CCUS: Use of CO₂ from Ethanol Production for EOR

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An overview of a Kansas-based carbon capture, use, and storage project.

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- Conestoga Energy Partners, LLC founded in 2006
- Originally founded by feeders and farmers
- Composed of 480 investors representing teachers, farmers, parents & community leaders
- Annual production of 205 million gallons of low carbon renewable ethanol across three plants

Arkalon Ethanol 110 MG
Bonanza BioEnergy 55 MG
Diamond Energy 40 MG
Focused on Low Carbon Fuel Production

✓ Points of differentiation:
  ✓ Largest domestic user of grain sorghum
  ✓ Locally sourced feedstock
  ✓ First ethanol company to capture and store CO₂
  ✓ Four fuel pathways registered with LCFS since 2011
  ✓ Carbon Intensities range from 67 gCO₂e/MJ - 79 gCO₂e/MJ

Farming and Processing
• Non-irrigated
• Minimal fertilizer
• No drying
• Large scale production

Feedstock Transport
• Locally sourced and transported

Ethanol Production
• CO₂ CCS
• NG-fired CHP
• High efficiency APCs
• WDG transported locally

Ethanol Transport
• Exclusively on rail

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Conestoga’s Goal for CCUS

- Create cleaner environment
- Capture, Use, & Store CO₂ from fermentation process
- Reduce demand for foreign oil
- Lowest carbon ethanol on the market

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Table 3-1: Industrial Plants in the US with CCS

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<th>Anthropogenic CO₂ Emission Source</th>
<th>No. of Plants</th>
<th>Estimated CO₂ Emissions (1,000 Metric tonnes per day)</th>
<th>No. of Plants with CCS</th>
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<td>Fossil fuel-fired Power Plants</td>
<td>2,802</td>
<td>6,254</td>
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<td>Gas Processing Plants</td>
<td>516</td>
<td>230</td>
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<td>Ethanol Plants</td>
<td>210</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Hydrogen Plants (non-refinery)</td>
<td>74</td>
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<td>70</td>
<td>55</td>
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<td>Ammonia Plants</td>
<td>27</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>Ethylene Oxide Plants</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,709</strong></td>
<td><strong>6,699</strong></td>
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ACR Methodology for GHG Emission Reductions From CCS Projects v1.0
Bonanza BioEnergy CCUS EOR

- Occurs within 15 mile radius of Garden City, KS
- Operational since 2012
- Captures ~ 100,000 tCO$_2$ annually

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<td>CO$_2$ produced via fermentation of sorghum and corn feedstocks</td>
<td>Dehydration and compression of CO$_2$</td>
<td>Via dedicated pipeline</td>
<td>CO$_2$ utilized for EOR and recycled.</td>
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Bonanza BioEnergy, LLC. PetroSantander, Inc.
Bonanza BioEnergy

Ethanol Plant

PetroSantander Processing Facility

Blower

Compression & Dehydration

Pipeline (15 miles)

Injection Wells

Sandstone Reservoir

Oil Tankers

Recycle Skid

Flare

Producing Wells

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CO₂ Capture at Ethanol Plant

- ✓ 20 million bushels of grain processed
- ✓ [CO₂] > 99%
- ✓ Captured from fermenter stacks in 24” header pipe
- ✓ Blowers direct CO₂ to treatment & compression plant
CO₂ Treatment and Compression

- Dehydration
- 3-stage compression to 1500 psi
- Powered by electricity
- Custody transfer meter and in-line analyzer after skid.
**CO₂ Transport**

- 15 miles
- Dedicated 4” line
- Federally regulated
- Metering:
  - Metered on both ends
- Monitoring:
  - Fully automated pressure monitoring
  - Auto shut-off if pressure exceeds +/- 10%
CO₂ Use and Storage

- WAG injection at 4800 ft
- Stainless steel casing per KS state CO₂ EOR requirements
- Powered by electricity and associated NG
- Metering & Monitoring
  - Metered at pipeline outlet, post-producing wells, post-recycle skid
  - Oil / H₂O / CO₂ composition analyzed pre Separation & Treatment
  - In-line analyzer post recycle skid
  - All lines monitored for pressure fluctuation with auto shut-off
  - Mass balance calculations conducted by independent 3rd party
## Considerations for QM Development

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<th>Commercial Considerations</th>
<th>Suggested Approach</th>
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<td>Provide approach to quantify EOR-specific CO₂ leak/venting</td>
<td>• Scheduled maintenance on pipelines may require purging.</td>
<td>• Include specific equations in the QM to quantify venting events based on parameters</td>
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<td>• Lightning strikes in the field, etc. may lead to fire and require gas blow down.</td>
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<td>• Injection equipment may fail.</td>
<td>• Ensure Monitoring Plan addresses how operational disruptions are identified,</td>
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<td>Appropriately define physical boundary for EOR projects</td>
<td>• Capture sites are unique.</td>
<td>• Clearly define project emission sources directly associated with capture activity.</td>
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<td>• Project may source multiple CO₂ streams.</td>
<td>• Be cognizant of program overlap.</td>
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<td>Clearly identify the responsible party associated with the project</td>
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<td>• Allow for flexibility in the definition of the “responsible party”.</td>
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