# **Illinois Basin Tanquary Field Project**

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## S/ECBM Coal Pilot Test

Purpose: To determine the  $CO_2$  injection and storage capability, and the ECBM recovery potential of Illinois Basin coal

- Single Coal Seam
- CO<sub>2</sub> (gas) injection test
- Injection of up to 200 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> depending on injectivity rate and monitoring well results

## Winter 2007 Pre-Drill Design



#### COMET Modeling Results

- Perm 10, 25, 50 md
- wells spacing 150 feet (orthogonal) in cleat direction

 Nearby mine suggested face and butt cleat orientation

## Summer 2007 Drilling

- Injection well and butt cleat observation well drilled, cored, logged and DST'd
- DST permeability lower than anticipated
  - Permeability 2 and 7 md; skin +6 and +9
  - Initial pressure equal to fresh water gradient
- COMET modeling: 150 ft spacing too large for low permeability
- Drilling face cleat well was postponed until pressure transient tests conducted to confirm DST results
- Wells cased and cemented to surface
- Cased hole logs run

# Fall 2007 Completion

#### Perforation

- 6 shots per foot
- 60° phasing
- 3/8" diameter

#### Acid

- 9% formic acid
- 250 gallon
- 1000 gallon water
- 1250 gallons swabbed



Fall 2007 Two Well (Water) Pressure Transient Tests

Tests

Injection falloff in each well

Pulse test

Step-rate test

Falloff tests give permeability similar to DST

3.3 and 4.4 md; -1.5 and -3.0

2-3 psi pulse in 10 hrs

0.96 psi/ft fracture gradient

## Fall 2007 COMET Modeling

 Several possible coal models simulated
 Measureable response for given CO<sub>2</sub> budget and time required reduced spacing
 100 ft spacing (from pre-drill 150 ft estimate)

# Summer 2008: Drilling

- Drill two more wells to achieve 100 ft spacing
  - New injector
  - New face cleat observation well
  - Two existing wells are 50 and 100 ft butt cleat observation wells



# Summer 2008: Drilling Operations and Completion

- Rig availability, township winter road restrictions, and flooding prevented earlier drilling
- Cored and DSTd coal
- Same casing, perforating and acidizing program as other wells
- Interestingly, face cleat well high by 6 feet...compared to other wells 150 ft away

# Summer 2008: Multiwell (Water) Pressure Transient Tests

#### Preliminary results

- Falloff tests: injection well and face cleat observation well
  - Permeability 4.7 md; skin -1.5 to -2.5
  - Face cleat Butt cleat permeability ratio 8:1
- Numerical modeling and analytical modeling to history match all wells' pressure responses

## **Multiwell Pressure Transient Tests**









# Summer 2008: Multiwell (Water) Pressure Transient Tests

- Variables: face and butt cleat permeability, skin, compressibility, initial pressure, surrounding coal properties
- Water injection provides baseline characterization of coal flow properties to better understand the CO<sub>2</sub>-coal interaction
   Face cleat direction quickest, largest pressure response

# Summer 2008: Site Preparation



#### Injection Well with Monitoring Instruments



#### CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Tank and Pump Skid



#### **Injection Equipment & Wellhead**



#### **Injection and Storage Equipment**



## Summer 2008: CO<sub>2</sub> Injection

CO<sub>2</sub> injection started June 25, 2008
 Series of CO<sub>2</sub> injection transients or pulses followed by shut-in periods
 Week 1: three 8 hours injection pulses
 Week 2: two 12 hour injection pulses
 Week 3: three 24 hour injection pulses
 Several multiday injection and shut-in.

# CO<sub>2</sub> Injection Rate and Cumulative



Approximately 45 tons injected

# CO<sub>2</sub> Injection Rate and Pressure



# CO<sub>2</sub> Observation Well Response



Fastest, largest pressure response in Face Cleat direction

## Gas Column in Observation Wells



Pressure above adsorption pressure, free gas via competitive desorption from CO<sub>2</sub>

# CO<sub>2</sub> Injectivity Index



No indication of injectivity reduction (coal swelling)

# Fall 2008: CO<sub>2</sub> COMET Modeling (In progress)

- Permeability anisotropy and compressibility established from water PTA
- Variables for CO<sub>2</sub> modeling: pressure dependent permeability, adsorption time, and gas/water relative permeability
  Normalize water and CO<sub>2</sub> data to infer interaction of CO<sub>2</sub> with coal

## **Observation Well Samples**

•  $CH_4$  gas breakthrough at M-1 and M-3 within hours of CO<sub>2</sub> injection CO<sub>2</sub> breakthrough at M-1 within a month of injection at 11-13%; to date remains constant M-2 water only



## Fall 2008: Remaining Field Work

 Continue injecting until EOR Pilots require surface injection equipment

Project 100 tons of injection into 6.7 ft coal

Possible observations:

- increase in CO<sub>2</sub> at M-1
- CO<sub>2</sub> at M-3
- Gas of any kind at M-2
- Changes in injectivity with time
- Post-injection MMV

## **Preliminary Results**

CO<sub>2</sub> has enhanced CH<sub>4</sub> production in low perm direction.

No indication of reduced injectivity

## **Tanquary Pilot Staff**

Dave Morse: drilling/coring logistics, gas content

- John Rupp, Maria Mastalerz: lab experiments
- Satya Harpalani: laboratory experiments
- Jim Kirksey: pilot coordination, operations
- Damon Garner: database management/ analyses
- Ivan Krapac, Abbas Iranmanesh, Bracken Wimmer: water and gas sampling
- Keith Hackley and Joe Chou: gas analyses
- Gary Crawford: pressure transient analyses

## **Tanquary Pilot Staff**

Mike Dodd: pump operations Kevin Wolfe: data acquisition, site logistics, data analyses Steve Sargent: data acquisition Andrew Anderson: COMET Modeling Gallaghers: field operations and logistics, drilling and completion design Trimeric Corp: equipment design

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