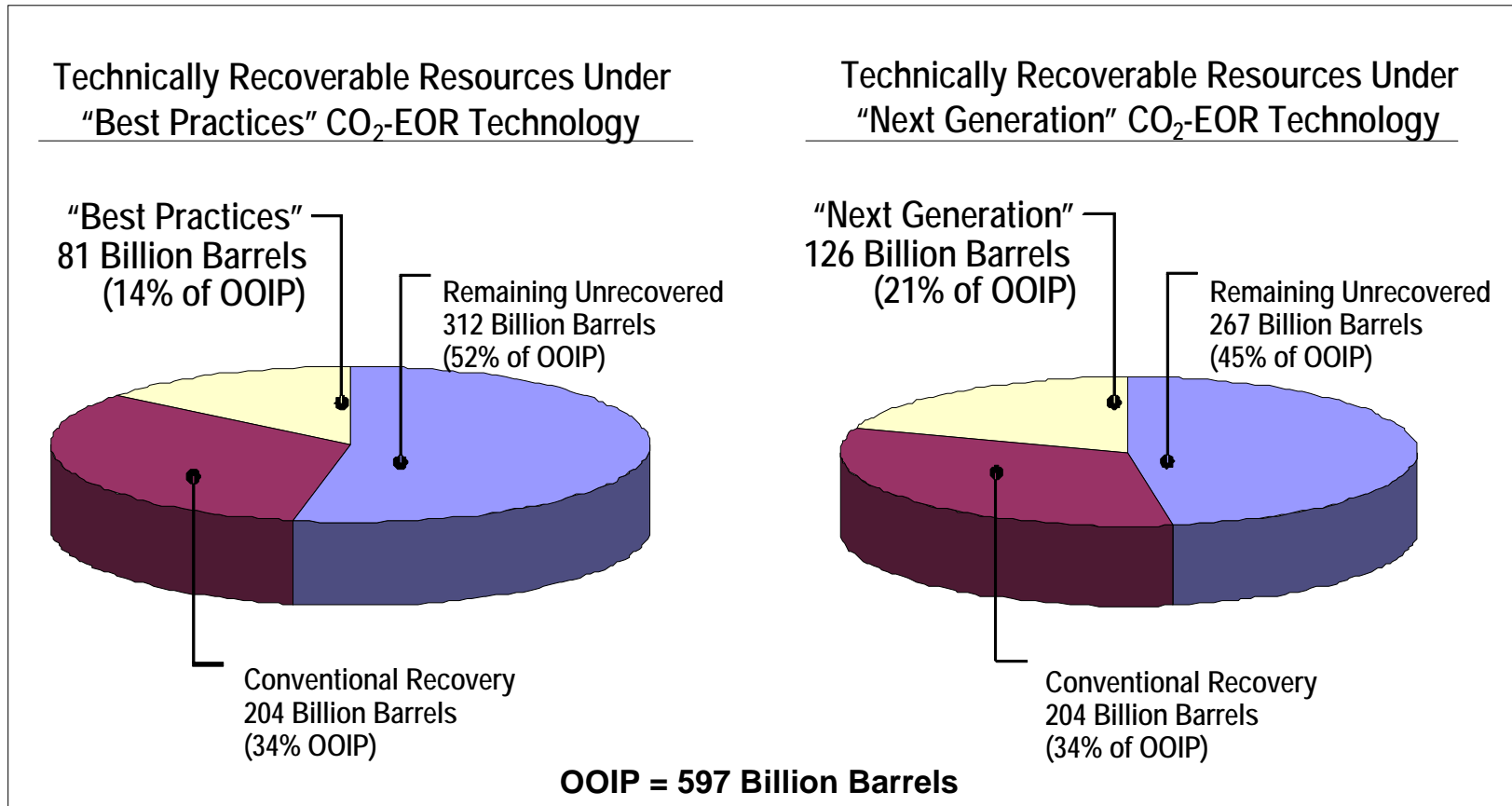
The Permian Basin of West Texas and New Mexico, with its world class size, favorable geology and carbonate reservoirs, offers the largest volume of technically recoverable oil resource from CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR. In addition, significant potential exists in East and Central Texas, the Mid-Continent, the Gulf Coast and California.

Geologically complex oil reservoirs with large volumes of residual oil (due to low primary and secondary recovery sweep efficiencies) will be most benefitted by “next generation” technology. The more homogeneous sandstone reservoirs, such as those in the Gulf Coast which achieve high oil recovery efficiencies using current CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR practices, may not be favorable settings for “next generation” technology.

**Table 9 - Technically Recoverable Resources from Applying “Next Generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR: Totals from Extrapolating Advanced Resources’ Database to National Level**

Basin/Area	OOIP (Billion Barrels)	OOIP Favorable for CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR (Billion Barrels)	Technically Recoverable (Billion Barrels)	
			“Best Practices” Technology	“Next Generation” Technology
1. Lower-48 Onshore	500.3	345.4	69	109.4
2. Offshore GOM	46.1	29.6	5.7	5.7
3. Alaska	50.7	42.5	8.6	12.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>597.1</b>	<b>417.5</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>127.9</b>

Please see Appendix D, Table D-9 for expanded version.



**Figure 12 - Comparison of Technically Recoverable Resource between State of the Art and Next Generation CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR Technologies**

## **6. ECONOMICALLY RECOVERABLE RESOURCES**

### **6.1 PERSPECTIVE ON CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR ECONOMICS**

Given the significant front-end investment in wells, recycle equipment and purchase of CO<sub>2</sub> and the time delay in reaching peak oil production, significant economic margins will be required to achieve economically favorable rates of return. Oil reservoirs with higher capital cost requirements and less favorable CO<sub>2</sub> to oil ratios would not achieve sufficient return on investment, requiring credits for storing CO<sub>2</sub> to make an integrated CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and CO<sub>2</sub> storage project economic.

### **6.2 ECONOMICALLY RECOVERABLE RESOURCES: BASE CASE**

The Base Case evaluates the “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR potential using an oil price of \$70 per barrel (constant, real) and a CO<sub>2</sub> cost of \$45 per metric ton (\$2.38 per Mcf) (constant and real, delivered at pressure to the field). In the Base Case, 57.9 billion barrels of incremental oil become economically recoverable from applying “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology, after subtracting the 2.3 billion barrels of oil already produced through existing CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR operations, Table 10.

The estimates of economically recoverable domestic oil from applying CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR have been calculated using a minimum financial hurdle rate of 15% (real, before tax). Higher financial hurdle requirements, appropriate for rapidly installing “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology in new basins and geologic settings, would reduce the volumes of economically recoverable oil.

**Table 10 - Economically Recoverable Resources from Applying “Next Generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR: National Totals at Base Case Economics\***

Basin/Area	Technically Recoverable (Billion Barrels)	CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR Currently Underway (Billion Barrels)	Incremental Technically Recoverable (Billion Barrels)	Incremental Economically Recoverable** (Billion Barrels)
1. Lower-48 Onshore	109.4	-2.3	107.1	49.4
2. Offshore GOM	5.7		5.7	0.7
3. Alaska	12.7	Note 1	12.7	7.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>127.9</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>57.9</b>

Note 1: The hydrocarbon miscible floods underway on the North Slope of Alaska contain 24% CO<sub>2</sub> in the injected gas.

\*Incremental technically recoverable resources after subtracting 2.3 billion barrels already produced or proven with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR.

\*\*Base Case Economics use an oil price of \$70 per barrel (constant, real) and a CO<sub>2</sub> cost of \$45 per metric ton (\$2.38/Mcf), delivered at pressure to the field. Economically recoverable resources form the database of large oil reservoirs are not further extrapolated to national totals. We assume that all the reservoirs with economic potential are already included in this database.

Please see Appendix D, Table D-10 for expanded version.

### 6.3 ECONOMICALLY RECOVERABLE RESOURCES: SENSITIVITY CASES

To gain insights as to how changes in oil prices would affect “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects, the report examined one lower and one higher oil price case (and their associated CO<sub>2</sub> costs). Table 11 presents the 57.9 billion barrels of domestic oil recovery potentially available from CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR at the Base Case oil price and CO<sub>2</sub> costs. The economically recoverable resource increases to 67.6 billion barrels at a higher (\$100/Bbl) oil price and drops to 46.6 billion barrels at a lower (\$50/Bbl) oil price.

**Table 11 - Economically Recoverable Resource from “Next Generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR :  
National Totals at Alternative Economic Cases**

Basin/Area	Base Case	Lower Oil Price Case	Higher Oil Price Cases
	(\$70/Bbl)	(\$50/Bbl)	(\$100/Bbl)
	(Billion Barrels)	(Billion Barrels)	(Billion Barrels)
1. Lower-48 Onshore	49.4	43.1	54.9
2. Offshore GOM	0.7	0.5	2.4
3. Alaska	7.8	3.0	10.3
<b>Total Demand</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>67.6</b>

Please see Appendix D, Table D-11 for expanded version.



## **7. THE MARKET FOR STORING CO<sub>2</sub> WITH EOR**

The previous chapters established that 126 billion barrels of additional domestic oil could be technically produced with “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology. In addition, they established that 47 to 68 billion barrels could be economically produced with “next generation” technology. This chapter discusses first how much CO<sub>2</sub> could be technically stored in domestic oil fields (storage capacity) and second how much CO<sub>2</sub> would be required to be purchased (and stored) to produce the economically recoverable oil.

### **7.1 THE CO<sub>2</sub> INJECTION AND STORAGE PROCESS OF CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR**

The sequence for injecting and storing CO<sub>2</sub> as part of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR is as follows:

- Initially, purchased or captured CO<sub>2</sub> emissions would be injected into the oil field along with water for mobility control.
- As oil and CO<sub>2</sub> begins to be produced, the CO<sub>2</sub> is separated from the oil and reinjected, continuing the life of the CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR project.
- Near the end of the CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR project, the operator may choose to close the field at pressure, storing essentially all of the purchased CO<sub>2</sub>, or may inject a large (1 to 2 HCPV) slug of water to recover any remaining mobile oil and CO<sub>2</sub>. This produced CO<sub>2</sub> may then be used in another portion of the reservoir or sold to another oil field.

### **7.2 CO<sub>2</sub> STORAGE CAPACITY**

The analysis shows that significant volumes of captured CO<sub>2</sub> emissions could be injected and stored with “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub> EOR, creating 28.4 billion metric tons of technical CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity, Table 12. This number is only a fraction of the 138 million metric tons mentioned in the NETL Carbon Sequestration Atlas<sup>12</sup> as potentially available storage in oil and gas reservoirs. These numbers are not comparable as the CO<sub>2</sub> stored in this report is determined analytically by a stream tube predictive model and represents the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> sequestered in active pursuit of enhanced oil recovery. Storage only occurs in oil reservoirs which screen as being acceptable candidates for EOR. The maximum CO<sub>2</sub> injected in this process is defined as part of the technology being modeled. In Contrast, the number in the Sequestration Atlas is the result of a calculation in which all producible oil and gas originally found in geologic formations is replaced with an equivalent volume of CO<sub>2</sub>.

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<sup>12</sup> “2008 Carbon Sequestration Atlas of the United States and Canada, Second Addition”, U.S. Dept. of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, 2008  
[http://www.netl.doe.gov/technologies/carbon\\_seq/refshelf/atlasII](http://www.netl.doe.gov/technologies/carbon_seq/refshelf/atlasII)

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**Table 12 - Technical CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Capacity using “Next Generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR: Totals from Extrapolating Advanced Resources’ Database to National Level (Eleven Basins/Areas)**

Basin/Area	Gross Technical CO <sub>2</sub> Storage Capacity (Million Metric Tons)	CO <sub>2</sub> Already Scheduled to be Injected (Million Metric Tons)	Net Technical Storage Capacity for CO <sub>2</sub> (Million Metric Tons)
1. Lower-48 Onshore	24,647	660	23,987
2. Offshore GOM	1,742	-	1,742
3. Alaska	2,668	-	2,668
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,058</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>28,398</b>

Please see Appendix, Table D-12 for expanded version.

### 7.3 THE MARKET FOR CO<sub>2</sub>

A subset of the technical CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity offered by domestic oil fields is the volume of CO<sub>2</sub> that oil producers may be willing to purchase (and then store) for use in economically feasible CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects. Table 13 and Table 14 tabulate the economic CO<sub>2</sub> demand for EOR as a function of oil price and CO<sub>2</sub> cost. Table 14 also subtracts out CO<sub>2</sub> from natural and anthropogenic sources and the CO<sub>2</sub> demand in Alaska to provide a net demand for CO<sub>2</sub> in the lower 48 states.

**Table 13 – Economically Feasible Market for CO<sub>2</sub> for “Next Generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR: Base case\* (Eleven Basins/Areas)**

Basin/Area	Gross Market for CO <sub>2</sub> (Million Metric Tons)		CO <sub>2</sub> Already or Scheduled to be Injected (Million Metric Tons)	Net New Market for CO <sub>2</sub> (Million Metric Tons)	
	“Best Practices”	“Next Generation”		“Best Practices”	“Next Generation”
1. Lower-48 Onshore	9,061	10,752	660	8,401	9,912
2. Offshore GOM	200	200	-	200	200
3. Alaska	440	1,399	-	440	1,399
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,701</b>	<b>12,171</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>9,041</b>	<b>11,511</b>

\*Base Case: Oil price of \$70 per barrel; CO<sub>2</sub> cost of \$45 per metric ton.

Please see Appendix D, Table D-13 for expanded version.

In the Base Case, net economic CO<sub>2</sub> demand is approximately 9.0 billion metric tons, equal to the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> that could be captured from 48 GWs of coal fired power plant capacity over 30 years<sup>13</sup>. (A major portion of this CO<sub>2</sub> demand is from lower-48 oil fields and equals 7.7 billion metric tons, Table 14.) As such, “next generation” technology creates a significantly larger demand for CO<sub>2</sub> than created by “best practice” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technologies, where the net CO<sub>2</sub> demand was 6.5 gigatons, equal to the emissions from 35 GWs of coal-fired power capacity (in the “best practices” case, Lower-48 oil field CO<sub>2</sub> demand is 6.2 gigatons).

The demand for CO<sub>2</sub> from the EOR market can be an important source of revenue for the initial set of power plants that invest in CO<sub>2</sub> capture.

<sup>13</sup> Assuming 85% capacity factor and 34% efficiency. A 1GW powerplant with these specifications would generate 223 billion kWh of electricity in thirty years (1GW \* 85% \* 8.76 (conversion between GW and billion kWh/year) \* 30 years). With a CO<sub>2</sub> intensity of .94 million tons CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh (thermodynamic equivalency based on efficiency of power plant and emissions profile of coal) and 90% capture, this power plant could supply 188 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> in 30 years.

**Table 14 - Economically Feasible Market Demand for CO<sub>2</sub> by CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR: Alternative Cases (Eleven Basins/Areas)**

Basin/Area	Base Case	Lower Oil Price Case*	Higher Oil Price Case**
	(\$70/Bbl) (Million Metric Tons)	(\$50/Bbl) (Million Metric Tons)	(\$100/Bbl) (Million Metric Tons)
1. Lower-48 Onshore	9,912	8,475	11,318
2. Offshore GOM	200	150	660
3. Alaska	1,399	466	2,020
<b>Total Demand</b>	<b>11,511</b>	<b>9,091</b>	<b>13,998</b>
Less: Natural CO <sub>2</sub> Sources	2,280	2,280	2,280
Less: Industrial Sources	220	220	220
<b>Total US</b>	<b>9,011</b>	<b>6,591</b>	<b>11,498</b>
<b>Total Lower-48***</b>	<b>7,672</b>	<b>6,235</b>	<b>9,078</b>

\*Lower Oil Price Case: Oil price of \$50 per barrel; CO<sub>2</sub> cost of \$35 per metric ton.

\*\*Higher Oil Price Case: Oil price of \$100 per barrel; CO<sub>2</sub> costs of \$60 per metric ton.

\*\*\* 260 MMmt of Natural CO<sub>2</sub> Supplies were from Alaska.

Please see Appendix D, Table D-14 for expanded version.

Table 15 tabulates the volumes of natural and anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> currently being used for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR, with the coal gasification plant in North Dakota serving as the “poster child” for linking capture of industrial CO<sub>2</sub> emissions with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR.

**Table 15 - Existing CO<sub>2</sub> Supplies – volumes of CO<sub>2</sub> injected for EOR**

State/ Province (storage location)	Source Type (location)	CO <sub>2</sub> Supply MMcfd**	
		Natural	Anthropogenic
Texas-Utah-New Mexico- Oklahoma	Geologic (Colorado-New Mexico) Gas Processing (Texas)	1,820	105
Colorado-Wyoming	Gas Processing (Wyoming)	-	230
Mississippi	Geologic (Mississippi)	700	-
Michigan	Ammonia Plant (Michigan)	-	15
Oklahoma	Fertilizer Plant (Oklahoma)	-	30
Saskatchewan	Coal Gasification (North Dakota)	-	150
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,520</b>	<b>530</b>

\* Source: Advanced Resources, 2009

\*\* MMcfd of CO<sub>2</sub> can be converted to million metric tons per year by first multiplying by 365 (days per year) and then dividing by  $18.9 * 10^3$  (Mcf per metric ton).

## **APPENDIX A: STUDY METHODOLOGY**

**A.1 OVERVIEW** A six part methodology was used to assess the CO<sub>2</sub> storage and EOR potential of domestic oil reservoirs. The six steps were: (1) assembling the Major Oil Reservoirs Database; (2) calculating the minimum miscibility pressure; (3) screening reservoirs for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR; (4) calculating oil recovery; (5) assembling the cost and economic model; and, (6) performing economic and sensitivity analyses.

**A.2 ASSEMBLING THE MAJOR OIL RESERVOIRS DATA BASE** The study started with the database used in the previous set of “basins studies”. The study updated and augmented this database by incorporating the internally prepared Appalachian Basin Database and by making other improvements to this database.

Table A-1 illustrates the oil reservoir data recording format developed by the study. The data format readily integrates with the input data required by the CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR screening and oil recovery models, discussed below. Overall, the Major Oil Reservoirs Database contains 2,012 reservoirs, accounting for 74% of the oil expected to be ultimately produced in the U.S. by primary and secondary oil recovery processes.

Considerable effort was required to construct an up-to-date, volumetrically consistent database that contained all of the essential data, formats and interfaces to enable the study to: (1) develop an accurate estimate of the size of the original and remaining oil in-place; (2) reliably screen the reservoirs as to their amenability for miscible and immiscible CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR; and, (3) provide the *CO<sub>2</sub>-PROPHET* Model the essential input data for calculating CO<sub>2</sub> injection requirements and oil recovery.

**Basin Name**

**Field Name**

**Reservoir**



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**Reservoir Parameters:**

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S <sub>w</sub>	<input type="text"/>
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Viscosity (cp)	<input type="text"/>
Dykstra-Parsons	<input type="text"/>

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	ARI
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2002 Production (Mbbbl)	<input type="text"/>
Daily Prod - Field (Bbl/d)	<input type="text"/>
Cum Oil Production (MMbbl)	<input type="text"/>
EOY 2002 Oil Reserves (MMbbl)	<input type="text"/>
Water Cut	<input type="text"/>

**Water Production**

2002 Water Production (Mbbbl)	<input type="text"/>
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**Injection**

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Ultimate Recovered (MMbbl)	<input type="text"/>

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**Table A-1 - Reservoir Data Format: Major Oil Reservoirs Database**



**A.3 CALCULATING MINIMUM MISCIBILITY PRESSURE** The miscibility of a reservoir's oil with injected CO<sub>2</sub> is a function of pressure, temperature and the composition of the reservoir's oil. The study's approach to estimating whether a reservoir's oil will be miscible with CO<sub>2</sub>, given fixed temperature and oil composition, was to determine whether the reservoir would hold sufficient pressure to attain miscibility. Where oil composition data was missing, a correlation was used for translating the reservoir's oil gravity to oil composition.

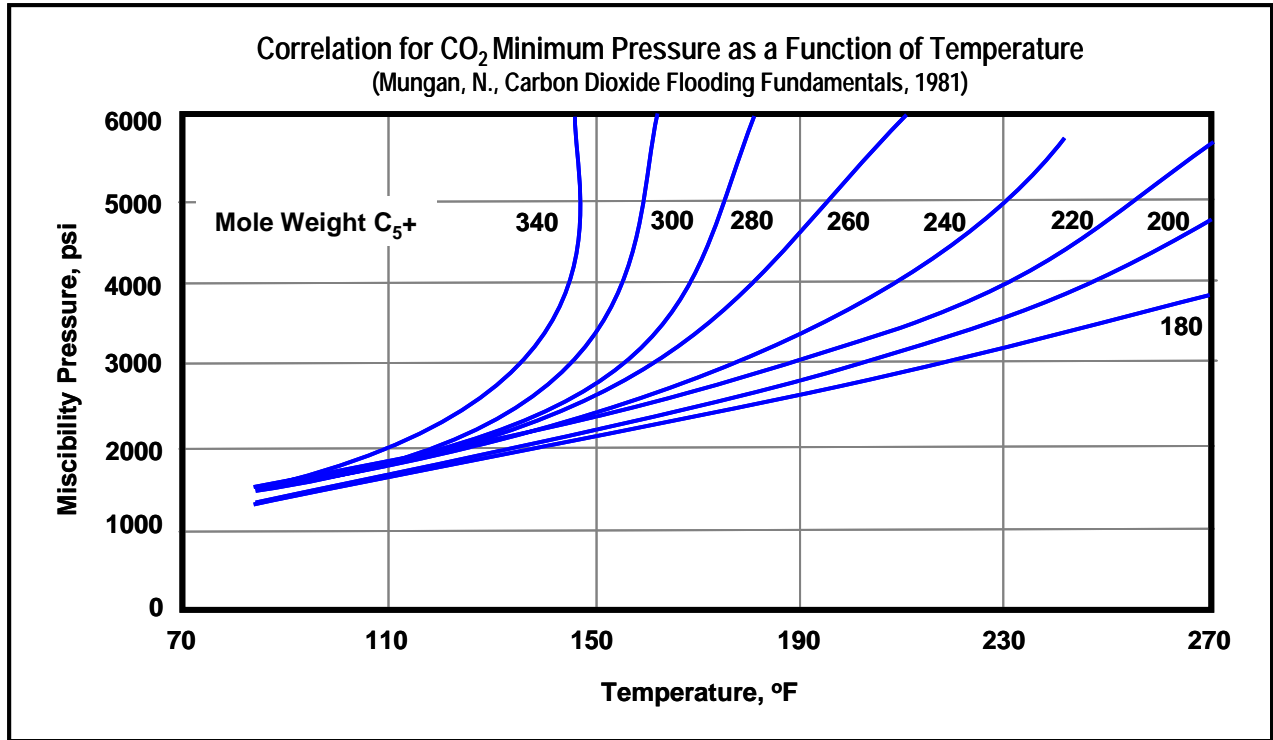
To determine the minimum miscibility pressure (MMP) for any given reservoir, the study used the Cronquist correlation, Figure A-1. This formulation determines MMP based on reservoir temperature and the molecular weight (MW) of the pentanes and heavier fractions of the reservoir oil, without considering the mole percent of methane. (Most Gulf Coast oil reservoirs have produced the bulk of their methane during primary and secondary recovery.) The Cronquist correlation is set forth below:

$$\text{MMP} = 15.988 * T^{(0.744206 + 0.0011038 * \text{MW C5+})}$$

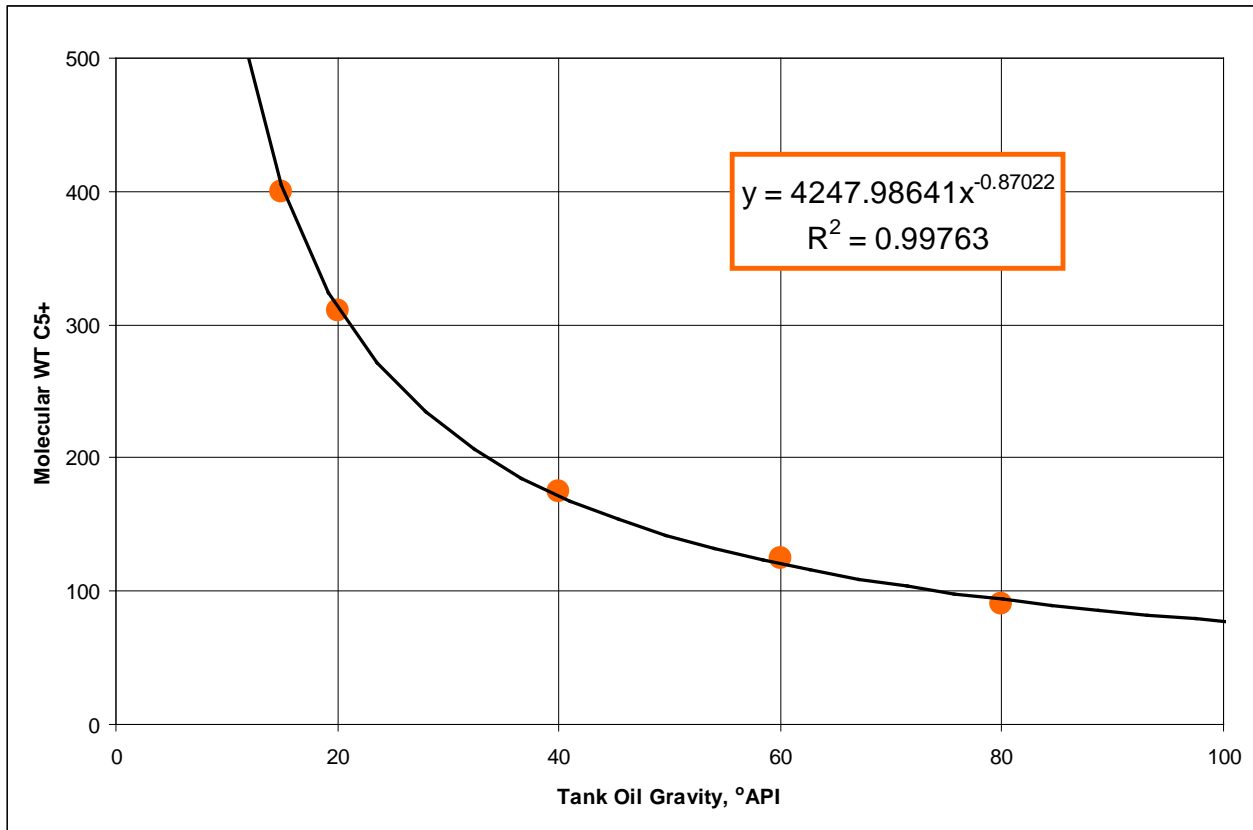
Where: T is Temperature in °F, and MW C5+ is the molecular weight of pentanes and heavier fractions in the reservoir's oil.

The temperature of the reservoir was taken from the database or estimated from the thermal gradient in the basin. The molecular weight of the pentanes and heavier fraction of the oil was obtained from the database or was estimated from a correlative plot of MW C5+ and oil gravity, shown in Figure A-2.

The next step was calculating the minimum miscibility pressure (MMP) for a given reservoir and comparing it to the maximum allowable pressure. The maximum pressure was determined using a pressure gradient of 0.6 psi/foot. If the minimum miscibility pressure was below the maximum injection pressure, the reservoir was classified as a miscible flood candidate. Oil reservoirs that did not screen positively for miscible CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR were selected for consideration by immiscible CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR.



**Figure A-1 - Estimating CO<sub>2</sub> Minimum Miscibility Pressure**



**Figure A-2 - Correlation of MW C5+ to Tank Oil Gravity**

**A.4 SCREENING RESERVOIRS FOR CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR** The database was screened for reservoirs that would be applicable for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR. Five prominent screening criteria were used to identify favorable reservoirs. These were: reservoir depth, oil gravity, reservoir pressure, reservoir temperature, and oil composition. These values were used to establish the minimum miscibility pressure for conducting miscible CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and for selecting reservoirs that would be amenable to this oil recovery process. Reservoirs not meeting the miscibility pressure standard were considered for immiscible CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR.

The preliminary screening steps involved selecting the deeper oil reservoirs that had sufficiently high oil gravity. A minimum reservoir depth of 3,000 feet, at the mid-point of the reservoir, was used to ensure the reservoir could accommodate high pressure CO<sub>2</sub> injection. A minimum oil gravity of 17.5 °API was used to ensure the reservoir’s oil had sufficient mobility, without requiring thermal injection.

**A.5 CALCULATING OIL RECOVERY** The study utilized *CO<sub>2</sub>-PROPHET* to calculate incremental oil produced using CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR.

- *CO<sub>2</sub>-PROPHET* generates streamlines for fluid flow between injection and production wells, and
- The model performs oil displacement and recovery calculations along the established streamlines. (A finite difference routine is used for oil displacement calculations.)

Even with these improvements, it is important to note the *CO<sub>2</sub>-PROPHET* is still primarily a “screening-type” model, and lacks some of the key features, such as gravity override and compositional changes to fluid phases, available in more sophisticated reservoir simulators.

**A.6 ASSEMBLING THE COST MODEL** A detailed, up-to-date CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR Cost Model was developed by the study. The model includes costs for: (1) drilling new wells or reworking existing wells; (2) providing surface equipment for new wells; (3) installing the CO<sub>2</sub> recycle plant; (4) constructing a CO<sub>2</sub> spur-line from the main CO<sub>2</sub> trunkline to the oil field; and, (5) various miscellaneous costs.

The cost model also accounts for normal well operation and maintenance (O&M), for lifting costs of the produced fluids, and for costs of capturing, separating and reinjecting the produced CO<sub>2</sub>. A variety of CO<sub>2</sub> purchase and reinjection costs options are available to the model user.

**A.7 CONSTRUCTING AN ECONOMICS MODEL** The economic model used by the study is an industry standard cash flow model that can be run on either a pattern or a field-wide basis. The economic model accounts for royalties, severance and ad valorem taxes, as well as any oil gravity and market location discounts (or premiums) from the “marker” oil price. A variety of oil prices are available to the model user.

**APPENDIX B: ECONOMICS OF “NEXT GENERATION” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR  
TECHNOLOGY**

**B1. BASIC ECONOMIC MODEL.** The economic model used in the analysis draws on the previously published economic models in the above mentioned “Storing CO<sub>2</sub> with Enhanced Oil Recovery” report. This basic economic model was modified to incorporate the additional costs associated with applying “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology in the field. The specific process and cost changes incorporated into the “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR version of the economic model are set forth below.

- **Oil and Water Production.** The oil production and CO<sub>2</sub> injection rates from applying “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technology and the increase in the life of the CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR project were estimated using *PROPHET2*. This involved assembling the reservoir properties for each of the reservoirs and then placing them into the *PROPHET2* stream-tube reservoir model to calculate CO<sub>2</sub> injection and oil and water production versus time.
- **CO<sub>2</sub> Injection.** The costs of injecting CO<sub>2</sub> were estimated using the same pricing formula assumed in the “Storing CO<sub>2</sub> with Enhanced Oil recovery” report of \$45/mt CO<sub>2</sub> (\$2.38/Mcf) @ \$70/Bbl Oil. The cost of recycled CO<sub>2</sub> (per Mcf) is 1 percent of oil price (\$/Bbl).

The capital investment costs for the CO<sub>2</sub> recycle plant were scaled to reflect the higher peak recycled CO<sub>2</sub> volumes in the “next generation” technology cases.

- **Additional Costs for Applying “Next Generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR Technology.** Four additional modifications were made to the cost and economics model to account for the costs of applying each of the “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR technologies, as set forth below:
  - *Increased Volume of CO<sub>2</sub> Injection.* The costs for purchasing, recycling, and injecting 1.5 HCPV of CO<sub>2</sub> are included in the “next generation” economic model.
  - *Innovative Flood Design and Well Placement.* The “next generation” economic model assumes that one additional new vertical production well would be added to each pattern. This well would produce from previously bypassed or poorly contacted portions of the reservoir. (The model assumes that each pattern already has or drills one production and one injection well.)
  - *Viscosity Enhancement.* The economic model assumes that the water injection costs for the CO<sub>2</sub>-WAG process are increased by \$0.25 per barrel of injected water to account for the addition of viscosity enhancers and other mobility control agents or actions.
  - *Flood Performance Diagnostics and Control.* The economic model assumes that the “next generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR project is supported by a fully staffed technical team (geologists, reservoir engineers, and economic analysts), uses a series of observation wells and downhole sensors to monitor the progress of the flood, and conducts periodic 4-D seismic plus pressure and residual oil saturation measurements to “optimize, manage, and control” the CO<sub>2</sub> flood. The “next generation” economic model adds 10 percent to the initial capital investment and

10 percent to the annual operating costs of the CO<sub>2</sub> flood to cover these extra costs.

**APPENDIX C: CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR USING GRAVITY STABLE CO<sub>2</sub> INJECTION  
AND OIL DISPLACEMENT**

A large Gulf Coast oil reservoir with 329 million barrels (OOIP) in the main pay zone has been selected as the “case study” for this analysis. The gravity stable CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR flood design is shown in Figure C-1, below. The starting conditions of the sample Gulf Coast reservoir are as follows:

- The primary/secondary oil recovery in this oil reservoir is favorable at 148 million barrels, equal to 45% of OOIP. Even with this favorable oil recovery using conventional practices, 181 million barrels is left behind (“stranded”).
- In addition, another 100 million barrels of essentially immobile residual oil exists in the underlying 130 feet of the transition/residual oil zone (TZ/ROZ).
- Below the TZ/ROZ is an underlying saline reservoir with 195 feet of thickness, holding considerable CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity.

Based on the above, the theoretical CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity of this oil reservoir and structural closure is 2,710 Bcf (143 million metric tons). One purpose of the gravity stable design is to utilize as much of the safe and secure CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity as possible.

Assuming there is value to storing CO<sub>2</sub> with gravity stable CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and sequestration technology, much more CO<sub>2</sub> can be stored relative to “next generation” technology and more oil becomes potentially recoverable:

- CO<sub>2</sub> storage increases by 3 to 4 fold to 109 million tons with 76% of the theoretical storage capacity utilized.
- Oil recovery is increased by two fold, to 180 million barrels, containing 72 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> (when combusted). Importantly, 109 billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> is injected and stored during the EOR flood. As such, more CO<sub>2</sub> is stored than contained in the produced oil, making the produced oil “green.”

**Table C-1 - Case Study: Integration of “Next Generation” CO<sub>2</sub> Storage with EOR**

	“Next Generation”	“Second Generation” CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR & Storage		
		CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR	Seq.	Total
CO <sub>2</sub> Storage (tonnes)	32	76	33	109
Storage Capacity Utilization	22%	53%	23%	76%
Oil Recovery (barrels)	92	180	-	180
% Carbon Neutral (“Green Oil”)	87%	106%	-	151%



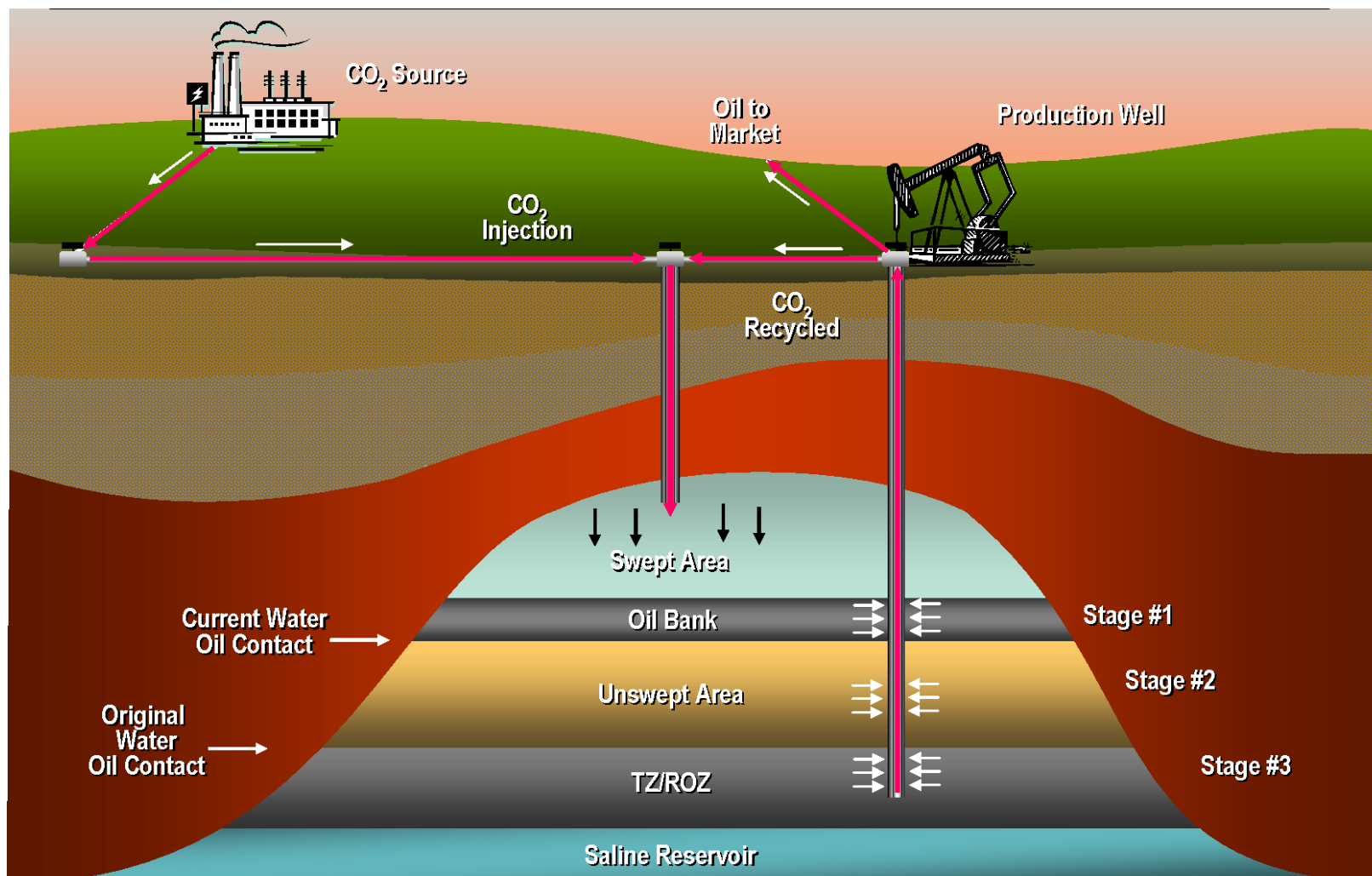


Figure C-1 - Illustration of Gravity Stable Integration of CO<sub>2</sub> Storage and EOR

## **APPENDIX D: DETAILED REGION-LEVEL TABLES**

**Table D-3 - National In-Place, Conventionally Recoverable and “Stranded” Crude Oil Resources**

Basin/Area	OOIP (Billion Barrels)	Conventionally Recoverable		ROIP “Stranded”
		(Billion Barrels)	% of OOIP	(Billion Barrels)
1. Alaska	50.7	21.9	43%	28.8
2. California	83.3	26.0	31%	57.3
3. Gulf Coast (AL, FL, MS, LA)	44.4	16.9	38%	27.5
4. Mid-Continent (OK, AR, KS, NE)	89.6	24.0	27%	65.6
5. Illinois/Michigan	17.8	6.3	35%	11.5
6. Permian (W TX, NM)	95.4	33.7	35%	61.7
7. Rockies (CO,UT,WY)	33.6	11.0	33%	22.6
8. Texas, East/Central	109.0	35.4	32%	73.6
9. Williston (MT, ND, SD)	13.2	3.8	29%	9.4
10. Offshore GOM	46.1	20.9	45%	25.2
11. Appalachia (WV, OH, KY, PA)	14.0	3.9	28%	10.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>597.1</b>	<b>203.8</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>393.3</b>

**Table D-4 – Comparison of National and Database Domestic Oil Resource Base**

Basin/Area	National Data OOIP* (Billion Barrels)	Major Oil Reservoirs Database OOIP* (Billion Barrels)	Database Coverage (%)
1. Alaska	50.7	50.7	100
2. California	83.3	75.2	90
3. Gulf Coast (AL, FL, MS, LA)	44.4	26.4	60
4. Mid-Continent (OK, AR, KS, NE)	89.6	53.1	59
5. Illinois/Michigan	17.8	12.0	67
6. Permian (W TX, NM)	95.4	72.4	76
7. Rockies (CO,UT,WY)	33.6	23.7	70
8. Texas, East/Central	109.0	67.4	62
9. Williston (MT, ND, SD)	13.2	9.4	71
10. Offshore GOM	46.1	46.1	100
11. Appalachia (WV, OH, KY, PA)	14.0	10.6	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>597.1</b>	<b>447.0</b>	<b>75</b>

\*Original Oil In-Place

**Table D-5 – Major Oil Reservoirs Screened as Favorable for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR**

Basin/Area	Major Oil Reservoirs Database	
	# of Total Reservoirs	# Favorable for CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR
1. Alaska	42	33
2. California	187	89
3. Gulf Coast (AL,FL, MS, LA)	290	159
4. Mid-Continent (OK, AR, KS, NE)	246	108
5. Illinois/Michigan	172	111
6. Permian (W TX, NM)	228	191
7. Rockies (CO,UT,WY)	189	99
8. Texas, East/Central	213	161
9. Williston (MT, ND, SD)	95	54
10. Offshore GOM	4,493	642
11. Appalachia (WV, OH, KY, PA)	188	68
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,344</b>	<b>1,715</b>

**Table D-9 – Technically Recoverable Resources from Applying “Next Generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR: Totals from Extrapolating Advanced Resources’ Database to National Level**

Basin/Area	OOIP (Billion Barrels)	OOIP Favorable for CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR  (Billion Barrels)	Technically Recoverable  (Billion Barrels)	
			“Best Practices” Technology	“Next Generation” Technology
1. Alaska	50.7	42.5	8.6	12.7
2. California	83.3	34.8	6.0	9.7
3. Gulf Coast (AL, FL, MS, LA)	44.4	34.1	7.1	9.9
4. Mid-Continent (OK, AR, KS, NE)	89.6	49.1	10.5	17.8
5. Illinois/Michigan	17.8	10.3	1.4	2.5
6. Permian (W TX, NM)	95.4	83.5	18.4	27.2
7. Rockies (CO,UT,WY)	33.6	29.0	4.1	8.6
8. Texas, East/Central	109.0	84.8	17.4	27.3
9. Williston (MT, ND, SD)	13.2	10.2	2.5	3.9
10. Offshore GOM	46.1	29.6	5.7	5.7
11. Appalachia (WV, OH, KY, PA)	14.0	9.7	1.6	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>597.1</b>	<b>417.5</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>127.9</b>

**Table D-10 – Economically Recoverable Resources from Applying “Next Generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR: National Totals at Base Case Economics\***

Basin/Area	Technically Recoverable (Billion Barrels)	CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR Currently Underway (Billion Barrels)	Incremental Technically Recoverable (Billion Barrels)	Incremental Economically Recoverable** (Billion Barrels)
1. Alaska	12.7	Note 1	12.7	7.8
2. California	9.7		9.7	7.7
3. Gulf Coast (AL, FL, MS, LA)	9.9		9.9	2.5
4. Mid-Continent (OK, AR, KS, NE)	17.8	-0.1	17.7	9.1
5. Illinois/Michigan	2.5		.5	1.1
6. Permian (W TX, NM)	27.2	-1.9	25.3	12.1
7. Rockies (CO,UT,WY)	8.6	-0.3	8.3	4.3
8. Texas, East/Central	27.3		27.3	11.8
9. Williston (MT, ND, SD)	3.9		3.9	0.7
10. Offshore GOM	5.7		5.7	0.7
11. Appalachia (WV, OH, KY, PA)	2.6		2.6	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>127.9</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>57.9</b>

Note 1: The hydrocarbon miscible floods underway on the North Slope of Alaska contain 24% CO<sub>2</sub> in the injected gas.

\*Incremental technically recoverable resources after subtracting 2.3 billion barrels already produced or proven with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR.

\*\*Base Case Economics use an oil price of \$70 per barrel (constant, real) and a CO<sub>2</sub> cost of \$45 per metric ton (\$2.38/Mcf), delivered at pressure to the field. Economically recoverable resources from the database of large oil reservoirs are not further extrapolated to national totals. We assume that all the reservoirs with economic potential are already included in this database.

**Table D-11 – Economically Recoverable Resource from “Next Generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR:  
National Totals at Alternative Economic Cases**

Basin/Area	Base Case	Lower Oil Price Case	Higher Oil Price Cases
	(\$70/Bbl) (Billion Barrels)	(\$50/Bbl) (Billion Barrels)	(\$100/Bbl) (Billion Barrels)
1. Alaska	7.8	3.0	10.3
2. California	7.7	7.4	8.2
3. Gulf Coast (AL, FL, MS, LA)	2.5	1.7	3.1
4. Mid-Continent (OK, AR, KS, NE)	9.1	8.5	9.2
5. Illinois/Michigan	1.1	0.5	1.3
6. Permian (W TX, NM)	12.1	9.5	13.9
7. Rockies (CO,UT,WY)	4.3	3.6	4.8
8. Texas, East/Central	11.8	11.2	13.3
9. Williston (MT, ND, SD)	0.7	0.7	0.9
10. Offshore GOM	0.7	0.5	2.4
11. Appalachia (WV, OH, KY, PA)	0.1	0.1	0.3
<b>Total Demand</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>67.6</b>



**Table D-12 – Technical CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Capacity using “Next Generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR: Totals from Extrapolating Advanced Resources’ Database to National Level (Eleven Basins/Areas)**

Basin/Area	Gross Technical CO <sub>2</sub> Storage Capacity (Million Metric Tons)	CO <sub>2</sub> Already or Scheduled to be Injected (Million Metric Tons)	Net Technical Storage Capacity for CO <sub>2</sub> (Million Metric Tons)
1. Alaska	2,668	-	2,668
2. California	1,963	-	1,963
3. Gulf Coast (AL, FL, MS, LA)	2,665	-	2,665
4. Mid-Continent (OK, AR, KS, NE)	3,709	20	3,689
5. Illinois/Michigan	551	-	551
6. Permian (W TX, NM)	7,016	570	6,446
7. Rockies (CO,UT,WY)	1,768	70	1,698
8. Texas, East/Central	5,513	-	5,513
9. Williston (MT, ND, SD)	849	-	849
10. Offshore GOM	1,742	-	1,742
11. Appalachia (WV, OH, KY, PA)	614	-	614
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,058</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>28,398</b>

**Table D-13 – Economically Feasible Market for CO<sub>2</sub> for “Next Generation” CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR: Base Case\* (Eleven Basins/Areas)**

Basin/Area	Gross Market for CO <sub>2</sub> (Million Metric Tons)		CO <sub>2</sub> Already or Scheduled to be Injected (Million Metric Tons)	Net New Market for CO <sub>2</sub> (Million Metric Tons)	
	“Best Practices”	“Next Generation”		“Best Practices”	“Next Generation”
1. Alaska	440	1,399	-	440	1,400
2. California	1,355	1,427	-	1,355	1,427
3. Gulf Coast (AL, FL, MS, LA)	576	612	-	576	612
4. Mid-Continent (OK, AR, KS, NE)	1,337	1,802	20	1,317	1,782
5. Illinois/Michigan	194	245	-	194	245
6. Permian (W TX, NM)	2,939	3,358	570	2,369	2,788
7. Rockies (CO,UT,WY)	546	866	70	476	796
8. Texas, East/Central	1,975	2,090	-	1,975	2,090
9. Williston (MT, ND, SD)	124	148	-	124	148
10. Offshore GOM	200	200	-	200	200
11. Appalachia (WV, OH, KY, PA)	14	25	-	14	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,701</b>	<b>12,171</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>9,041</b>	<b>11,511</b>

\*Base Case: Oil price of \$70 per barrel; CO<sub>2</sub> cost of \$45 per metric ton.

**Table D-14 – Economically Feasible Market Demand for CO<sub>2</sub> by CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR: Alternative Cases (Eleven Basins/Areas)**

Basin/Area	Base Case	Lower Oil Price Case*	Higher Oil Price Case**
	(\$70/Bbl) (Million Metric Tons)	(\$50/Bbl) (Million Metric Tons)	(\$100/Bbl) (Million Metric Tons)
1. Alaska	1,400	466	2,023
2. California	1,427	1,355	1,574
3. Gulf Coast (AL, FL, MS, LA)	612	404	789
4. Mid-Continent (OK, AR, KS, NE)	1,782	1,576	1,712
5. Illinois/Michigan	245	92	273
6. Permian (W TX, NM)	2,788	2,279	3,340
7. Rockies (CO,UT,WY)	796	689	905
8. Texas, East/Central	2,090	1,929	2,481
9. Williston (MT, ND, SD)	148	139	176
10. Offshore GOM	200	150	657
11. Appalachia (WV, OH, KY, PA)	25	13	66
<b>Total Demand</b>	<b>11,511</b>	<b>9,091</b>	<b>13,998</b>
Less: Natural CO <sub>2</sub> Sources	2,280	2,280	2,280
Less: Industrial Sources	220	220	220
<b>Total US</b>	<b>9,011</b>	<b>6,591</b>	<b>11,498</b>
<b>Total Lower 48***</b>	<b>7,642</b>	<b>6,235</b>	<b>9,078</b>

\*Lower Oil Price Case: Oil price of \$50 per barrel; CO<sub>2</sub> cost of \$35 per metric ton.

\*\*High Oil Price Case: Oil price of \$100 per barrel; CO<sub>2</sub> costs of \$60 per metric ton.

\*\*\* 260 MMmt of Natural CO<sub>2</sub> Supplies were from Alaska.