

# Economics for CO<sub>2</sub> Capture, Compression and Transportation in the Mid-Continent

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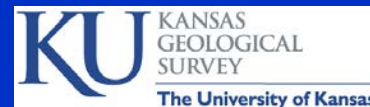
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# Why we are here today

45 Q is a **game changer**, making a variety of CCUS projects technically and economically feasible.

4.3 million tonne/yr could be captured in NE and KS ethanol plants and transported to Kansas oil fields for \$14 per tonne (0.75/mcf).

- Kansas oil recovery could **increase by 28%** (10 million BO/yr) through EOR by injecting 4.3 Mt/yr (221 mmcf/d).

Small ethanol plants could capture and directly inject CO<sub>2</sub> into a saline aquifer

- **22% ROI** after \$85 Million in 45Q credits are applied.
- Might also derive significant benefits with a substantially **lowered carbon intensity** (i.e.: CA LCFS)

# Sources for Economic Modeling and Resources

**Pipeline CapEx and OpEx** are derived from FE/NETL CO<sub>2</sub> Transport Cost Model

(Grant & Morgan, 2014), modified by Dubois and McFarlane (2017) – see poster)

**Capture and compression CapEx and OpEx** are based on cost data from three DOE-funded projects

(Details in White Paper: [Capturing and Utilizing CO<sub>2</sub> from Ethanol](#))

**See your reference sheet for**

- Acronyms
- Conversions
- Rules of thumb

**See me at the posters for**

- Pipeline cost model details
- Economic model inputs and assumptions

# Capture and Storage at Variable Scales

Project types and scales are nearly limitless in MidCon

*Scenarios presented involve the highlighted boxes*

Range from

- **Simple:** point-to-point (150,000 tonnes/yr)
- **Somewhat complex:** multiple sources to single market for EOR
- **Very complex:** multiple sources to multiple fields for EOR

Source Type	Description	Ethanol Volume (Mg/yr)	CO2 Volume (Mt/yr)
Ethanol plants	Single Small	55-110	0.15-0.3
	Single Large	300	0.8
	Multiple - 15 plants	1575	4.3
	Multiple - 34 plants	3643	9.9
Coal Power	Single		1-4
<b>Storage (Market)</b>			
EOR	Single field - small (KS)		0.15-0.3
	Multiple small fields (KS)		2-4
	Large market (W. TX)		4-10
Saline aquifer	Small local (KS)		0.15-0.3
	Single structure (KS)		1.5-3
	Multi-structure storage complex (KS)		6

*CO<sub>2</sub> volume is 90% of calculated nameplate*

# Four cases discussed today

1. **Small-scale Point-to-Point for EOR** (0.15 Mt/yr – 2.9 BCF/yr)
2. **Small-scale Capture and Inject for Saline Storage** (0.15 Mt/yr – 2.9 BCF/yr)
3. **Aggregate 15 ethanol plants and transport to multiple Kansas fields** (4.3 Mt/yr – 82 BCF/yr)
4. **Aggregate 34 ethanol plants and transport to Permian Basin** (9.9 Mt/yr – 188 BCF/yr)

# But what about Coal-Power CO<sub>2</sub>

## Petra Nova, Houston

- Operational for 18 months
- 1.4 Mt/yr captured & compressed
- Transported - 82 mile 12" pipeline to West Ranch oil field
- \$1B capital costs (no details)



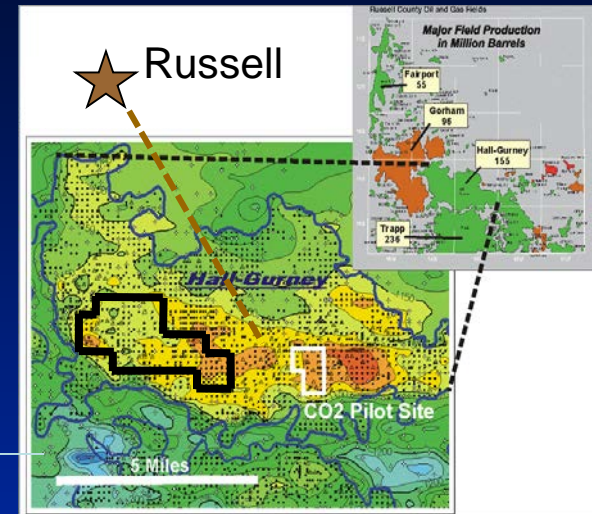
## Kansas Coal-Power CO<sub>2</sub> possibilities

- Westar, Sunflower, KCBPU (power) and CHS (refinery) are participants the KGS – ICKan project
- Preliminary engineering study
  - Capture 2.5 Mt/yr from Westar's JEC
  - Cost for Capture/Compression \$46-\$78/tonne over 20-yr project.
- Getting closer – needs to stay in the mix

# Case 1: Small-scale Point-to-Point for EOR, *Oil Operator Owns CCT System*

Current Kansas example: Conestoga's  
(Garden City KS) to Stewart Oil Field since  
2012: **55 mgy plant, 15 miles to field**

Future EOR example? Russell Ethanol  
to Hall-Gurney field via 10-mile line



*Modified from Dubois et al. (2002)*

## Generic economic model assumptions

- Capture and compress **150 kt CO<sub>2</sub>/yr**
- **20-mile, 4" pipeline**
- Owner equity and secured note (net 5% interest)
- 14-yr project, 2 yrs construction, 12 yrs operations
- Injection begins in 2022
- **45Q credits (\$25-\$35, avg. \$33)**
- No inflation is factored
- Pay Ethanol plant **\$10/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>**



# Case 1: Economic Summary

<b>Cost per tonne CO<sub>2</sub></b>		<b>\$/tonne</b>
<b>Capture/Compression</b>	CapEx	\$0.66
	OpEx (annual)	\$8.58
<b>Pipeline</b>	CapEx	\$0.51
	OpEx (annual)	\$1.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$/tonne</b>	<b>\$11.45</b>
	<b>\$/mcf</b>	<b>\$0.60</b>

*Tax credits applied directly to CapEx in model to calculate price/tonne*

45Q tax credits make this case economically viable

Cost without 45Q

← \$34/tonne

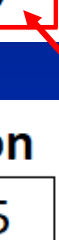
← (\$1.80/mcf)

Market CO<sub>2</sub> value with WTI = \$60

\$22.90/t

(\$1.20/mcf)

<b>Cost</b>		<b>\$ Million</b>
<b>Capture/Compression</b>	CapEx	\$17.25
	OpEx (annual)	\$1.28
<b>Pipeline (20 mi, 4")</b>	CapEx	\$13.21
	OpEx (annual)	\$0.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>CapEx</b>	<b>\$30.46</b>
	<b>OpEx (annual)</b>	<b>\$1.53</b>





# Case 1: Risk and Benefit

## Oil Operator

### Risks

1. Capital exposure
  - \$30 M for CCT
  - \$10s of M for field upgrade
2. Oil field flood failure
3. CO<sub>2</sub> source (ethanol plant failure)
4. MVA and long-term liability

### Benefit

1. Low-cost CO<sub>2</sub>..... *because of \$59 Million 45Q tax credits*

## Ethanol Plant

### Risks

1. Almost none
2. Loss of lower carbon intensity

### Benefit

1. Revenue: \$1.5 M/yr (\$0.027/gal) – for this case
2. Greatly reduced carbon intensity

# Case 2: Small-scale Point-to-Point for Saline Storage

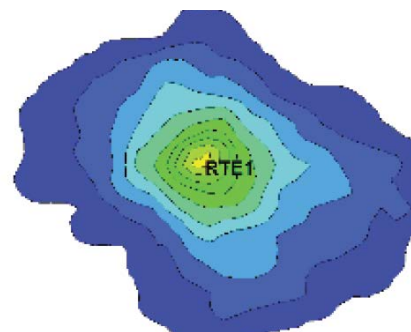
## *Ethanol Plant Owns CC System*

### Saline Aquifer Storage

Planned ND example: Red Trail Energy, Richardson ND inject CO<sub>2</sub> direct into 6500-ft well

50 mgy plant, inject 160 kt CO<sub>2</sub>/yr

Projected 2-mi diameter plume after 20 years injection (3.2 Mt)



Leroux et al. (2017)

### Economic model assumptions

[See poster on this project](#)

- Capture and compress 150 kt CO<sub>2</sub>/yr
- Inject onsite, or very close by, into a Class VI well
- Financed with owner equity
- 14-yr project, 2 yrs construction, 12 yrs operations
- Injection begins 2022
- 45Q credits (\$39-\$50/t, avg. \$47.47/t)
- No inflation is factored

# Case 2: Economic Summary

<b>Cost</b>		<b>\$ Million</b>
<b>Capture/Compression</b>	CapEx	\$17.25
	OpEx (annual)	\$1.28
<b>Class VI well</b>	CapEx	\$2.5
	OpEx (annual)	\$0.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>CapEx</b>	<b>\$19.75</b>
	<b>OpEx (annual)</b>	<b>\$1.48</b>

## Risks

1. **\$20 Million capital** exposure
2. Class VI well permitting
3. Class VI injectivity (rate)
4. CO<sub>2</sub> source (ethanol plant)
5. Unable to capture low-carbon potential

## Benefits

1. 22% ROI
2. **\$5.6M Annual** Net Cash Flow
3. **\$85 Million** in 45Q tax credits
4. Greatly reduced carbon intensity

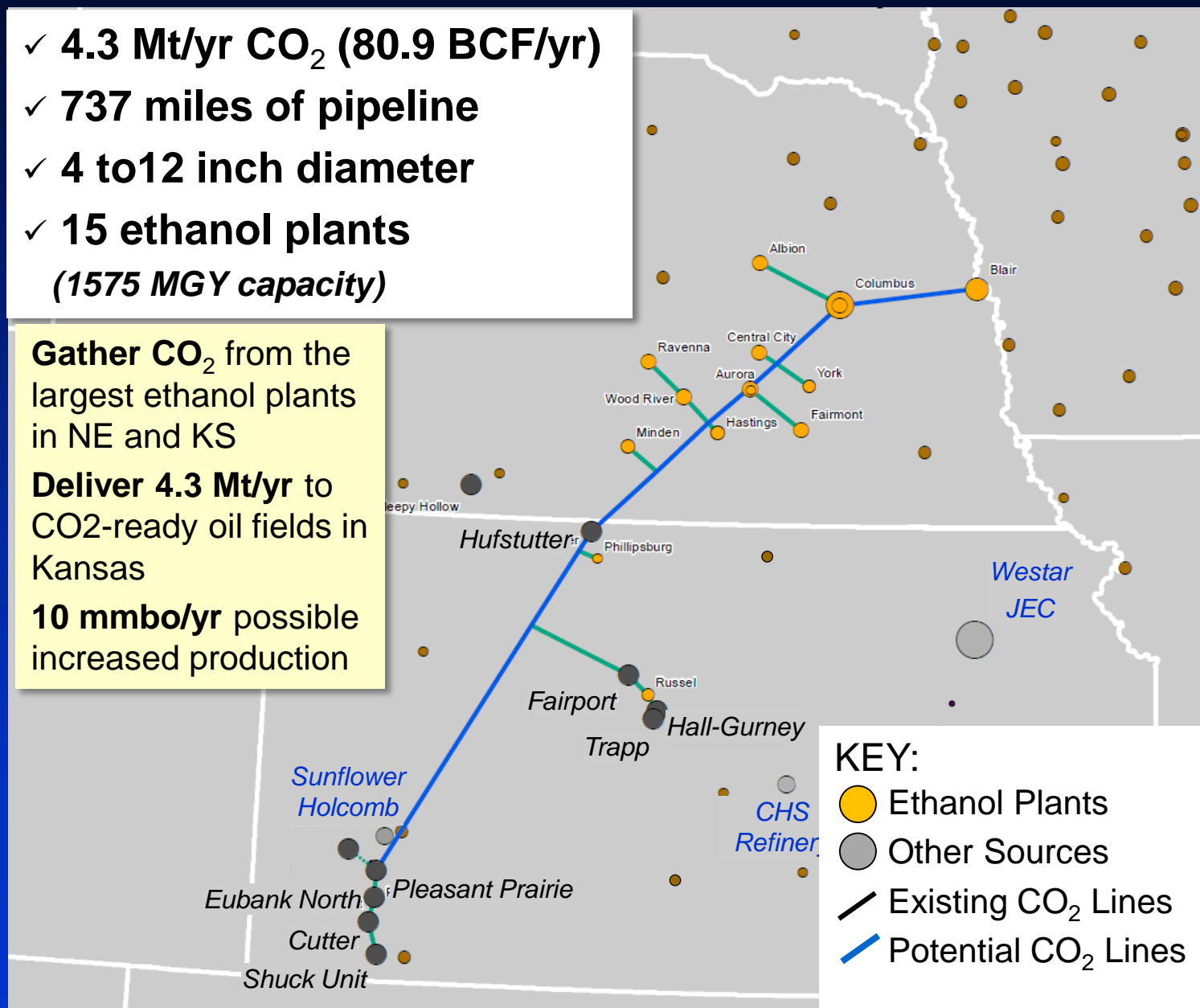
# Case 3: Fifteen plants to Kansas oil fields

- ✓ 4.3 Mt/yr CO<sub>2</sub> (80.9 BCF/yr)
- ✓ 737 miles of pipeline
- ✓ 4 to 12 inch diameter
- ✓ 15 ethanol plants (1575 MGY capacity)

Gather CO<sub>2</sub> from the largest ethanol plants in NE and KS

Deliver 4.3 Mt/yr to CO<sub>2</sub>-ready oil fields in Kansas

10 mmbbl/yr possible increased production



# Case 3 Economics

## Estimated Project Costs

	Plant	Pipeline	
<i>Cost \$million</i>	Capture	Transport	Total
CapX	\$364	\$642	\$1,006
Annual OpX	\$37	\$16	\$53

Note: Rule of thumb  
**\$100k/inch-mile** yields **\$613**  
 million CapX for pipeline

### Summary:

- **Total CapEx \$1,006 M**
- **45Q tax credits \$1,774 M**
- **Cost of Capital = 10%**
- 2-yr construction and 20 yrs operations (ops in 2024)
- 12 yrs of 45Q credits - Avg. \$34.48/t

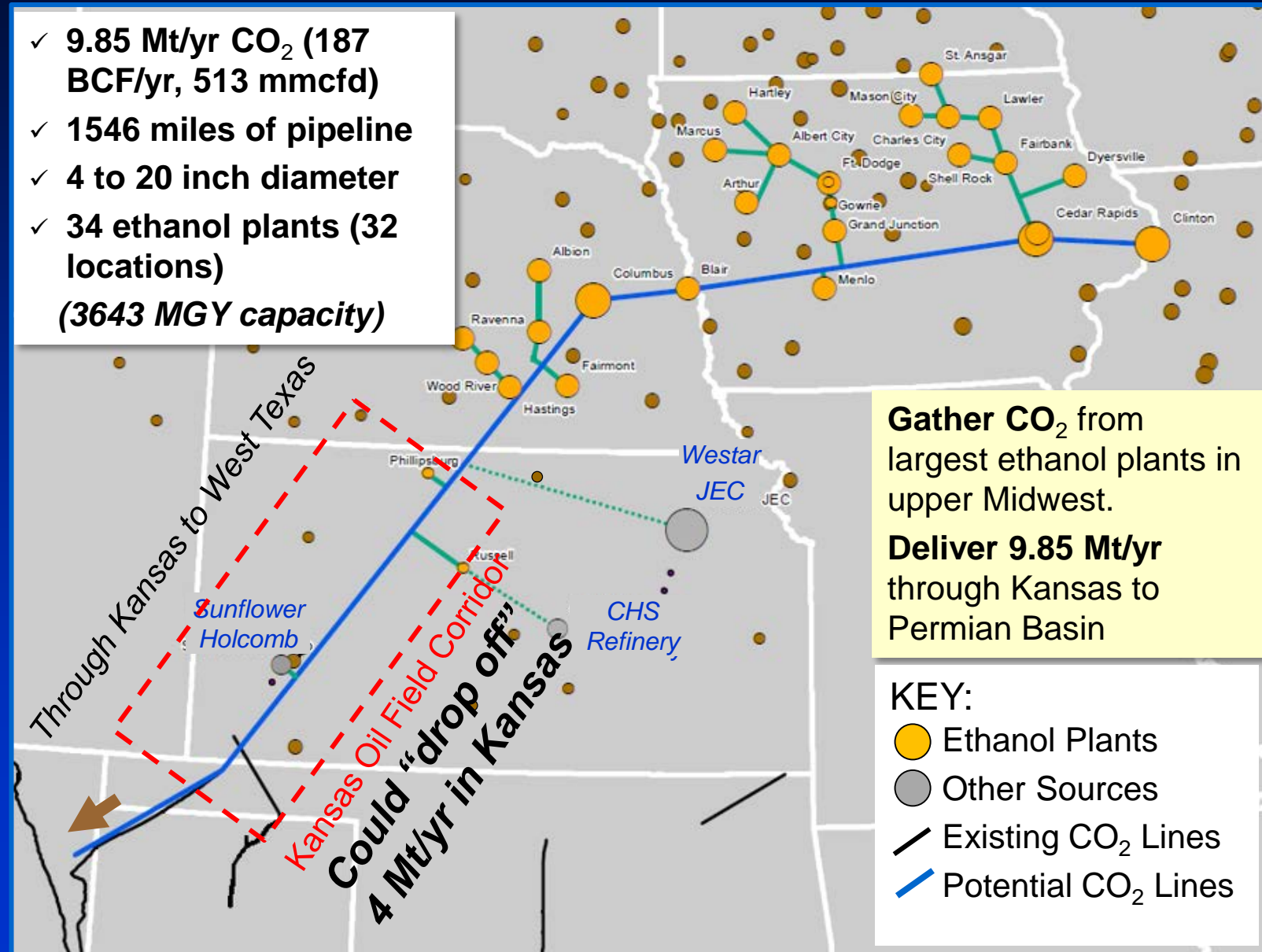
## Costs per Unit of CO<sub>2</sub>

	Pipeline	Capture & Compress	Combined
CapEx (\$/t)	\$1.71	\$0.69	\$1.90
OpEx (\$/t)	\$3.80	\$8.58	\$12.39
<b>Total (\$/t)</b>	<b>\$5.02</b>	<b>\$9.27</b>	<b>\$14.29</b>
<i>Tax credits applied directly to CapEx in model to calculate price/tonne</i>		<b>\$/mcf</b>	<b>\$0.75</b>

Without 45Q  
 \$42 / tonne (\$2.19 / mcf)

# Case 4: Large-scale, 10 Mt/yr

- ✓ 9.85 Mt/yr CO<sub>2</sub> (187 BCF/yr, 513 mmcf/d)
- ✓ 1546 miles of pipeline
- ✓ 4 to 20 inch diameter
- ✓ 34 ethanol plants (32 locations)  
(3643 MGY capacity)



**Gather CO<sub>2</sub>** from largest ethanol plants in upper Midwest.

**Deliver 9.85 Mt/yr** through Kansas to Permian Basin

KEY:

- Ethanol Plants
- Other Sources
- Existing CO<sub>2</sub> Lines
- Potential CO<sub>2</sub> Lines

# Case 4 Economics

## Estimated Project Costs

	Plant	Pipeline	Total
<i>Cost \$million</i>	Capture	Transport	
CapX	\$809	<b>\$1,857</b>	\$2,667
Annual OpX	\$85	\$47	\$131

Note: Rule of thumb  
**\$100k/inch-mile** yields  
**\$1821 million CapX** for  
 pipeline

### Summary:

- **Total CapEx \$2,667 M**
- **45Q tax credits \$4,064 M**
- **Cost of Capital = 10%**
- 2-yr construction and 20 yrs operations (ops in 2024)
- 12 yrs of 45Q credits, Avg. \$34.48/t

## Costs per Unit of CO<sub>2</sub>

	Pipeline	Capture & Compress	Combined
CapEx (\$/t)	\$4.28	\$1.86	\$6.14
OpEx (\$/t)	\$4.77	\$8.58	\$13.35
<b>Total (\$/t)</b>	<b>\$9.05</b>	<b>\$10.44</b>	<b>\$19.49</b>
<i>Tax credits applied directly to CapEx in model to calculate price/tonne</i>		<b>\$/mcf</b>	<b>\$1.03</b>

Without 45Q  
 \$47 / tonne (\$2.46 / mcf)



## Parting Comments

45Q extension and expansion is now the law

Preliminary economics favorable for myriad of scenarios

- Saline aquifer storage (small and large-scale)
- EOR storage (small and large-scale)

Lots of issues yet to be resolved

Later today in breakout session – get involved

- Define critical issues by sector *and* cross-cutting sector
- Discuss remedies *and* how we can collectively tackle the issues
- What's next?

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# 45 Q Tax Credits Applied

## 45Q specifics\*

*Enacted 2/9/2018 as part of a Federal budget bill*

- Begin construction **before February 9, 2025**
- Credits claimed **12 yrs from day capture begins**
- Can be claimed by **capture facility**, transferred to the **storage facility**, but **not directly by transporter**
- **2017** tax credits are **\$12.83/tonne** for EOR and **\$22.66/tonne** for saline storage.
- Credit escalates linearly through **2026** to **\$35** for EOR and **\$50** for saline storage and is flat beyond.
- Adjusted for **inflation after 2026**
- Injected into a **qualified EOR project** in a **secure geologic storage** or injected and sequestered in a **secure geologic storage**

\* Sources: NEORI (Kurt Walzer), CLATF, State CO2 EOR Workgroup (Brad Crabtree), and S. 1535 document

## Credit Values (\$/tonne)

Credits (no inflation)		
	EOR	Saline
2017	\$12.83	\$22.66
2018	\$15.29	\$25.70
2019	\$17.76	\$28.74
2020	\$20.22	\$31.77
2021	\$22.68	\$34.81
2022	\$25.15	\$37.85
2023	\$27.61	\$40.89
2024	\$30.07	\$43.92
2025	\$32.54	\$46.96
2026 - 2035	\$35.00	\$50.00

*Inflation adjustment after  
2026 not applied here*