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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

AEO2014	Annual Energy Outlook	in	Inch
BAU	Business as usual	ITC	Investment Tax Credit
Bcf	Billion cubic feet	MBbl/d	Million barrels per day
Bcf/d	Billion cubic feet per day	mi	Mile
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	MM, mm	Million
CAFE	Corporate Average Fuel Economy	MMcfd	Million cubic feet per day
CCA	Cedar Creek Anticline	MMBbls	Million barrels of oil
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon dioxide	MMBOE	Million barrels of oil equivalent
CCS	Carbon capture and storage	MMT	Million metric tons
CTUS	Capture, transport, utilization, and storage	NEJD	North East Jackson Dome
DOE	Department of Energy	NEMS	National Energy Modeling System
DOT	Department of Transportation	NETL	National Energy Technology Laboratory
EIA	Energy Information Agency	PCS	Potash Corp of Saskatchewan
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	PHMSA	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
EOR	Enhanced oil recovery	PTC	Production Tax Credit
EPSA	Energy Policy and Systems Analysis	RCSP	Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnerships
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	SACROC	Scurry Area Canyon Reef Operators Committee
GAO	General Accountability Office	STB	Surface Transportation Board
GHG	Greenhouse gas	TBD	To be determined
GW	Gigawatt	U.S.	United States
ICC	Interstate Commerce Commission	WPA	Wyoming Pipeline Authority
ICF	ICF International		
IGCC	Integrated gasification combined cycle		

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## 1 Executive Summary

Spanning across more than a dozen U.S. states and into Saskatchewan, Canada, a safe and regionally extensive network of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) pipelines has been constructed over the past four decades. Consisting of 50 individual CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines and with a combined length over 4,500 miles, these CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines represent an essential building block for linking the capture of CO<sub>2</sub> from electric power plants and other industrial sources with its productive use in oilfields and its safe storage in saline formations. Expanding this system could help to enable fossil-fired power generation in a carbon constrained environment and increase energy security by enhancing domestic oil production.

The vast majority of the CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline system is dedicated to enhanced oil recovery (CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR), connecting natural and industrial sources of CO<sub>2</sub> with EOR projects in oil fields. Roughly 80 percent of CO<sub>2</sub> traveling through U.S. pipelines is from natural (geologic) sources; however, if currently planned industrial CO<sub>2</sub> capture facilities and new pipelines are built, by 2020 the portion of CO<sub>2</sub> from industrial-sources could be nearly equal to that from natural sources. In terms of future potential, it is estimated that up to 4 million barrels per day of oil could potentially be produced in the U.S. with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and that 85% of this would be reliant on industrial CO<sub>2</sub>; contributing to significantly fewer oil imports and annual emissions reductions of 400 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>, by 2030.

Just over 4 percent of total U.S. crude oil production is currently produced through EOR, though this is projected to increase to 7 percent by 2030, and a national carbon policy could significantly change the outlook, creating incentives for electric power plants and other industrial facilities to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through carbon capture technologies and improving the economics for oil production through EOR. In a low-carbon case, construction through 2030 would more than triple the size of current U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure, through an average annual build-rate of nearly 1,000 miles per year.

The regulation of CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines is currently a joint responsibility of federal and state governments. The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, is responsible for overseeing the safe construction and operation of CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines, which includes technical design specifications and integrity management requirements. The development of a national CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline network capable of meeting U.S. GHG emission goals may require a more concerted federal policy, involving closer cooperation among federal, state, and local governments. Federal policy initiatives should build on state experiences, including lessons learned from the effectiveness of different regulatory structures, incentives, and processes that foster interagency coordination and regular stakeholder engagement.

## 2 Introduction

A safe, reliable, regionally extensive network of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) transportation pipelines is already in place across more than a dozen United States (U.S.) states and into Saskatchewan, Canada. This system could increasingly become an essential building block for linking the capture of CO<sub>2</sub> from industrial power plants with its productive use in oilfields (with CO<sub>2</sub> enhanced oil recovery [CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR]) and its safe storage in saline formations. The current CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline system consists of 50 individual CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines with a combined length of 4,500 miles. The bulk of the existing large-volume CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines connect natural sources of CO<sub>2</sub> (e.g., Bravo Dome, New Mexico) with long-running CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects in large oil fields (e.g., Wason, West Texas). However, smaller volume pipelines also exist that connect point sources of industrial CO<sub>2</sub> (e.g., Coffeyville Chemical Plant, Kansas) with newer CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects in oil fields (e.g., North Burbank, Oklahoma).

Today's CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline system had its beginnings in the 1970s, built for delivering CO<sub>2</sub> for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR to oil fields in the Permian Basin of West Texas and eastern New Mexico. With the recent completion of two long-distance CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines – the Green Pipeline in Louisiana and Texas (2010), and the Greencore Pipeline in Wyoming and Montana (2012) – a much more geographically diverse CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline system is in place. A variety of shorter and smaller volume laterals are being constructed to link these two large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines to surrounding oil fields that are amenable to CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR.

The vast majority of the CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline system is dedicated to CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR, with a small fraction used for other industrial uses, such as delivering CO<sub>2</sub> to the beverage industry. Of the 3.53 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per day (68 million metric tons per year [MMT]) of CO<sub>2</sub> transported, 2.78 Bcf per day (54 MMT per year) is from natural sources, and the remaining 0.74 Bcf per day (14 MMT per year) is from industrial sources, including gas processing plants. With new industrial CO<sub>2</sub> capture facilities coming on line (e.g., Air Products PCS Nitrogen plant in southern Louisiana, Southern Company's integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) plant in Kemper County, Mississippi, etc.) – including over 600 miles of new pipeline – the volume of industrial CO<sub>2</sub> capture and transportation is expected to increase by over 2.5 times the current supply by the year 2020.<sup>1</sup>

The regulation of CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines is currently a joint responsibility of federal and state governments. The federal government regulates only CO<sub>2</sub> safety standards. State governments are largely responsible for the oversight of CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipeline development and operation. Some states, such as Wyoming and its Pipeline Authority, have begun to plan for and establish corridors for future CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines. However, the development of a national CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline network capable of meeting proposed CO<sub>2</sub> emission goals may require a more organized approach and much closer cooperation among federal, state, and local governments than is currently in place.

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<sup>1</sup> This is based on a comparison between 0.74 Bcf per day currently and 1.36 Bcf per day planned to begin construction by 2020 (Exhibit 16).

### 3 Current CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline Infrastructure

#### 3.1 Overview

The initial large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline in the U.S., the Canyon Reef pipeline, was built in the 1970s. Much of the remainder of the current CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure was built between the 1980s and 1990s. Today, there are nearly 50 CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines in the U.S. with a combined length of over 4,500 miles, operated by over a dozen different companies. (See Exhibit 32 in the Appendix for the comprehensive list of CO<sub>2</sub> transport pipelines in the U.S.)

At present, about 80 percent of CO<sub>2</sub> used for EOR is from natural sources. However, CO<sub>2</sub> supplies from industrial sources (natural gas processing plants, other chemical processing plants, and electric power facilities) are expected to provide upwards of 43 percent of the CO<sub>2</sub> used for EOR by the year 2020.<sup>2</sup> Exhibit 1 illustrates the major CO<sub>2</sub> transport pipelines that currently exist in the U.S. Exhibit 2 shows the current CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR operations and infrastructure in the U.S.

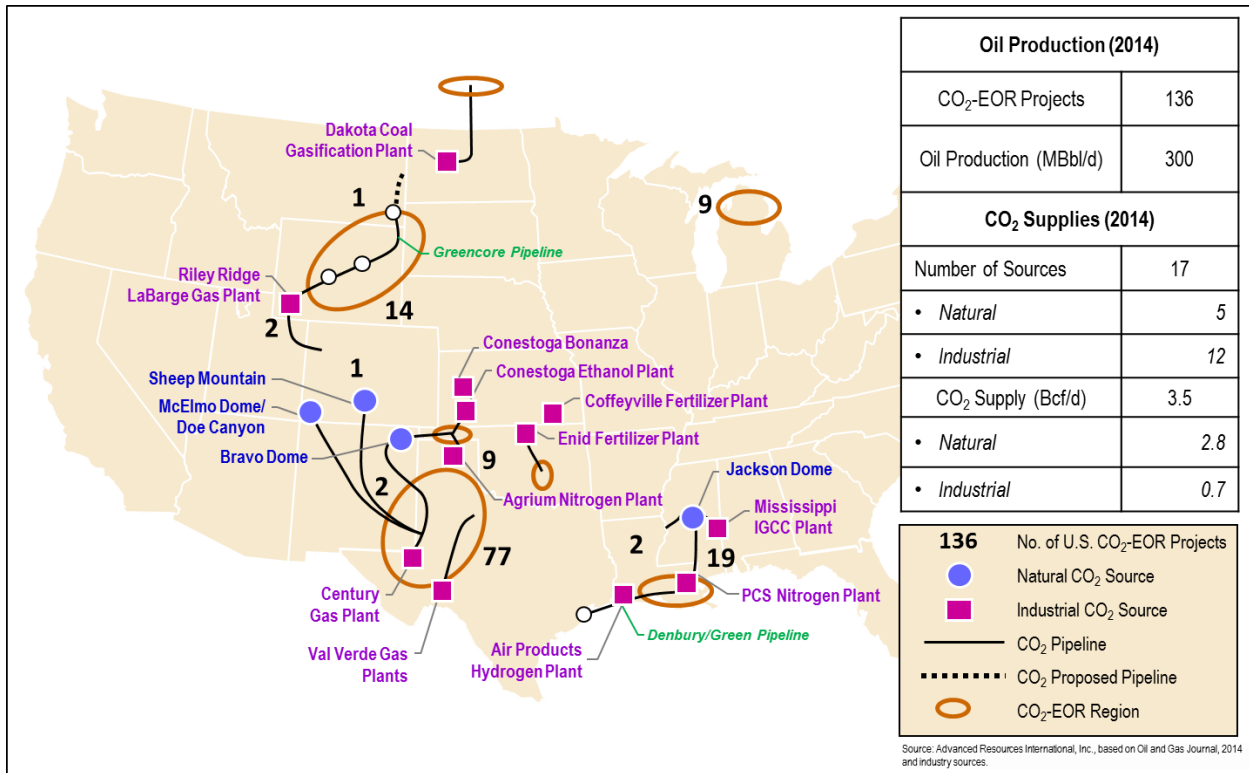
A number of industrial CO<sub>2</sub>-capture facilities have been proposed and partially developed for delivering CO<sub>2</sub> to EOR fields over the past several decades. However, the significant amount of capital required by many of these projects has inhibited a number of them from meeting their announced CO<sub>2</sub>-capture goals on time, or coming online entirely. But, as new industrial CO<sub>2</sub>-capture projects begin to provide greater volumes of CO<sub>2</sub> to the EOR industry, it is anticipated that development costs will begin to decrease. Proven industrial CO<sub>2</sub>-capture technology should lower the perceived risk of providing CO<sub>2</sub> supplies to the EOR industry.

**Exhibit 1 Geographic areas with large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline systems operating currently in the U.S.**

U.S. Regions with Large-scale CO <sub>2</sub> Pipeline Systems in Operation	Miles of Pipeline
Permian Basin (W. TX, NM, and S. CO)	2,600
Gulf Coast (MS, LA, and E. TX)	740
Rocky Mountains (N. CO, WY, and MT)	730
Mid-Continent (OK and KS)	480
Other (ND, MI, Canada)	215

<sup>2</sup> This is based on a comparison between the 2.78 Bcf per day currently drawn from natural CO<sub>2</sub> reservoirs and the total of 2.1 Bcf per day expected from industrial sources by 2020.

Exhibit 2 Current CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR operations and infrastructure

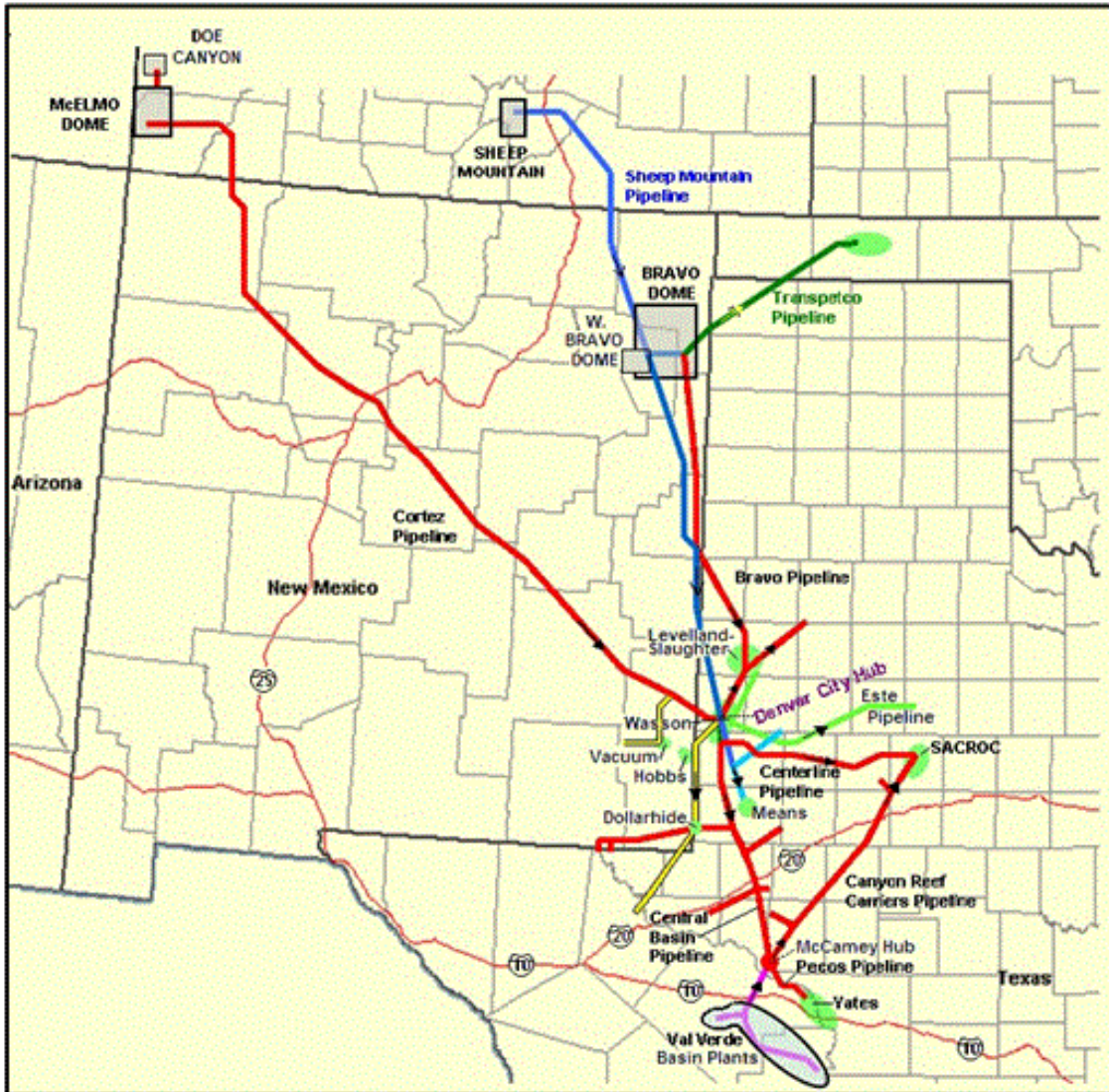


### 3.2 Permian Basin

The Permian Basin contains the largest network of CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines in the U.S. Over 2,600 miles of CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines in this region carry both natural and industrial CO<sub>2</sub> supplies to CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects throughout the region.

Three main pipelines deliver CO<sub>2</sub> from four natural sources of CO<sub>2</sub> to the Permian Basin (Exhibit 3). The Cortez pipeline delivers CO<sub>2</sub> from McElmo Dome and Doe Canyon in southwestern Colorado. The Sheep Mountain pipeline delivers CO<sub>2</sub> from the Sheep Mountain CO<sub>2</sub> field in central Colorado, and the Bravo pipeline delivers CO<sub>2</sub> from Bravo Dome in northeast New Mexico to the Permian Basin. All three of these major pipelines meet at the Denver City CO<sub>2</sub> hub, where CO<sub>2</sub> is dispersed through a network of smaller CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines to various oil fields and their CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects. A smaller pipeline, the TransPetco/Bravo pipeline, transports a modest amount of CO<sub>2</sub> to the Postle CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR operation in western Oklahoma, as discussed later in this report.

Exhibit 3 Permian Basin CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure



Three other important CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines round out the large-scale pipeline system of the Permian Basin:

- The Canyon Reef Carrier CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline, the initial large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline, links the CO<sub>2</sub> captured from the gas processing plants in the Val Verde Basin (West Texas) with the pioneering Scurry Area Canyon Reef Operators Committee (SACROC) CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR project, 170 miles to the northeast.
- The Centerline and Central Basin CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines deliver natural CO<sub>2</sub> from the Denver City CO<sub>2</sub> hub to the oil fields in West Texas and New Mexico.

Exhibit 4 lists the CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines installed in the Permian Basin region.

**Exhibit 4 Permian Basin CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines**

Scale	Pipeline	Operator	Location	Length (mi)	Diameter (in)	Estimated Flow Capacity (MMcfd)
Large-Scale Trunk-lines	Cortez	Kinder Morgan	TX	502	30	1,300
	Sheep Mtn	Oxy Permian	TX	408	24	590
	Bravo	Oxy Permian	NM, TX	218	20	380
	Canyon Reef Carriers	Kinder Morgan	TX	170	16	220
	Centerline	Kinder Morgan	TX	113	16	220
	Central Basin	Kinder Morgan	TX	143	16	220
Smaller-Scale Distribution Systems	Este I - to Welch, Tx	ExxonMobil, et al	TX	40	14	180
	Este II - to Salt Crk Field	Oxy Permian	TX	45	12	130
	Means	ExxonMobil	TX	35	12	130
	North Ward Estes	Whiting	TX	26	12	130
	Slaughter	Oxy Permian	TX	35	12	130
	Mabee Lateral	Chevron	TX	18	10	110
	Val Verde	Oxy Permian	TX	83	10	110
	Rosebud	Hess	NM	50*	12	100*
	Anton Irish	Oxy Permian	TX	40	8	80
	Dollarhide	Chevron	TX	23	8	80
	Llano	Trinity CO <sub>2</sub>	NM	53	12	80
	North Cowden	Oxy Permian	TX	8	8	80
	Pecos County	Kinder Morgan	TX	26	8	80
	Pikes Peak	Oxy Permian	TX	40	8	80
	W. Texas	Trinity CO <sub>2</sub>	TX, NM	60	12	80
	Comanche Creek	Oxy Permian	TX	120	6	70
	Cordona Lake	XTO	TX	7	6	70
	El Mar	Kinder Morgan	TX	35	6	70
	Wellman	Trinity CO <sub>2</sub>	TX	25	6	70
	Adair	Apache	TX	15	4	50
Ford	Kinder Morgan	TX	12	4	50	

\*Estimated

### 3.3 Gulf Coast

The 740 mile Gulf Coast CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline network is owned and operated by Denbury Onshore LLC (Exhibit 5). Two main pipelines service the region, the North East Jackson Dome (NEJD) Pipeline and the Green Pipeline. These two pipelines connect the natural CO<sub>2</sub> source in Jackson Dome, Central Mississippi, to Denbury’s CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects in Mississippi, Louisiana, and East Texas. Several industrial sources of CO<sub>2</sub> are (or soon will be) connected to the Green Pipeline for delivery to CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR. Exhibit 6 lists all of the CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines installed in the Gulf Coast region.

Exhibit 5 Gulf Coast CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure



(1) Potential, proved, and produced-to-date tertiary reserves estimated as of 12/31/13 based on a range of recovery factors. Proved reserves based on year-end 12/31/13 U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission reporting.

Source: Denbury Onshore LLC (1)

**Exhibit 6 Gulf Coast CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines**

Scale	Pipeline	Operator	Location	Length (mi)	Diameter (in)	Estimated Flow Capacity (MMcfd)
Large-Scale Trunk-lines	Green Line	Denbury Resources	LA, TX	314	24	930
	Delta	Denbury Resources	MS, LA	108	24	590
	Northeast Jackson Dome (NEJD)	Denbury Resources	MS, LA	183	20	360
Distribution Line	Free State	Denbury Resources	MS	85	20	360
	Sonat	Denbury Resources	MS	50	18	170

### 3.4 Rocky Mountains

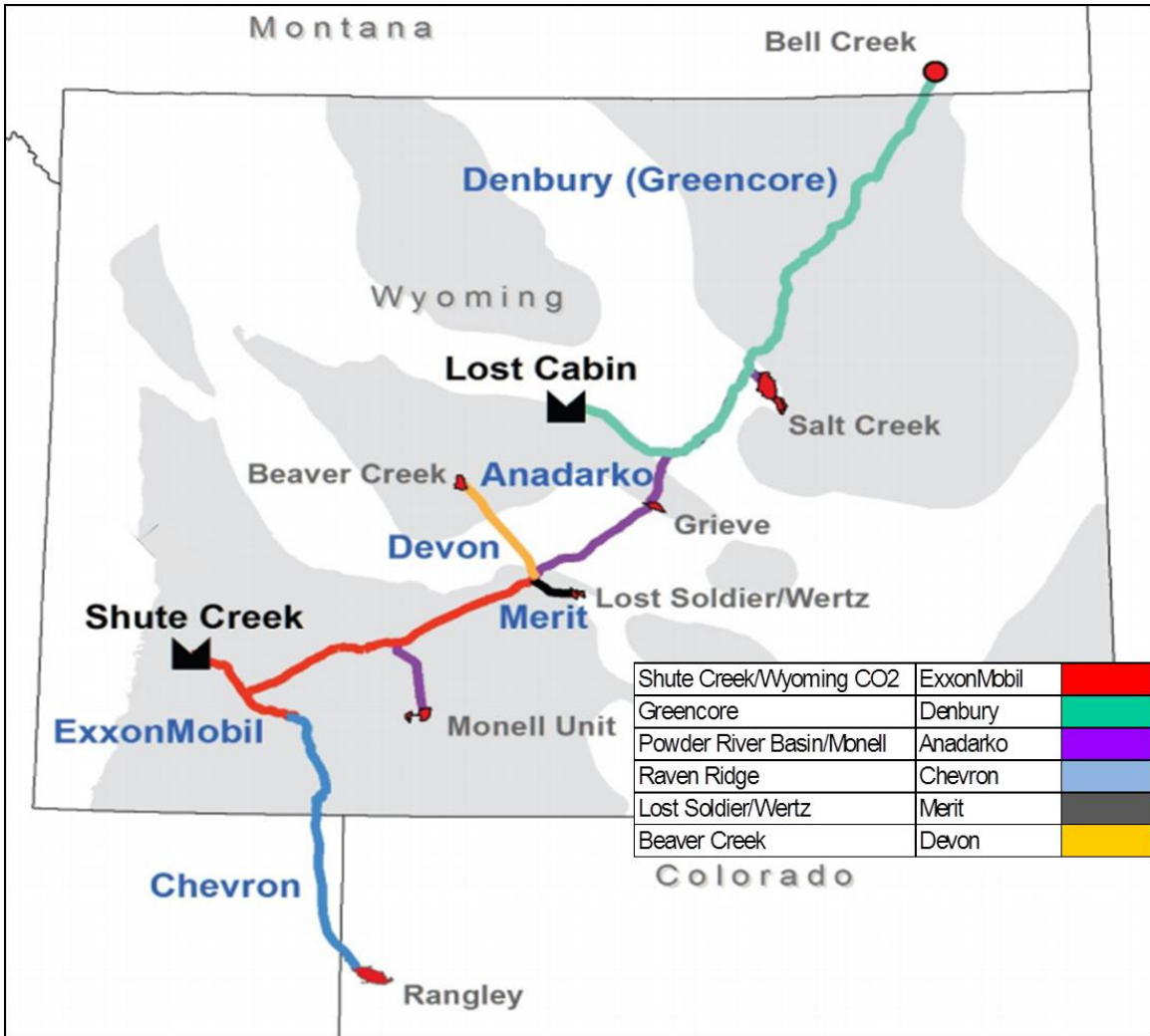
The CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR operations in the Rocky Mountain region are serviced by two major sources of CO<sub>2</sub>: the Shute Creek natural gas processing plant and the Lost Cabin Gas Plant (Exhibit 7). The Shute Creek pipeline, operated by ExxonMobil, is the central trunk-line (i.e., a pipeline that originates at a transshipment node) for several smaller pipelines, which deliver CO<sub>2</sub> to CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects in central Wyoming, as well as the Rangely CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR project in northwest Colorado.

Denbury completed construction of the Greencore pipeline in 2012, which delivers CO<sub>2</sub> supplies from the Lost Cabin Gas Plant to the Salt Creek, Bell Creek, and other CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects in the Rocky Mountain region.

Exhibit 8 lists the CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines installed in the Rocky Mountain region, including a short, 40-mile delivery pipeline from McElmo Dome to the Aneth CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR project in Utah.



Exhibit 7 Rocky Mountain CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure



Source: Denbury Onshore LLC (1)

**Exhibit 8 Rocky Mountain CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines**

Scale	Pipeline	Operator	Location	Length (mi)	Diameter (in)	Estimated Flow Capacity (MMcfd)
Large-Scale Trunk-lines	Shute Creek/Wyoming CO <sub>2</sub>	ExxonMobil	WY	142	30-20	1,220-220
	Greencore	Denbury Resources	WY, MT	230	22	720
Smaller Scale Distribution Systems	Powder River Basin CO <sub>2</sub>	Anadarko	WY	125	16	220
	Raven Ridge	Chevron	WY, CO	160	16	220
	McElmo Creek	Kinder Morgan	CO, UT	40	8	80
	Monell	Anadarko	WY	33	8	80
	Lost Soldier/Wertz	Merit	WY	30	16	43
	Beaver Creek	Devon	WY	53	8	30

### 3.5 Mid-Continent

The Mid-Continent CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline system (Exhibit 9) is mainly a set of fragmented source-to-field pipelines supplying captured CO<sub>2</sub> from industrial sources to individual CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR operations. Chaparral owns and operates the majority of these smaller pipelines while Anadarko controls the Enid-Purdy pipeline in Central Oklahoma. A small amount of natural CO<sub>2</sub> from Bravo Dome is delivered to the Postle CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR operation via the TransPetco Pipeline. These CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines are listed in Exhibit 10.

Exhibit 9 Mid-Centinent CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure

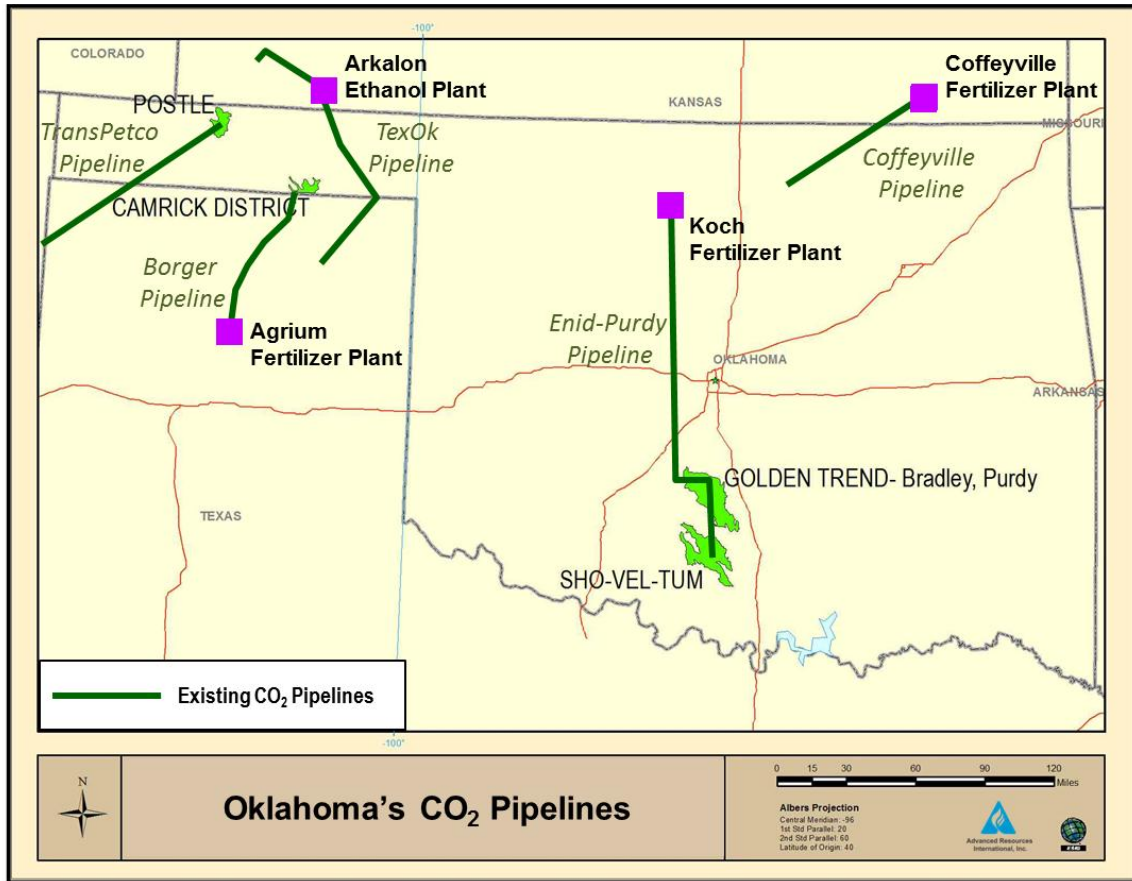


Exhibit 10 Mid-Centinent CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines

Scale	Pipeline	Operator	Location	Length (mi)	Diameter (in)	Estimated Flow Capacity (MMcfd)
Small Scale Distribution Systems	Coffeyville- Burbank	Chaparral Energy	KS, OK	68	8	80
	Enid-Purdy (Central Oklahoma)	Anadarko	OK	117	8	80
	TransPetco	TransPetco	TX, OK	110	8	80
	TexOk	Chaparral Energy	OK	95	6	70
	Borger	Chaparral Energy	TX, OK	86	4	50

### 3.6 Other U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline Networks

Two other CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline networks exist, one in North Dakota and one in Michigan. The Dakota Gasification pipeline delivers captured CO<sub>2</sub> from the Great Plains Synfuels plant to the Weyburn CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR project in Saskatchewan, Canada. (3) The White Frost pipeline delivers captured CO<sub>2</sub> from the Antrim Gas Processing plant to several small-scale CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects in Otsego County, Michigan. (4) These CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines are listed in Exhibit 11.

**Exhibit 11 Other CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines in the U.S.**

Region	Pipeline	Operator	Location	Length (mi)	Diameter (in)	Estimated Flow Capacity (MMcfd)
Other	Dakota Gasification (Souris Valley)	Dakota Gasification	ND, SK	204	14	130
Other	White Frost	Core Energy, LLC	MI	11	6	70

## 4 Potential CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline Network Expansion

This section provides industry-announced CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline projects as well as potential CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline expansion based on economic modeling with a Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Policy and Systems Analysis office version of the National Energy Modeling System model (hereafter referred to as EP-NEMS).

### 4.1 Projections Based on Industry Announcements

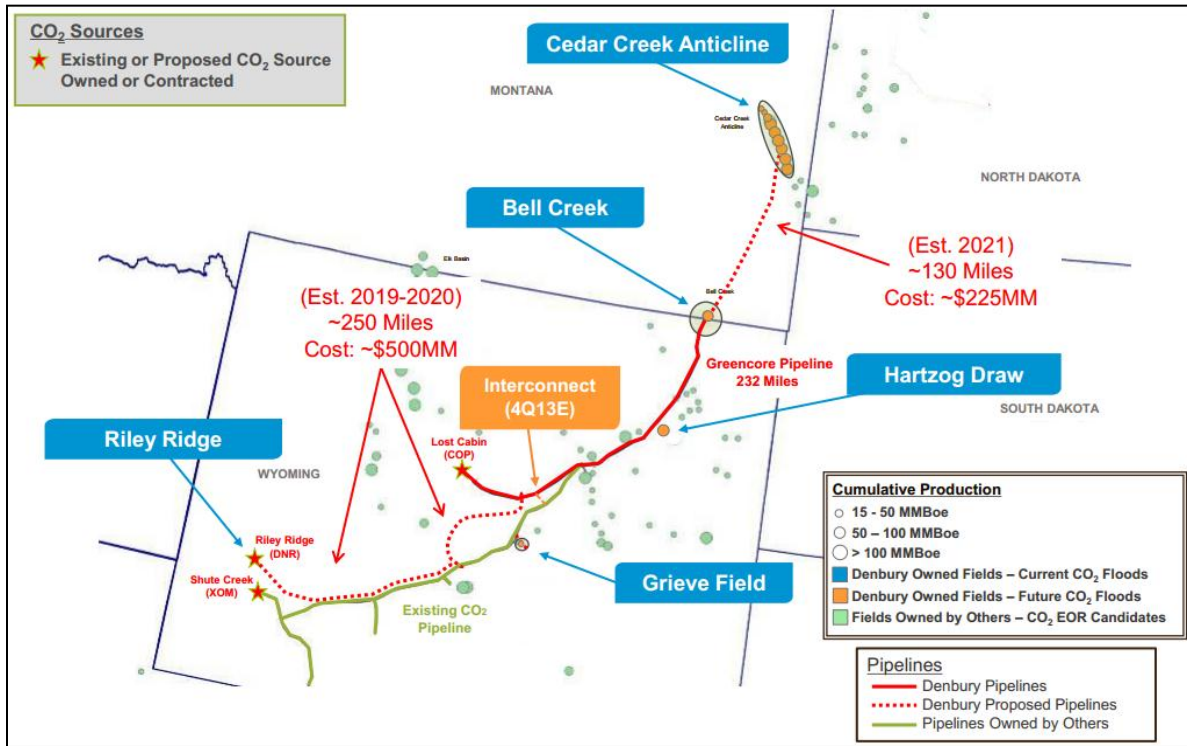
Several new CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline projects have been announced by industry, most of which would connect industrial facilities with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects. A summary of these announcements can be found at the end of this section (Exhibit 16).

#### 4.1.1 Wyoming Pipeline Development and Greencore Pipeline Extension

Denbury has announced plans for major CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline developments in Wyoming (Exhibit 12). The company is planning to install a major pipeline to connect new sources of CO<sub>2</sub> at the Riley Ridge Gas Plant to its CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR operations in Wyoming. This new pipeline will extend approximately 250 miles, utilizing some existing CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline corridors before linking to the Greencore Pipeline south of the Lost Cabin CO<sub>2</sub> source. Installation of this pipeline is expected between 2019 and 2020 at a cost of approximately \$500 million. (6)

Denbury is also planning an extension of the Greencore Pipeline from its current termination at the Bell Creek field to a number of recently acquired oil fields in East Central Montana and Western North Dakota known collectively as the Cedar Creek Anticline (CCA). This new section of the Greencore Pipeline would extend approximately 130 miles from Bell Creek to the CCA, at an estimated cost of \$225 million. While the CCA properties were recently acquired, the pipeline extension has been delayed until 2021 while water flooding and field development is conducted in advance of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR operations. (6)

Exhibit 12 Denbury's Wyoming CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline developments



Source: Denbury Onshore LLC (6)

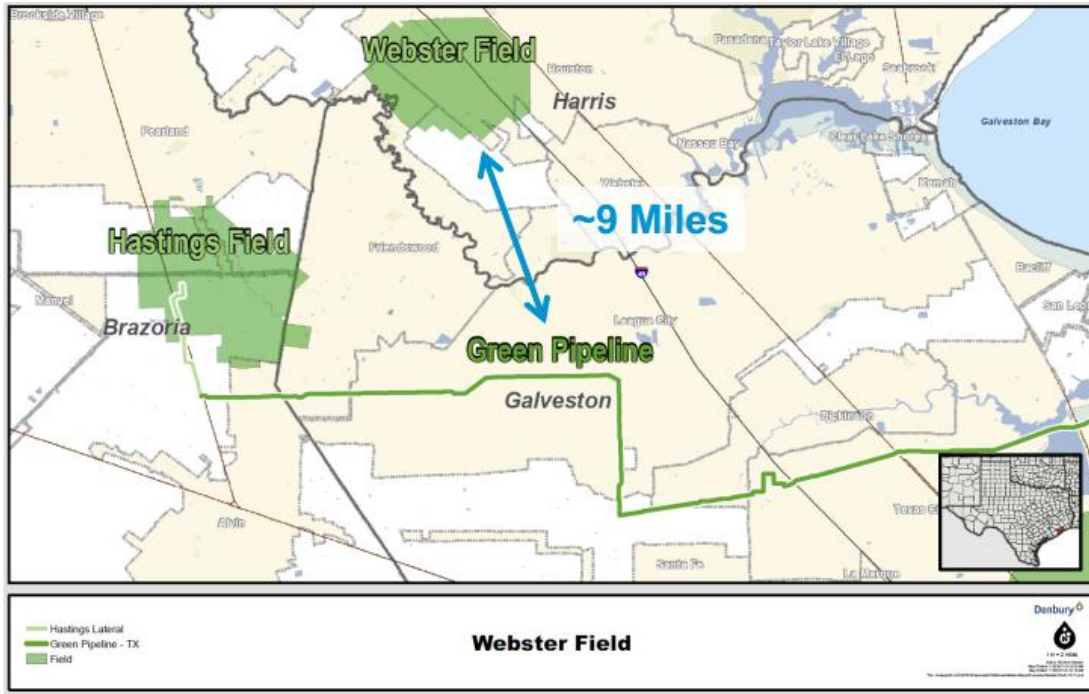
#### 4.1.2 Green Pipeline Laterals

Denbury also has plans to extend two significant CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline laterals from the Green Pipeline to CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR operations in East Texas. (6)

Construction of the first lateral began in mid- 2014. This is a 9-mile, 16-inch lateral from the Green Pipeline to the Webster oil field near Harris, Texas (Exhibit 13). Delivery and injection of CO<sub>2</sub> is scheduled for 2016. The cost for construction of this pipeline is estimated at \$23 million. The Webster CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR project is expected to produce roughly 15,000 barrels of oil per day from a potential 68 million barrels of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR oil. (6)

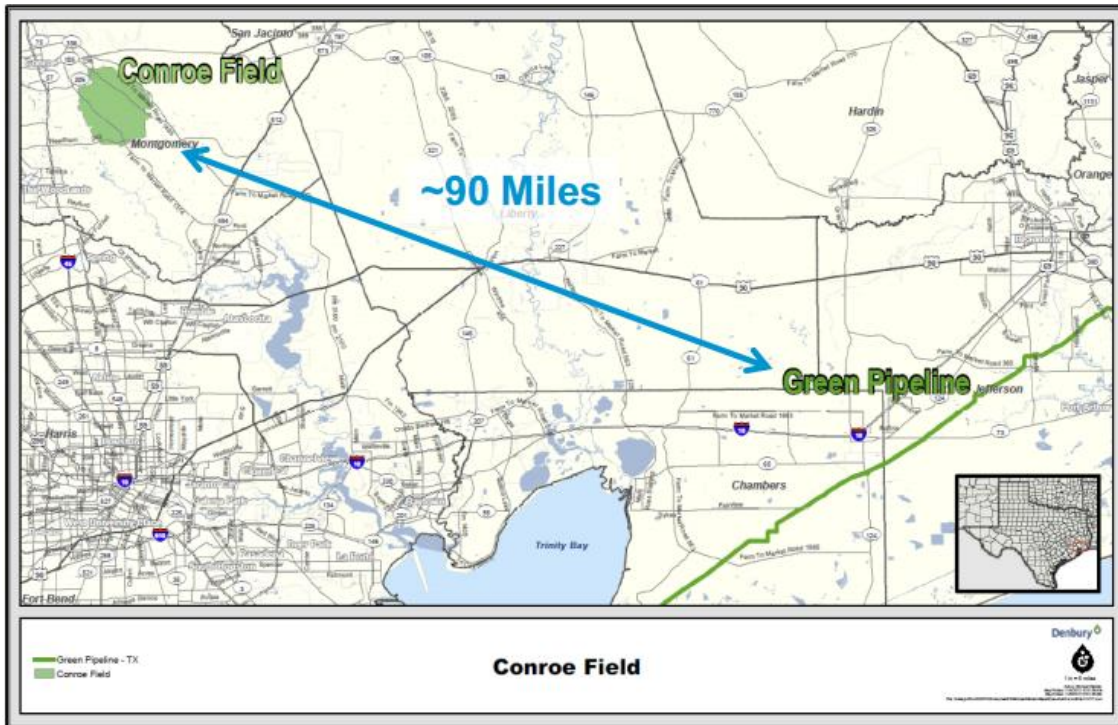
A second lateral to connect the Conroe CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR project to the Green Pipeline is also underway (Exhibit 14), with permitting and route selection currently ongoing. The lateral is expected to extend roughly 90 miles from the Green Pipeline near the border of Texas and Louisiana to the Conroe oil field. Construction on the 20-inch pipeline is expected to begin in 2016, with first delivery and injection of CO<sub>2</sub> in 2017, and first oil production in 2018. The Conroe CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR operation is expected to yield a peak production of between 15,000 and 20,000 barrels of oil per day from a potential 130 million barrels of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR oil. (6)

Exhibit 13 Planned Webster CO<sub>2</sub> lateral pipeline



Source: Denbury Onshore LLC (6)

Exhibit 14 Planned Conroe CO<sub>2</sub> lateral pipeline

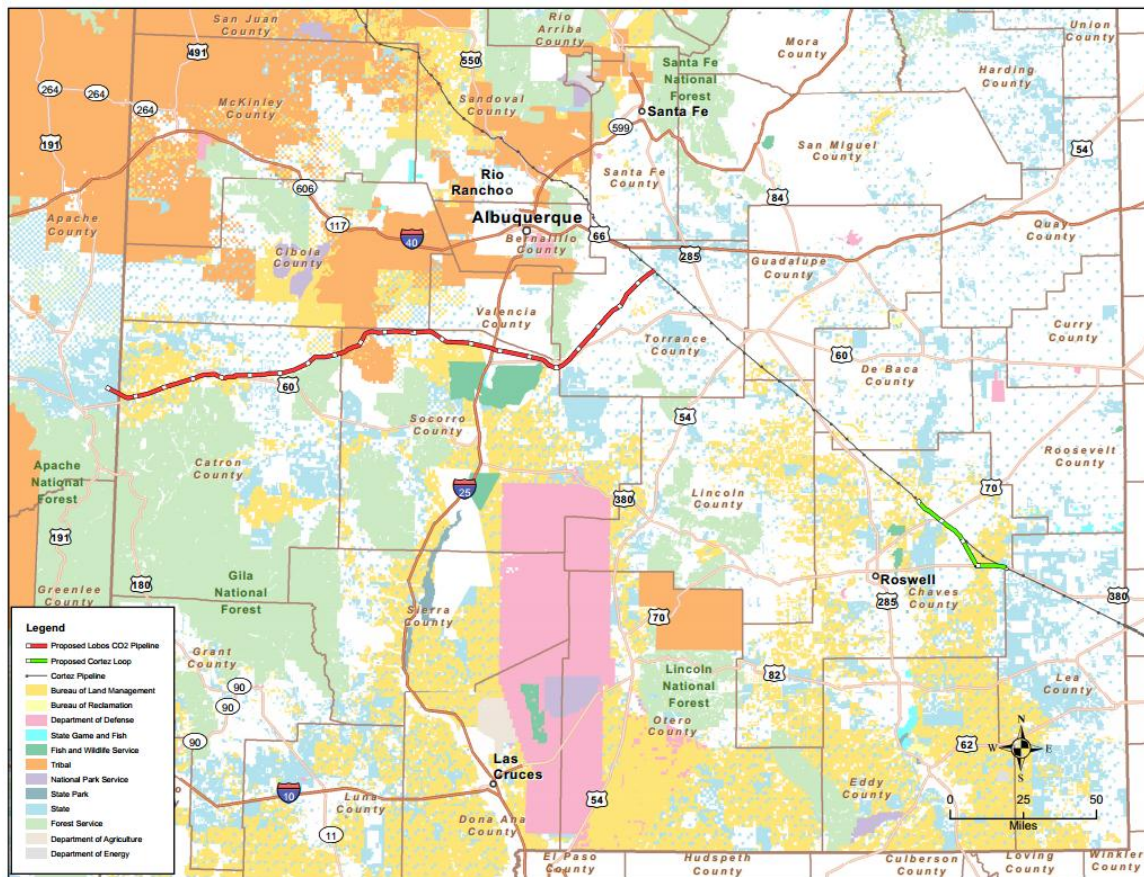


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### 4.1.3 Potential Additional CO<sub>2</sub> Supplies from Natural Sources

Kinder Morgan planned to invest approximately \$310 million in a new 16-inch CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline to connect St. Johns Dome, a large natural CO<sub>2</sub> source located on the border of Arizona and New Mexico, to CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects in the Permian Basin (Exhibit 15).<sup>3</sup> The pipeline would have extended approximately 214 miles from St. Johns Dome to Torrance County, New Mexico, where it will link with the Cortez Pipeline. Kinder Morgan also planned to expand the capacity of the Cortez pipeline by 300 million cubic feet per day to accommodate additional CO<sub>2</sub> volumes from St. Johns Dome. However, Kinder Morgan recently has withdrawn their Right-of-Way request with the BLM for Lobos pipeline construction. They cite the decline in oil price and a shift in their business strategy as reasons for withdrawal, however the opportunity is open for future development<sup>4</sup>.

**Exhibit 15 Planned Lobos CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline in New Mexico**



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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.kindermorgan.com/business/CO2/lobospipeline/default.cfm>

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/more/lands\\_realty/lobos\\_co2\\_pipeline.html](http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/more/lands_realty/lobos_co2_pipeline.html)

#### 4.1.4 Additional CO<sub>2</sub> from Industrial Sources

Based on recent announcements<sup>5</sup> (Exhibit 16), industry is on the brink of capturing significant volumes of CO<sub>2</sub> from industrial sources, in addition to the 740 million cubic feet per day of industrial CO<sub>2</sub> utilized for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR. Using industrial data and published reports, the volume of CO<sub>2</sub> supplies from industrial facilities could reach 3,060 million cubic feet per day by the end of the decade, an increase of over four times the current CO<sub>2</sub> capture and transportation volume.

Many of the proposed industrial capture facilities are being developed with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR in mind. The locations of a number of proposed facilities are within a moderate distance (less than 100 miles) from viable CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR oil fields. The construction of these facilities will include pipelines directly to the proposed CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR facilities. For example, the Petra Nova Capture Project will capture CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the W.A. Parish power plant in Thompson, Texas and deliver CO<sub>2</sub> supplies to the CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR project at the West Ranch field in Vanderbilt, Texas, via an 80-mile CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline.

Several other proposed industrial capture projects will tie into existing CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines for delivery of CO<sub>2</sub> to established CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR operating areas. These projects will require shorter (less than 50 miles) lateral pipelines to connect directly with major CO<sub>2</sub> trunk-lines. For example, CO<sub>2</sub> captured from the Lake Charles Gasification facility in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana will be transported to the Green Pipeline via a 12-mile lateral. This CO<sub>2</sub> will eventually be utilized by CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR facilities in East Texas.

Exhibit 16 provides the CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines associated with proposed industrial CO<sub>2</sub> capture projects.

**Exhibit 16 Planned CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines**

Project Name	Project Type	Location	Est. Start Date	Length (mi)	Est. CO <sub>2</sub> Transport Capacity Required (MMcfd)
Illinois Industrial Carbon Capture	CCS	Decatur, IL	2015	1	50
Petra Nova	CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR	Thompson, TX	2016	82	70
Sargas Texas	CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR	Point Comfort, TX	2017	50	40
Lake Charles Co-Generation	CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR	Calcasieu Parish, LA	2018	12	200
Medicine Bow CTL	CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR	Medicine Bow, WY	2018	TBD	130
Quintana Syngas	CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR	South Heart, SD	2018	TBD	108

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.globalccsinstitute.com/projects/large-scale-ccs-projects#overview>



Project Name	Project Type	Location	Est. Start Date	Length (mi)	Est. CO <sub>2</sub> Transport Capacity Required (MMcfd)
Hydrogen Energy California (HECA)	CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR	Kern County, CA	2019	3	124
Indiana Gasification	CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR	Rockport, IN	2019	430	285
Texas Clean Energy Project	CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR	Penwell, TX	2019	1	140
Mississippi Clean Energy Project	CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR	TBD	TBD	TBD	210

## 4.2 Projections using the EIA NEMS analysis

Three cases were run using EP-NEMS to provide a range of potential CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline expansion scenarios. The first case used a similar set of assumptions to EIA's Annual Energy Outlook (AEO2014) Reference Case projection. In this case, EP-NEMS projects limited additional expansion of U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure, from 2015 through 2040. However, analysis of scenarios that examine the implications of illustrative national climate policies reveals that such policies could significantly change the outlook for CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines. A national carbon policy would create incentives for electric power plants and other industrial facilities to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through carbon capture technologies, improving the economics for oil production through CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR.

### Reference Case

The AEO2014 Reference Case, which assumes no new policies or changes to current policies, deployed carbon capture and storage (CCS) to a level below a minimum threshold at which new pipelines were constructed. Since NEMS did not build out new pipelines due to the lack of CO<sub>2</sub> capture, the following discussions include no further comparisons between the Reference Case and the two other cases.

### Extended Policies Case (Cap40)

In the EIA Extended Policies Case, existing tax credits that have sunset dates are assumed not to sunset, and other policies (i.e., Corporate Average Fuel Economy [CAFE] standards, appliance standards, and building codes) are expanded beyond current provisions. The EP-NEMS run for this report is not an EIA side case. It was developed for DOE's Energy Policy and Systems Analysis (EPSA) office, using the standard EIA Extended Policy Case as the basis for the run and including additional assumptions and modifications affecting several sectors. In particular, in the transportation sector, aviation efficiency was assumed to improve by 1.5 percent per year. In addition, heavy duty vehicle fuel economy (measured in miles per gallon) was assumed to improve by 9 percent by 2040. Biofuels were assumed to realize a 20-30 percent reduction in cost while biomass was assumed to experience a 20 percent decrease in fuel supply costs. (7)

The Extended Policies Case further assumed higher building efficiency standards and a significant reduction in energy consumption by the industrial sector. The Production Tax Credit (PTC) and the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for wind and solar were assumed to be extended

indefinitely and an economy-wide CO<sub>2</sub> emissions cap was imposed, reducing emissions by 40 percent from 2005 by 2030 and a total of 80 percent from 2005 levels by 2050. Finally, nuclear at risk retirements that were stated in the Reference case were removed from this case. (7)

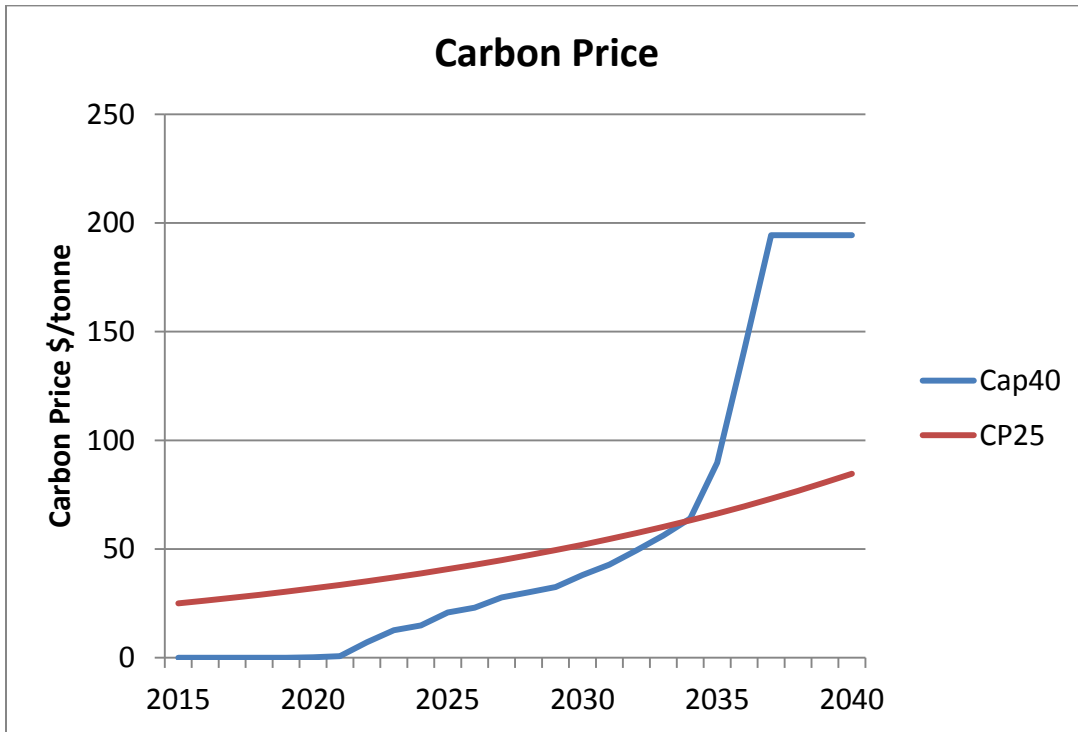
**AEO2014 Early Release Case with a carbon price of \$25/tonne (CP25)**

The CP25 case assumes a \$25/tonne price on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The price on is economy wide, begins in 2015, and increases by 5 percent annually through 2040. This pathway matches the EIA’s AEO2014 \$25 Carbon Price side case. (8) This illustrative national carbon policy is not intended to represent any actual or proposed policy, but instead is used as a means to understand the extent to which a climate policy would drive growth in CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR demand, and consequently in CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure. Currently, just over 4 percent of total U.S. crude oil production is currently produced through EOR, though this is projected to increase to 7 percent by 2030. (5)

**4.2.1 CO<sub>2</sub> Price and CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Results**

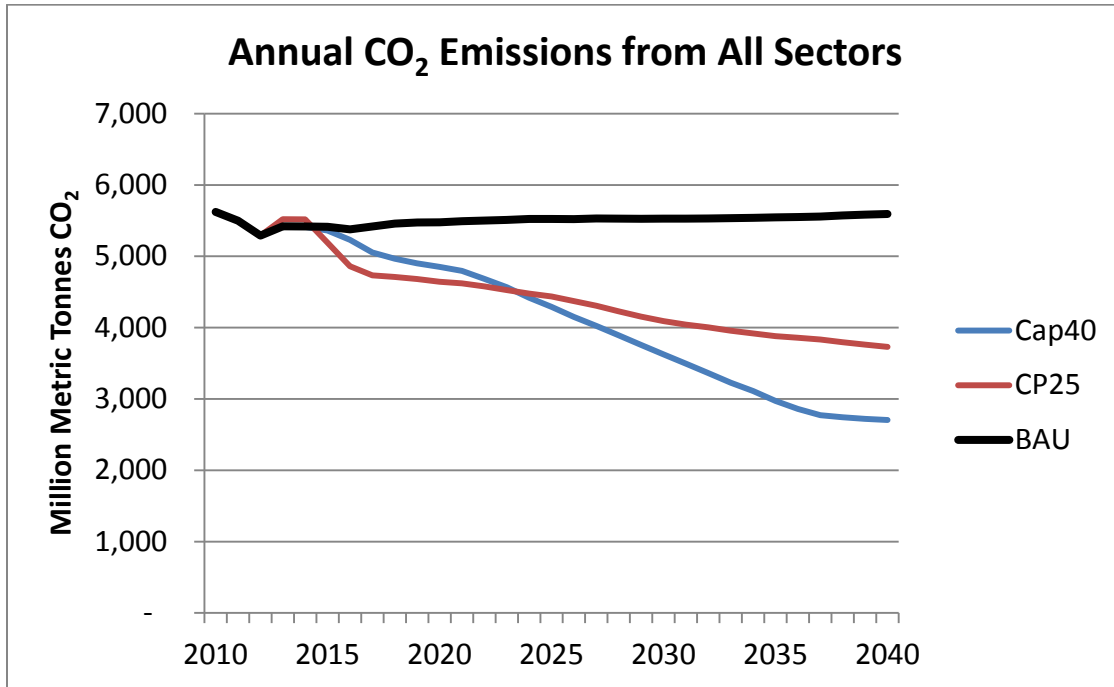
The price of CO<sub>2</sub> in the CP25 case, as stated above, begins at \$25/tonne in 2015 and increases to \$52/tonne in 2030, and nearly \$85/tonne by 2040, as seen in Exhibit 17. The Cap40 CO<sub>2</sub> price begins at \$0/tonne and does not increase until the 2021 time frame. The price then increases at an exponential rate, reaching \$38/tonne by 2030 and nearly \$200/tonne by 2036, where it remains for the rest of the model time horizon.

**Exhibit 17 CO<sub>2</sub> Price under the Cap40 and CP 25 scenarios**



As the price per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> increases, the amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions decrease in each case. Exhibit 18 shows that the Cap40 reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at a greater rate than the CP25 case, and by 2040, reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by nearly 1 billion more tonnes cumulatively than the CP25 case and almost 3 billion more tonnes than the Reference case.

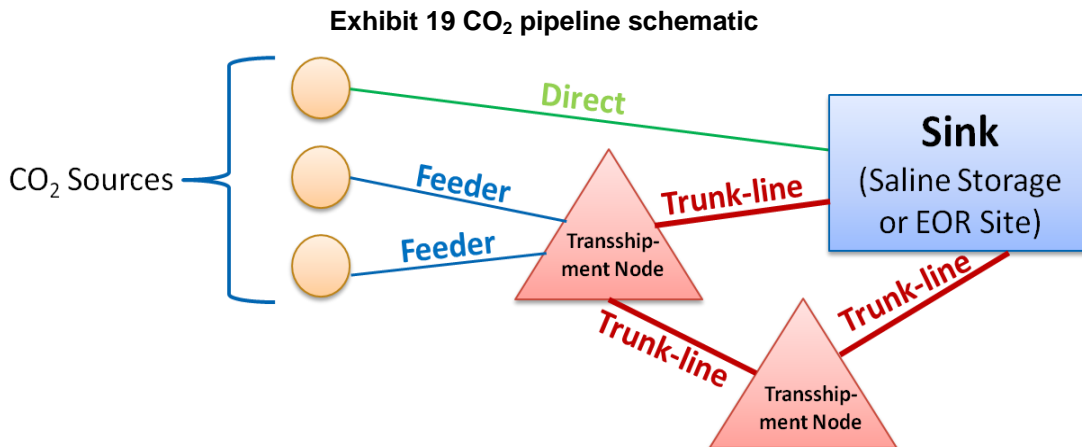
Exhibit 18 CO<sub>2</sub> Emission reductions for all sectors under the Cap40 and CP 25 scenarios



#### 4.2.2 CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline Expansion Results

CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines are segmented into different types depending on where in the supply chain they are located and how they are used. The following is a list of how different segments of pipeline are defined, and Exhibit 19 provides a schematic of the CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure.

- Direct – Dedicated pipeline from CO<sub>2</sub> source to sink
- Feeder – Dedicated pipeline from source to transshipment node
- Trunk-line – Shared pipeline from transshipment node to any other node or sink
- Interstate – Pipeline that crosses between two states
- Intrastate – Pipeline that stays within one state



In the CP25 case, by 2030, EP-NEMS projects over 11,000 miles of new CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines (Exhibit 35), primarily from electric power plants to EOR projects and saline storage sites. By 2030,

there are 56 new pipeline segments in use to transport captured CO<sub>2</sub> from its source to a terminal sink (EOR or Saline Storage). Under this scenario, regional oil production from EOR occurs predominantly in the Southwest; however, production also significantly increases in the Midcontinent, West Coast and Gulf Coast regions.

In terms of sources for the CO<sub>2</sub>, by 2030, the CP25 case projects a tripling of CO<sub>2</sub> capture in the U.S., with over 99 percent of this coming from the power sector (Exhibit 37). Under this scenario, an 11 percent reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (94 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>) from the U.S. power sector (Exhibit 36) would come through the application of carbon capture technologies to over 32 GW of generation capacity (Exhibit 38)<sup>6</sup>.

In terms of sinks for the CO<sub>2</sub>, oil production from CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR is projected to increase to over 10 percent of total U.S. production by 2030 (Exhibit 39). This would account for nearly 95 percent of CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration, with the balance being stored in underground saline formations.

In the CP25 case, direct pipelines make up 48 percent of the total pipeline miles and 23 percent of the tonne-miles transported. This is significantly less than the 79 percent of total miles dedicated to direct pipelines in the Cap40 case. Additionally, there is about 5,000 miles more of pipeline in the CP25 than in the Cap40 case; nearly all of that difference comes from an increase in the use of shared trunk-lines. While the CP25 results in fewer GWs of power plant capacity with capture (about 71 GW vs. 79 GW in the Cap40 case), they are distributed over a greater number of plants, thus increasing the total pipeline mileage in the CP25 case (Exhibit 20).

**Exhibit 20 CO<sub>2</sub> transportation by market segment (2040)**

Cap40 Results					
Pipe Type	Total Miles	%	Average Miles	Million Tons CO <sub>2</sub>	%
Total	15,194	100	205	468,906	100
Direct	11,977	79	244	269,674	58
Feeder	2,458	16	123	65,309	14
Trunk-lines	760	5	152	133,923	29
Interregional	7,448	49	219	221,823	47
Intraregional	8,411	55	210	247,083	53
CP25 Results					
Pipe Type	Total Miles	%	Average Miles	Million Tons CO <sub>2</sub>	%
Total	21,496	100	197	841,086	100
Direct	10,355	48	280	194,038	23
Feeder	5,475	25	112	125,794	15
Trunk-lines	5,666	26	246	521,254	62
Interregional	11,478	53	239	370,276	44
Intraregional	10,018	47	164	470,810	56

<sup>6</sup> Of this 32 GW, 5.9 GW is coal-fired and 26.5 GW is gas-fired.

In the Cap40 case, 12-inch pipes are used exclusively in direct connections; however, 85 percent of them crossed state lines. 60 percent of the 16-inch pipeline miles are associated with direct connections, with 45 percent of them being interstate pipelines. All of the pipes greater than 16 inches were used as either feeders into trunk-lines or as trunk-lines, 27 percent of which were interstate lines (Exhibit 21).

In the CP25 case, 12-inch pipes make up almost 90 percent of all the direct pipelines, with the balance carried by 16-inch pipelines. As in the Cap40 case, in the CP25 case, 12-inch pipes are used exclusively in direct connections and a large majority (78 percent in this case) cross state lines. The larger plants (those with emissions >3.25 MMT/yr – approximately equivalent to the emissions of a 500 MW coal plant) fed into trunk-lines while most of the smaller plants used direct pipelines.

**Exhibit 21 CO<sub>2</sub> transportation by miles as a function of pipeline diameter (2040)**

<b>Cap40</b>					
Pipeline Miles					
Pipe Type	Pipeline Diameter (in)				
	12	16	20	24	36
Total	8,623	5,632	192	582	165
Direct	8,623	3,354	-	-	-
Feeder	-	2,171	192	94	-
Trunk-lines	-	107	-	488	165
Interregional	3,866	3,488	-	94	-
Intraregional	4,758	2,145	192	488	165
MMT-Miles	135,434	185,295	13,101	97,877	43,199
% of Total	29	40	3	20	9
<b>CP25</b>					
Pipeline Miles					
Pipe Type	Pipeline Diameter (in)				
	12	16	20	24	36
Total	9,251	6,706	158	4,370	1,011
Direct	9,251	1,104	-	-	-
Feeder	-	5,317	158	-	-
Trunk-lines	-	285	-	4,370	1,011
Interregional	6,693	2,014	-	2,006	765
Intraregional	2,558	4,692	158	2,365	246
MMT-Miles	147,141	186,374	4,840	322,990	179,740
% of Total	17	22	1	38	21

Total CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline development costs depend on a number of variables, including length, pipeline diameter, terrain, and other regional variations. However, total cost for a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline project in a given region can be determined by examining a similar project in the Permian Basin.

Similar to oil field infrastructure development, capital costs for CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines are lowest in the Permian Basin. For example, the 214 mile, 16-inch Lobos pipeline is expected to cost approximately \$300 million. Other announced CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines in the Gulf Coast and Rocky Mountain regions are expected to cost between 25 percent and 33 percent more per inch-mile than the Lobos pipeline. These additional costs are likely due to harsher terrain, navigation through denser populations, and less competition among developers capable of undertaking such technically-demanding work.

Based on recent announcements<sup>7</sup>, industry is on the brink of capturing significant volumes of CO<sub>2</sub> from industrial sources, including the 740 million cubic feet per day of industrial CO<sub>2</sub> utilized for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR. Using industrial data and published reports, the volume of CO<sub>2</sub> supplies from industrial facilities could reach 3,060 million cubic feet per day by the end of the decade, an increase of over four times the current CO<sub>2</sub> capture and transportation volume from industrial sources.

Exhibit 22 shows that the average cost per mile of pipeline is \$562,000 in the CP25 case, which is about 40 percent higher than in the Cap40 case. This difference is largely attributed to the greater use of larger diameter trunk-lines in the CP25 case. A trunk-line is built when it is more economical (on a \$/tonne basis) for more than one source to share a pipeline than build a dedicated (direct) pipeline. Because the trunk-line carries the combined volume of two or more sources, a larger diameter pipeline is required. The larger the diameter of a pipeline, the greater the cost per mile, although the cost per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> carried may be less than a smaller pipeline (depending upon utilization). Exhibit 33 and Exhibit 34 in the Appendix provide state-level detail for inter- and intra-state pipeline segments.

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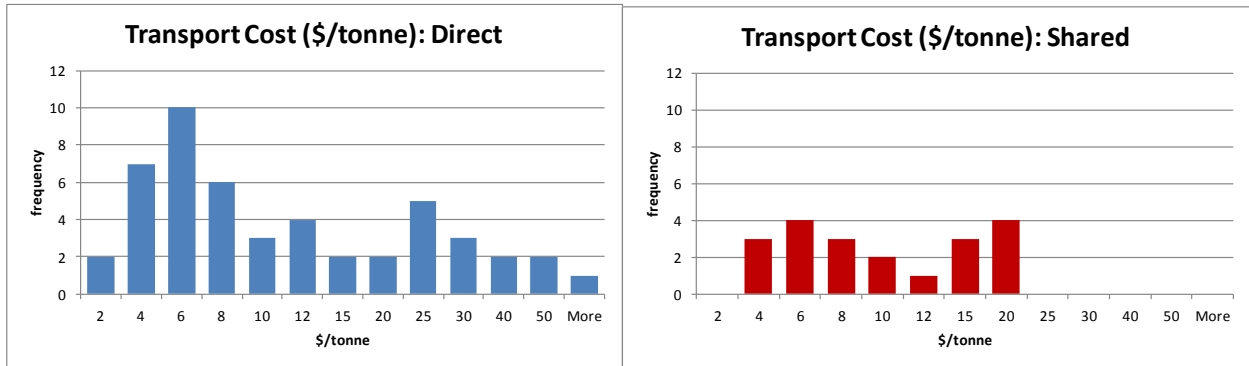
**Exhibit 22 Inter- and Intrastate pipeline segments (2040)**

<b>Cap40</b>				
	Units	Interstate Pipelines	Intrastate Pipelines	Total/Average
Number of Links		37	37	74
Direct		30	19	49
Feeder		6	14	20
Trunk-lines		1	4	5
Average Distance	mi	278	133	243
Average Cost	MM\$	119	49	105
Total Miles	mi	10,278	4,916	15,194
Total CO <sub>2</sub>	MMT	1,059	1,181	2,240
Total Tonne-miles	MMT-mi	10,880,053	5,803,705	16,683,758
Average Cost/mi	(\$1000)	362	203	330
<b>CP25</b>				
	Units	Interstate Pipelines	Intrastate Pipelines	Total/Average
Number of Links		60	49	109
Direct		24	13	37
Feeder		20	29	49
Trunk-lines		16	7	23
Average Distance	mi	251	132	244
Average Cost	MM\$	199	73	173
Total Miles	mi	15,036	6,460	21,496
Total CO <sub>2</sub>	MMT	1,960	2,380	4,340
Total Tonne-miles	MMT-mi	29,477,059	15,378,094	44,855,153
Average Cost/mi	(\$1000)	624	323	562

Transportation costs are calculated as the cost to transfer one tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> from its origin (capture point) to its terminus. There are only two path options: direct (a dedicated pipeline from origin to terminus) and shared (where several sources of CO<sub>2</sub> are collected at a transshipment point and then transported via a trunk-line to the terminus).

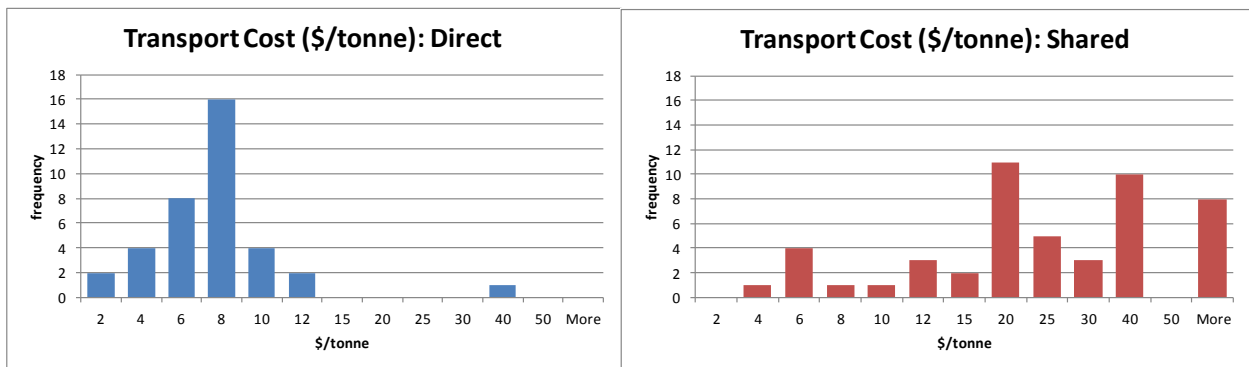
In the Cap40 case, for both direct and shared pipelines, the majority of the costs are below \$8/tonne (Exhibit 23). While the distribution of costs is much greater for the direct pipelines versus shared, the median cost of transport is similar between the two: \$7.92 for direct pipelines and \$8.46 for shared.

**Exhibit 23 Transportation Costs for the Cap40 case**



Unlike the Cap40 case, which saw similar costs per tonne between the direct and the shared pipelines, there is a greater difference between the pipeline types in the CP25 case with the median cost of a direct pipeline at \$6.38/tonne and that of a shared pipeline being \$20.75/tonne (Exhibit 24).

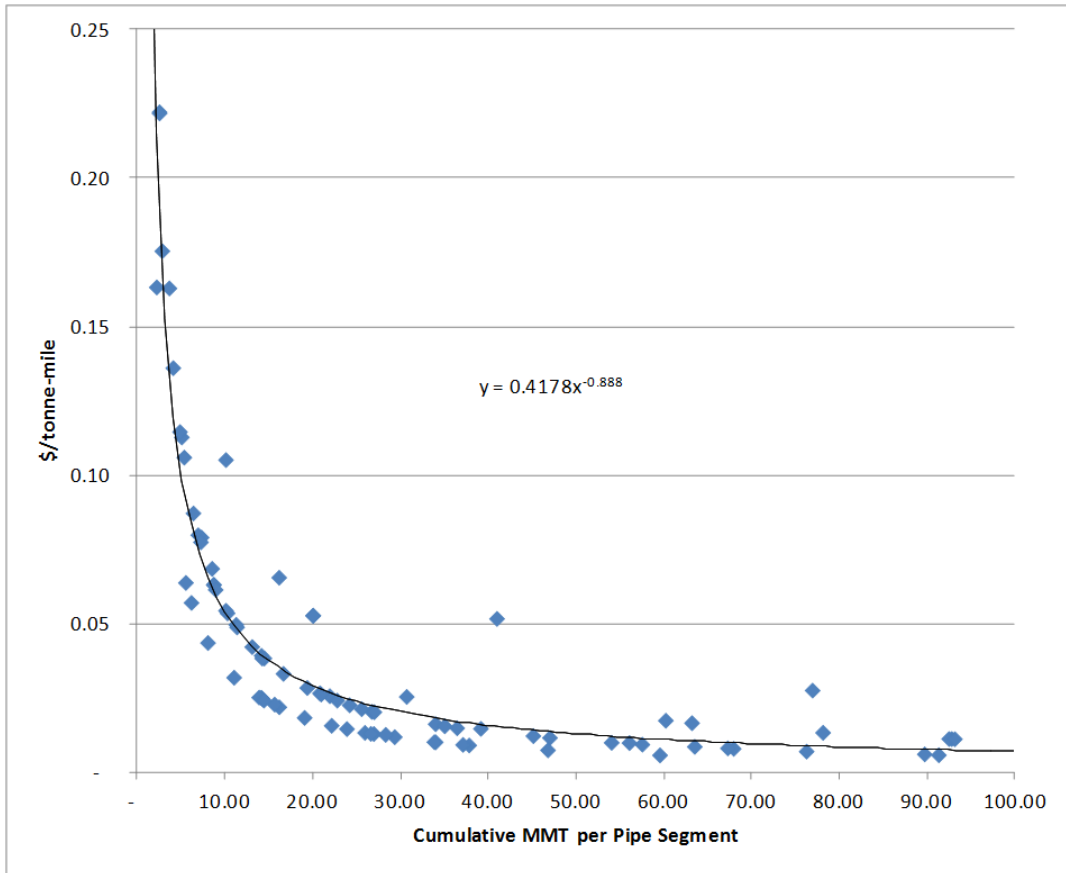
**Exhibit 24 Transportation costs for the CP25 case**



Pipeline transportation costs are heavily reliant on the volume of product moved through them. Exhibit 25 shows that as the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> that is transported increases, there is a notable decrease in costs per MMT of CO<sub>2</sub> delivered due to economies of scale.

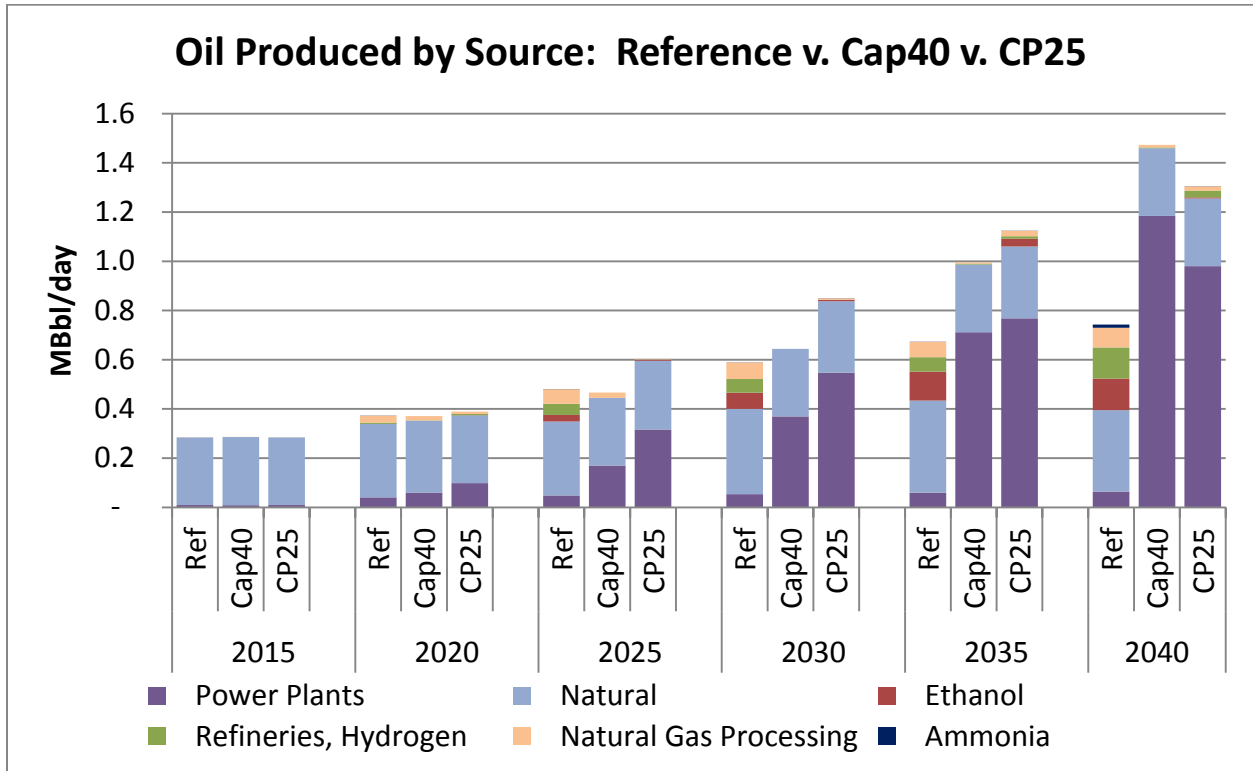


Exhibit 25 Transportation cost as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> throughput



Despite more miles of pipeline being built in the CP25 case, less CO<sub>2</sub> is captured compared to the Cap40 case. This ultimately results in less oil produced from EOR. Exhibit 26 shows that in 2040, there are 1.3 MMBbls/day of oil produced under the CP25 case, while 1.5 MMBbls/day is produced in the Cap40 case. For each case, this represents over 16 percent of total oil production in 2040, with the majority of the CO<sub>2</sub> captured for EOR production coming from power plants, while the amount of naturally sourced CO<sub>2</sub> decreases in the Cap40 case and remains nearly constant from 2015 - 2040 in the CP25 case. By comparison, the Reference case sees a very small increase in CO<sub>2</sub> production from power plants over the modeled period.

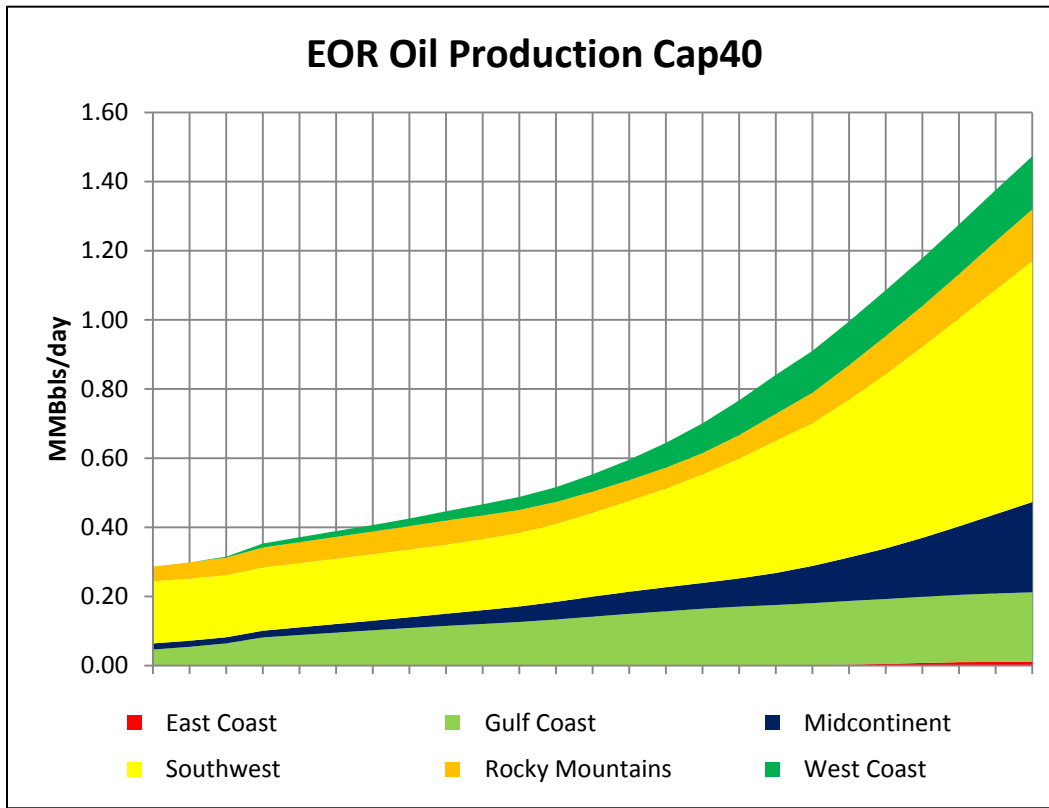
Exhibit 26 Oil produced by source for all three cases\*



\* Approximately 0.4 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>/barrel oil

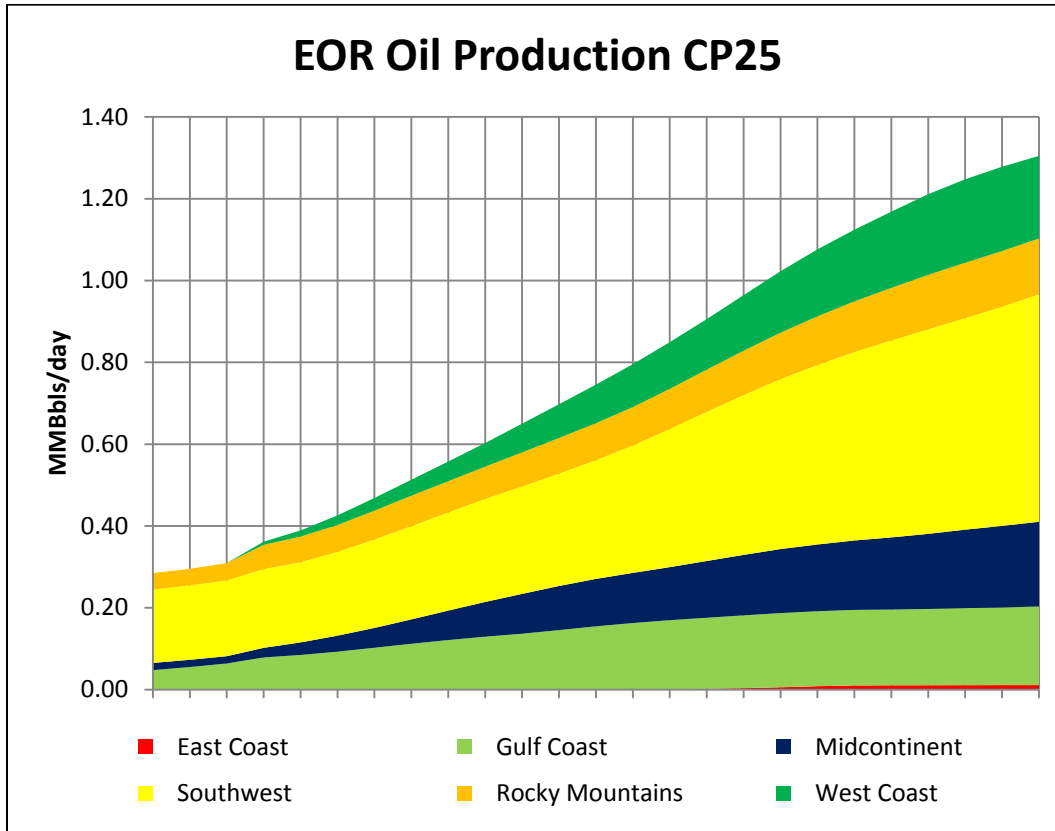
Regional oil production from EOR in the Cap40 case is dominated by the Southwest, where nearly half of the EOR oil production is derived. The Midcontinent and Gulf Coast regions also significantly increase production. There is a small increase in production on the West Coast, while the Rocky Mountain region remains steady through the 2040 period (Exhibit 27).

Exhibit 27 Oil Production by EOR in the Cap40 case



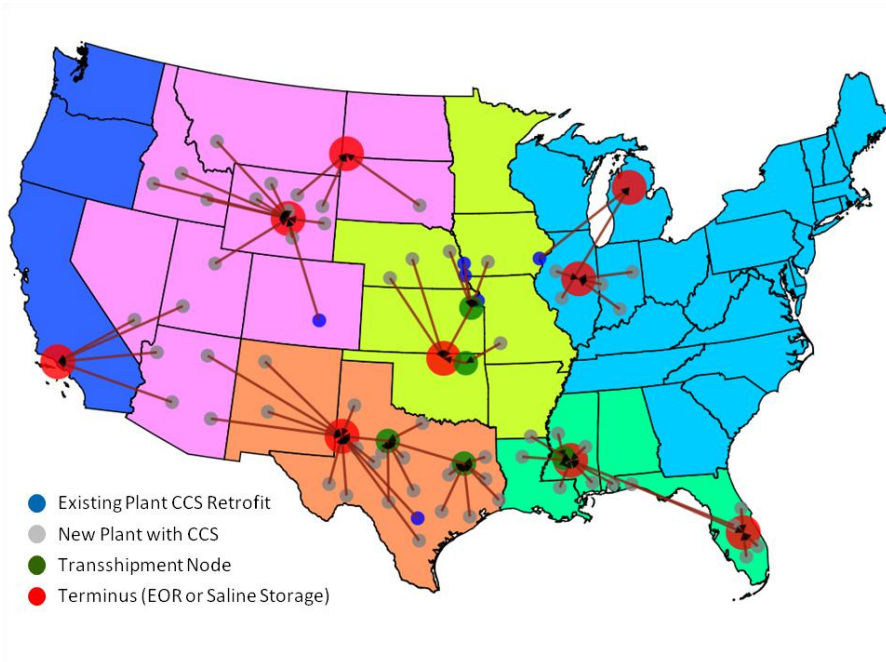
The regional distribution of CO<sub>2</sub> is similar in the CP25 when compared to the Cap40 case, as Exhibit 28 shows, with the Southwest playing the most significant role (followed by the Midwest and the West Coast)

Exhibit 28 Oil Production by EOR in the CP25 case



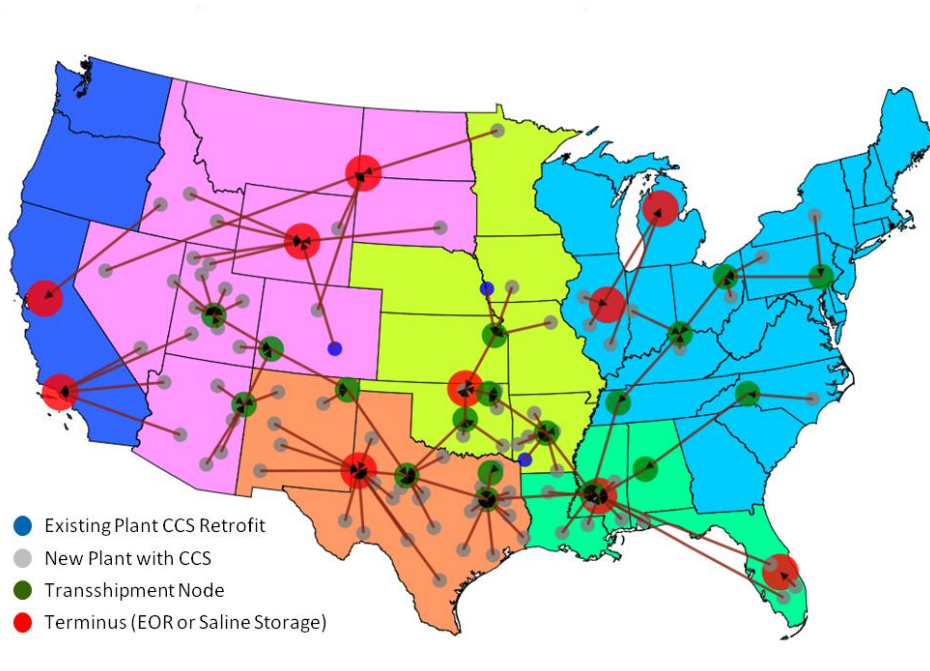
In the Cap40 case, by 2040, there are 73 new pipeline segments in use for CO<sub>2</sub> capture, transport, utilization, and storage (CTUS) from its source to a terminal sink (EOR or Saline Storage). The greatest activity occurs in Texas, where EOR activity in the Permian basin attracts CO<sub>2</sub>. Trunk-lines are typically employed where there are a relatively high concentration of sources, such as Texas, Mississippi, and Louisiana (Exhibit 29).

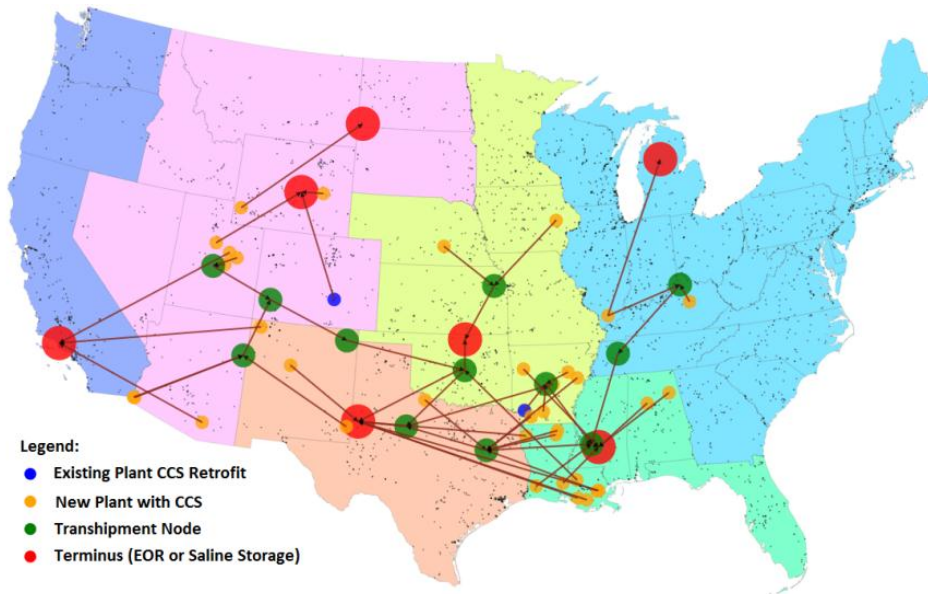
**Exhibit 29 Power plant pipeline build-out by 2040 for the Cap40 case**



In the CP25 case (Exhibit 30), by 2040, there are 107 new pipeline segments in use to transport captured CO<sub>2</sub> from its source to a terminal sink (EOR or Saline Storage). As in the Cap40 case, the greatest activity occurs in Texas, where EOR activity in the Permian basin attracts CO<sub>2</sub>, and trunk-lines are typically employed where there are a relatively high concentration of sources, such as Texas, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

**Exhibit 30 Power plant pipeline build-out by 2040 for the CP25 case**



**Exhibit 31 Power plant pipeline build-out by 2030 in the \$25/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>, low carbon scenario**

### 4.2.3 Rates of Projected Pipeline Construction

In the CP25 case, construction through 2030 would more than triple the size of current U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure, through an average annual build-rate of nearly 1,000 miles per year. As noted above, just over 600 miles (or 5 percent) of additional pipelines are coming online<sup>8</sup> (i.e., not modeling projections, but actual projects) for construction by the end of this decade, which would be consistent with the pace of CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline construction in the past, averaging roughly 100 miles per year.

Over a dozen different companies currently operate in this sector, including ExxonMobil, Kinder Morgan, Chevron, Devon, and Anadarko. Among the most active is Denbury Resources, which recently completed two long-distance CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines – the Green Pipeline in Louisiana and Texas and the Greencore Pipeline in Wyoming and Montana, totaling roughly 550 miles in length – both of which were constructed between 2009 and 2013. As another point of reference, it is worth noting that ICF International (ICF) (9) projects significant expansions in large-diameter petroleum product and natural gas pipelines over the next two decades (through 2035): up to 17,000 and 47,000 miles total, respectively; at average annual rates greater than 1,000 miles per year.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>8</sup> New industrial CO<sub>2</sub> capture facilities coming on line (e.g., Air Products PCS Nitrogen plant in southern Louisiana, Southern Company's integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) plant in Kemper County, Mississippi, etc.)

<sup>9</sup> This total includes ICF estimates of all new pipelines greater than 8 inches in diameter. If smaller diameter pipelines (e.g., gathering lines) are included, the estimated miles of new natural gas and petroleum product pipelines is nearly an order of magnitude greater.

## 5 Permitting, Regulations, and Policies

### 5.1 Overview

The process of designing and constructing a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline is a significant task, requiring the involvement of numerous agencies and stakeholders. Based on discussions with industry and information from the 2013 Global CCS Institute survey of large-scale integrated CO<sub>2</sub> capture, transportation and utilization; it takes between one and two years for a project to navigate the necessary permits for construction to begin on a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline. (10) Much of this time requirement depends on the terrain and location of the pipeline. The majority of CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline projects are sited on farmland and industrial areas, which require the least amount of time for permitting. Pipelines sited within populated areas, federal lands, protected areas, and rough terrain require a more rigorous permitting process. If a pipeline crosses Federal land, permits from the relevant Federal agencies and the accompanying environmental review under NEPA, in addition to notifying potential stakeholders, are required by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prior to siting and construction<sup>10</sup>.

CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines are subject to federal safety regulations set forth by the U.S. Department of Transportation. However, except for safety, the federal agencies have asserted limited direct oversight of CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure. Oversight of siting, construction, and operations of CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines is largely administered at the state level. State with laws that are specific to CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines, EOR and underground storage are varied and generally limited to those regions with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects. (11)

### 5.2 Federal Regulation

#### 5.2.1 General Oversight

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is responsible for regulating the sale and transportation of natural gas under the Natural Gas Act, Chapter 15B §717(b). (12) However, FERC has rejected oversight of CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines following an inquiry by the Cortez Pipeline Company in 1979. In its ruling, FERC determined that high-purity CO<sub>2</sub>, in this case used for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR, cannot be considered natural gas at the compositional level, and therefore is not subject to FERC regulation. (13)

Similarly, the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) determined that its oversight does not include CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines following a similar petition by the Cortez Pipeline Company in 1981. In its ruling, the ICC confirmed that interstate pipeline transportation of gas, oil, or water is exempt from ICC oversight and concluded that CO<sub>2</sub> is ultimately transported as a gas (although it is typically in a supercritical liquid phase during transportation). (14)

Following these two decisions, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) determined that ultimate oversight of CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines falls under the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Surface Transportation Board (STB), even though this office is primarily responsible for regulating interstate transportation by rail or pipeline of commodities

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<sup>10</sup> "Currently, the Bureau of Land Management regulates CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines under the Mineral Leasing Act as a commodity shipped by a common carrier. See: 30 U.S.C. § 185(r)."

“other than water, oil, or gas.” (15) The STB has yet to be asked to hear a case involving the transportation of CO<sub>2</sub>, so its oversight status remains unaddressed following the GAO decision. (15)

### **5.2.2 Safety Oversight**

CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines are subject to federal safety regulations that are administered by the U.S. DOT’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). PHMSA directly oversees pipeline safety for all interstate lines, while intrastate pipelines are subject to state agency oversight (as long as the standards are at least as stringent as the federal rules). (13)

The major risks of a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline incident are prolonged exposure to high CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations. However, of nearly 2,000 hazardous liquid and CO<sub>2</sub> transport pipeline accidental release incidents reported between 2010 and the March, 2015, a total of 21 incidents occurred for CO<sub>2</sub> transport pipelines, none of which resulted in either fatality or injury. (16)

While CO<sub>2</sub> is not considered a hazardous material by DOT, CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines are regulated under 49 CFR Part 195, Transportation of Hazardous Liquids by Pipeline. This distinction is made due to the nature of the transportation pipelines, which carry the highly pressurized CO<sub>2</sub> in a liquid phase similar to other hazardous material transportation pipelines. Smaller CO<sub>2</sub> distribution lines, which transport the CO<sub>2</sub> from the trunk-line to individual wells, are generally not subject to these PHMSA safety standards.

## **5.3 Pipeline Siting and Eminent Domain**

Builders are not required to obtain federal siting authority for construction of new CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines. However, the federal government also has no power of eminent domain regarding CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines, except when CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines are to be built on federal lands. All CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline issues of siting and eminent domain are subject to individual state regulation. (17)

### **5.3.1 Texas/New Mexico**

In Texas, an operator may exercise its right of eminent domain if it has declared itself a common carrier, which deems the CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline open to transport for hire by the public. (18) This provision does not limit the carrier to transporting CO<sub>2</sub> specifically for EOR purposes. On the other hand, New Mexico allows for any person, firm, or corporation to exercise eminent domain to secure a right-of-way for a pipeline on both public and private lands. (19) The operator need not be considered a common carrier to exercise eminent domain. Any disputes over eminent domain are given to the State legislature to determine whether the property in question is obtained for public use. (15) The state of Texas also has policy incentives, including a reduction in its severance tax rate by eighty percent for oil produced from EOR using anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>.

### **5.3.2 Mississippi**

The state of Mississippi exercises a more limited use of eminent domain for the construction of CO<sub>2</sub> transportation pipelines. Eminent domain in this case is reserved for pipelines transporting CO<sub>2</sub> for secondary or tertiary recover of liquid hydrocarbons. (20) Pipelines intended for use in transporting CO<sub>2</sub> solely for storage purposes will not be granted eminent domain rights as the rule is currently written.



### 5.3.3 Other States

Many states have yet to fully address the issue of CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline siting and eminent domain. It will be up to the pipeline operators to engage the proper authorities and ensure compliance with federal and state regulations as necessary. The time required to develop a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline project will be determined by the familiarity of state agencies with proper pipeline regulation. An additional learning curve could apply to states that are not familiar with pipeline oversight of any kind, increasing the overall time necessary for development.

### 5.4 Other State Policies

The Wyoming Pipeline Authority (WPA) was created to “plan, finance, construct, develop, acquire, maintain and operate a pipeline system or systems within or without the state of Wyoming to facilitate the production, transportation, and distribution and delivery of natural gas and associated natural resources produced in (the) state...” (21)

Rather than leave future pipeline planning up to individual operators, the WPA assists pipeline developers through the pipeline construction process by serving as a facilitator and information provider to industry, state government, and the public. As such, the WPA serves as one example for states in terms of conducting early planning for potential CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline projects and thus helping advance CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR.

## 6 Conclusions

The bulk of the existing large-volume CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines connect natural sources of CO<sub>2</sub> with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects in large oil fields. In the coming 5 to 10 years, the completion of several planned projects could deliver a five-fold increase in the capture of CO<sub>2</sub> by industrial facilities, up to levels that could exceed the scale of CO<sub>2</sub> production from natural sources. This is expected to be accompanied by a 12 percent increase in the total miles of CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure over the period. While these new pipeline projects are primarily for the CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR industry, they will provide valuable infrastructure for additional utilization of CO<sub>2</sub> as well as potential future transportation and storage of CO<sub>2</sub> in saline formations.

However, under a U.S. climate policy case (i.e., \$25/ton CO<sub>2</sub>), by 2030 the scale of U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure is projected to triple to enable the delivery of carbon captured by the U.S. power sector to oil fields for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR, and to a lesser extent, for storage in underground saline formations. While this scenario would involve an unprecedented scale-up of CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure, the pace would be comparable to that projected for pipeline construction in other sectors (in which many of the same companies operate).

The development of a national CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline network capable of meeting the Administration’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emission goals may require a more concerted federal policy, involving much closer cooperation among federal, state, and local governments than is currently in place. In the low-carbon cases, several states that are projected to site new CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline infrastructure by 2030 do not yet have policies in place for permitting and operations. More can be learned from Texas’ experience, as well as recent state policies like the WPA, under which early planning, interagency coordination, and stakeholder engagement efforts are key government actions for enabling CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline project development and construction.

## **7 Topics for Further Study**

### **7.1 Development of Oversight Authority**

Reducing atmospheric carbon emissions with CO<sub>2</sub> capture and geologic storage will require a significant expansion of the existing CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline network. Early planning for these future CO<sub>2</sub> transportation needs will help facilitate this process, as has been done in Wyoming. The large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline systems linking major emission areas, such as the Ohio Valley and its coal-fired power plants, with safe, reliable, large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> storage (or utilization) settings will require large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines to cross state lines (often times several state lines). As such, a national or regional CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline planning and coordination system may be required.

One approach could be to establish regional partnerships for developing common models for CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline regulation and oversight guidelines that could be shared by the member states. This approach could mirror the current approach taken by DOE in its creation of the Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnerships (RCSP).

These regional CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline partnerships could provide technical assistance to individual states and serve as an intermediary between pipeline operators and federal, state, and local governments, similar to that of the WPA. Furthermore, a regional CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline planning group could provide such assistance, given the unique demographic, land use, terrain, and geologic issues facing each region.

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## Appendix

**Exhibit 32 Comprehensive List of U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> Pipelines**

Scale	Pipeline	Operator	Location	Length (mi)	Diameter (in)	Estimated Flow Capacity (MMcfd)
Large-Scale Trunk-lines	Bravo	Oxy Permian	NM, TX	218	20	380
	Canyon Reef Carriers	Kinder Morgan	TX	139	16	220
	Centerline	Kinder Morgan	TX	113	16	220
	Central Basin	Kinder Morgan	TX	143	16	220
	Cortez	Kinder Morgan	TX	502	30	1,300
	Delta	Denbury Resources	MS, LA	108	24	590
	Green Line	Denbury Resources	LA, TX	314	24	930
	Greencore	Denbury Resources	WY, MT	230	22	720
	Northeast Jackson Dome (NEJD)	Denbury Resources	MS, LA	183	20	360
	Sheep Mtn	Oxy Permian	TX	408	24	590
	Shute Creek/Wyoming CO <sub>2</sub>	ExxonMobil	WY	30	30-20	1,220-220
Smaller Scale Distribution Systems	Adair	Apache	TX	15	4	50
	Anadarko Powder River Basin CO <sub>2</sub> PL	Anadarko	WY	125	16	220
	Anton Irish	Oxy Permian	TX	40	8	80
	Beaver Creek	Devon	WY	53	8	30
	Borger	Chaparral Energy	TX, OK	86	4	50
	Coffeyville- Burbank	Chaparral Energy	KS, OK	68	8	80
	Comanche Creek	Oxy Permian	TX	120	6	70
	Cordona Lake	XTO	TX	7	6	70
	Dakota Gasification (Souris Valley)	Dakota Gasification	ND, SK	204	14	130
	Dollarhide	Chevron	TX	23	8	80
	El Mar	Kinder Morgan	TX	35	6	70
	Enid-Purdy (Central Oklahoma)	Anadarko	OK	117	8	80
	Este I - to Welch, TX	ExxonMobil, et al.	TX	40	14	180
	Este II - to Salt Crk Field	Oxy Permian	TX	45	12	130

Scale	Pipeline	Operator	Location	Length (mi)	Diameter (in)	Estimated Flow Capacity (MMcfd)
	Ford	Kinder Morgan	TX	12	4	50
	Free State	Denbury Resources	MS	85	20	360
	Llano	Trinity CO <sub>2</sub>	NM	53	12	80
	Lost Soldier/Wertz	Merit	WY	30	16	40
	Mabee Lateral	Chevron	TX	18	10	110
	McElmo Creek	Kinder Morgan	CO, UT	40	8	80
	Means	ExxonMobil	TX	35	12	130
	Monell	Anadarko	WY	33	8	80
	North Cowden	Oxy Permian	TX	8	8	80
	North Ward Estes	Whiting	TX	26	12	130
	Pecos County	Kinder Morgan	TX	26	8	80
	Pikes Peak	Oxy Permian	TX	40	8	80
	Raven Ridge	Chevron	WY, CO	160	16	220
	Rosebud	Hess	NM	50*	12	100*
	Slaughter	Oxy Permian	TX	35	12	130
	Sonat	Denbury Resources	MS	50	18	170
	TexOk	Chaparral Energy	OK	95	6	70
	TransPetco	TransPetco	TX, OK	110	8	80
	Val Verde	Oxy Permian	TX	83	10	110
	W. Texas	Trinity CO <sub>2</sub>	TX, NM	60	12	80
	Wellman	Trinity CO <sub>2</sub>	TX	25	6	70
	White Frost	Core Energy, LLC	MI	11	6	70
	Wyoming CO <sub>2</sub>	ExxonMobil	WY	112	20	220
Total U.S. CO <sub>2</sub> Pipeline Length				4,513	-	-

\*Estimate

**Exhibit 33 State-Level Inter- and Intrastate Pipeline Segments for the Cap40 Case**

Start	Terminus	Links				Average Distance per Link (Miles)	Cost (\$mm)	Total Miles	Total MMT	Total tonne-miles	Cost/mile (\$/mile)
		Total Links	Direct	Feeder	Transshipment						
AL	MS	1	1	-	-	173.13	61.14	173.13	17.03	2,948.06	353.13
AR	MS	1	1	-	-	165.95	58.64	165.95	3.24	537.46	353.38
AZ	CA	2	2	-	-	394.77	361.05	789.55	88.50	69,871.66	457.28
AZ	TX	2	2	-	-	467.07	326.49	934.14	53.25	49,746.93	349.51
CO	WY	1	1	-	-	378.40	132.44	378.40	35.86	13,568.64	350.01
FL	MS	1	1	-	-	232.68	127.34	232.68	45.24	10,526.83	547.26
FL	FL	4	4	-	-	98.39	140.69	393.54	20.77	8,172.34	357.51
IA	MI	1	1	-	-	407.64	222.33	407.64	29.87	12,177.48	545.40
IA	KS	2	-	2	-	165.06	218.46	330.12	74.92	24,731.64	661.75
ID	WY	3	3	-	-	402.54	422.48	1,207.61	59.71	72,104.64	349.85
IL	MI	1	1	-	-	325.33	114.01	325.33	11.06	3,598.40	350.44
IL	IL	1	1	-	-	85.10	30.56	85.10	7.05	599.53	359.09
IN	IL	3	3	-	-	190.70	244.22	572.10	27.95	15,992.99	426.88
KS	OK	1	-	-	1	204.20	216.19	204.20	206.31	42,127.37	1,058.73
LA	MS	3	3	-	-	150.62	159.96	451.87	111.66	50,455.90	353.99
MO	KS	1	-	1	-	34.09	27.55	34.09	76.26	2,599.55	808.28
MO	OK	1	-	1	-	142.62	78.44	142.62	30.23	4,310.80	550.00
MS	MS	5	2	2	1	64.01	178.82	320.07	182.60	58,443.81	558.69
MT	WY	1	1	-	-	373.16	130.62	373.16	0.27	99.63	350.04
NE	OK	2	2	-	-	354.93	320.46	709.86	16.65	11,820.78	451.45
NE	KS	2	-	2	-	164.27	180.40	328.55	55.14	18,114.94	549.07
NM	TX	2	2	-	-	330.47	231.59	660.95	15.57	10,290.55	350.39
NV	CA	1	1	-	-	311.09	109.06	311.09	12.66	3,938.62	350.58
OK	OK	1	-	-	1	81.55	45.28	81.55	30.23	2,464.87	555.30
SD	ND	1	1	-	-	318.44	111.61	318.44	5.88	1,872.02	350.50
TX	TX	21	7	12	2	168.38	2,336.15	3,535.99	908.91	3,213,881.46	660.68
UT	CA	1	1	-	-	487.69	170.41	487.69	24.24	11,819.45	349.41
UT	WY	1	1	-	-	305.59	107.15	305.59	12.27	3,748.28	350.63
WY	ND	2	2	-	-	216.68	197.14	433.35	44.82	19,422.80	454.91
WY	WY	5	5	-	-	100.01	178.70	500.06	30.96	15,481.45	357.35

**Exhibit 34 State-Level Inter- and Intrastate Pipeline Segments for CP25 Case**

Start	Terminus	Terminal Region	Links				Avg. Distance (miles)	Avg. Cost (\$mm)	Total Miles	Total CO <sub>2</sub> (MMT)	Total tonne-miles (MMT-mi)	Avg. Cost (\$000)/Mile
			Number of Links	Direct	Feeder	Trunk						
<b>Inter-state Pipelines</b>			<b>60</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>15,036</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>29,477,059</b>	<b>624</b>
AL	MS	OGSM2	1	0	0	1	182	100	182	2	449	548
AR	MS	OGSM2	1	0	0	1	254	269	254	135	34,246	1,058
AR	OK	OGSM3	1	0	0	1	236	250	236	63	14,902	1,058
AZ	CA	OGSM6	2	2	0	0	395	138	790	60	47,634	175
AZ	CO	OGSM5	1	0	0	1	207	219	207	93	19,225	1,059
AZ	NM	OGSM5	1	0	1	0	95	52	95	11	1,070	554
AZ	TX	OGSM4	3	3	0	0	314	132	943	38	36,190	140
CO	NM	OGSM5	1	0	0	1	295	312	295	207	60,963	1,057
CO	WY	OGSM5	1	1	0	0	378	206	378	91	34,539	546
FL	MS	OGSM2	2	2	0	0	363	127	726	16	11,919	175
IA	KS	OGSM3	2	0	2	0	165	109	330	35	11,443	331
ID	CA	OGSM6	1	1	0	0	503	176	503	8	4,016	349
ID	ND	OGSM7	1	1	0	0	205	72	205	19	3,899	352
ID	WY	OGSM5	2	2	0	0	355	124	710	34	24,358	175
IN	KY	OGSM1	1	0	1	0	183	101	183	2	330	548
KS	OK	OGSM3	1	0	0	1	204	216	204	60	12,286	1,059
KY	TN	OGSM1	1	0	0	1	314	332	314	20	6,268	1,057
MI	IL	OGSM1	1	1	0	0	85	31	85	1	115	359
MN	ND	OGSM7	1	1	0	0	474	166	474	1	498	349
MO	KS	OGSM3	1	0	1	0	196	108	196	26	5,007	548
NC	AL	OGSM2	1	0	0	1	431	455	431	2	1,063	1,056
NM	OK	OGSM3	1	0	0	1	413	877	413	177	73,240	2,122
NM	TX	OGSM4	1	0	0	1	352	746	352	41	14,388	2,122
NV	CA	OGSM6	1	1	0	0	311	109	311	14	4,297	351
NV	ND	OGSM7	2	2	0	0	492	172	984	7	6,894	175
NV	UT	OGSM5	1	0	1	0	178	98	178	10	1,816	549
NY	PA	OGSM1	1	0	1	0	207	113	207	10	2,077	548
OH	KY	OGSM1	1	0	0	1	246	260	246	16	3,961	1,058
OK	TX	OGSM4	1	0	0	1	274	289	274	92	25,292	1,057
PA	OH	OGSM1	2	0	1	1	234	212	468	15	6,944	452
SD	WY	OGSM5	1	1	0	0	472	165	472	0	63	349
TN	KY	OGSM1	1	0	1	0	50	28	50	2	104	563
TN	MS	OGSM2	1	0	0	1	316	334	316	20	6,315	1,057
TX	AR	OGSM3	5	0	5	0	81	45	405	130	52,538	111
TX	MS	OGSM2	4	2	1	1	200	142	800	238	190,700	177
TX	OK	OGSM3	5	1	4	0	60	33	299	107	32,151	111
UT	CA	OGSM6	1	1	0	0	488	170	488	25.88	12,620	349
UT	CO	OGSM5	2	0	1	1	167	149	334	114	38,031	448
UT	WY	OGSM5	2	2	0	0	349	122	697	15	10,143	175
<b>Intrastate Pipelines</b>			<b>49</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>6,460</b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>15,378,094</b>	<b>323</b>
AR	AR	OGSM3	1	0	1	0	115	63	115	68	7,786	552
AZ	AZ	OGSM5	5	0	5	0	143	78	713	93	66,114	110
FL	FL	OGSM2	1	1	0	0	71	26	71	1	90	361
MI	MI	OGSM1	2	2	0	0	207	105	413	24	10,107	253
MS	MS	OGSM2	5	3	1	1	81	37	405	406	164,507	90
NC	NC	OGSM1	1	0	1	0	223	122	223	2	550	547
OH	OH	OGSM1	1	0	1	0	70	39	70	1	89	557
OK	OK	OGSM3	2	0	0	2	92	115	184	253	46,581	625
TX	TX	OGSM2	26	7	15	4	146	92	3,806	1,449	5,512,993	24
UT	UT	OGSM5	5	0	5	0	92	51	460	83	38,098	111



**Exhibit 35 Cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> Pipelines Construction**

Pipeline Diameter	2030		2040	
	CP25	CAP40	CP25	CAP40
<b>Pipeline Miles</b>				
12	4,077	3,240	9,251	8,623
16	3,048	1,298	6,706	5,632
20	-	192	158	192
24	3,277	204	4,370	582
36	660	165	1,011	165
Total	11,062	5,099	21,496	15,194
<b>Number of Pipelines</b>				
12	16	11	33	36
16	24	5	54	32
20	-	2	1	2
24	13	1	17	3
36	3	1	4	1
Total	56	20	109	74

**Exhibit 36 Total Mass of anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestered**

Power Sector CO <sub>2</sub>	2015			2030			2040		
	Ref	Cap40	CP25	Ref	Cap40	CP25	Ref	Cap40	CP25
Million metric tonnes									
Sequestered Power CO <sub>2</sub>	3.48	2.89	3.48	6	92	94	6	229	171
Non Sequestered Power CO <sub>2</sub>	2,075	2,036	1,797	2172	788	743	2193	1	190
Total Power CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions	2,078	2,039	1,801	2178	880	837	2199	230	361
Percent Sequestered CO <sub>2</sub>	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	10.4%	11.2%	0.3%	99.6%	47.4%

**Exhibit 37 Sequestered Anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> Captured at Industrial vs. Power Sector Sources**

Sequestered Anthropogenic CO <sub>2</sub>	2015			2030			2040		
	Ref	Cap40	CP25	Ref	Cap40	CP25	Ref	Cap40	CP25
Million metric tonnes									
Industrial	0.4	0.7	0.4	31.6	0.1	0.1	46.7	8.2	1.0
Power Sector	3.5	2.9	3.5	6.3	91.9	94.0	6.2	228.6	170.7
Total	3.8	3.6	3.8	37.9	92.0	94.1	52.9	236.8	171.7
<b>Percent Power Sector CO<sub>2</sub></b>	90.6% <sup>11</sup>	80.5%	90.6%	16.7%	99.9%	99.9%	11.8%	96.5%	99.4%

**Exhibit 38 Electric Capacity with Carbon Sequestration**

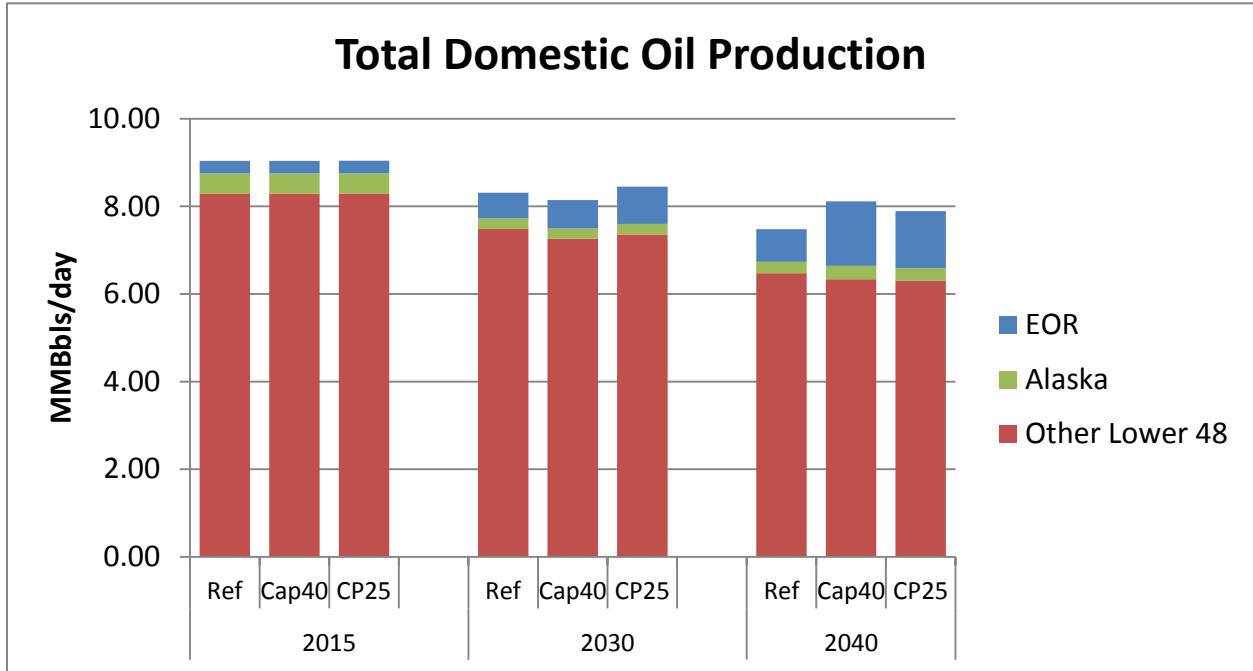
GW	2015	2030	2040
Reference	0.6	1.0	1.0
Cap40	0.6	35.6	101.8
CP25	0.6	32.3	80.9

**Exhibit 39 U.S. Oil Production (MMBbls/day) Associated with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR, in 2015, 2030, and 2040 (table)**

U.S. oil production	2015			2030			2040		
	Ref	Cap40	CP25	Ref	Cap40	CP25	Ref	Cap40	CP25
EOR	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.59	0.64	0.85	0.74	1.47	1.30
Other Lower 48	8.29	8.29	8.29	7.48	7.26	7.36	6.47	6.34	6.31
Alaska	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.26	0.31	0.28
Total	9.04	9.04	9.04	8.31	8.14	8.45	7.48	8.12	7.89
<b>EOR percentage of Total</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>16.5%</b>

<sup>11</sup> The reference model assumes a demo plant is currently in operation, and the CO<sub>2</sub> is from that plant.

Exhibit 40 U.S. oil production (MMBbls/day) associated with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR, in 2015, 2030, and 2040 (graph)



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