



UPDATES AND DEVELOPMENTS AT THE EERC WILLISTON BASIN PERSPECTIVE

EOR Carbon Management Workshop
at the 22nd Annual CO₂/ROZ Conference

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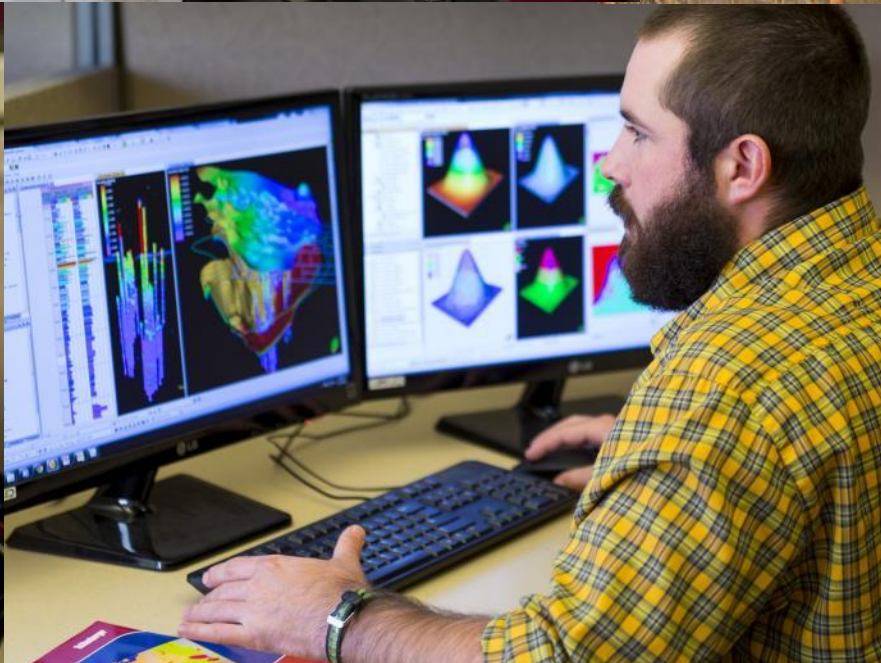
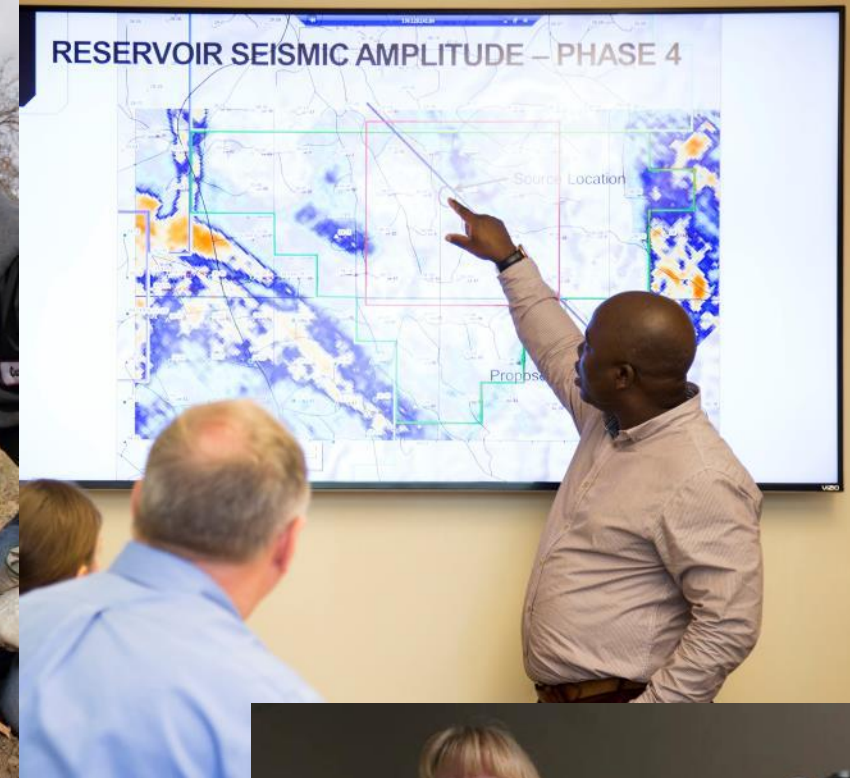
Critical Challenges. **Practical Solutions.**

WHERE'S HE GOING WITH THIS?

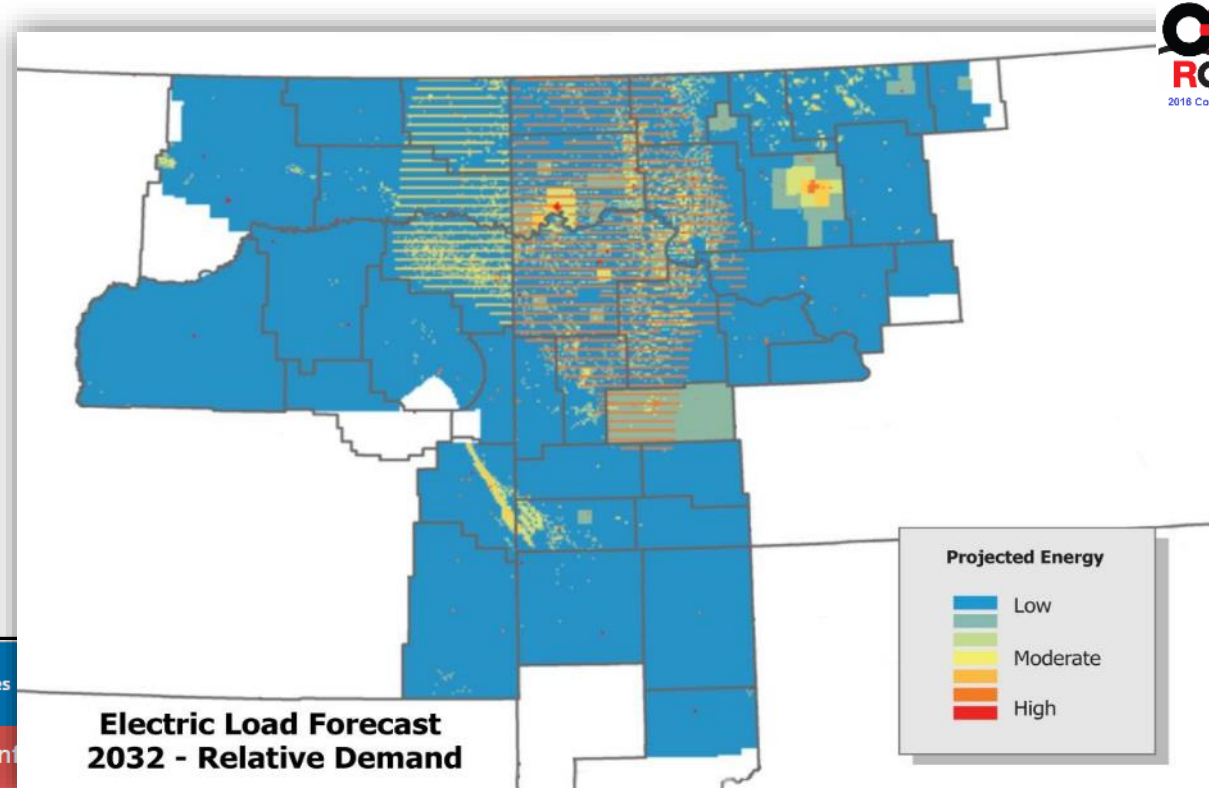
- EERC – Who We Are and What We Do
- Sources of CO₂ for the Williston Basin
- EOR Potential in Conventional Reservoirs
- Bakken Efforts
- ROZ Efforts
- Advanced Reservoir Surveillance



EERC CAPABILITIES



WILLISTON BASIN – TIMES ARE A CHANGIN'



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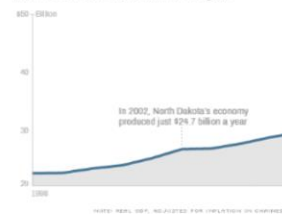
America's Biggest Boomtown

How North Dakota's economy doubled in 11 years

by Blake Ellis @blakeellis3

July 14, 2014, 2:48 PM ET

North Dakota's economic output



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BREAKING \$7 million more approved for protest law enforcement

North Dakota population could top 1 million by 2040

Patrick Springer Forum News Service Jan 19, 2016

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FARGO -- North Dakota's population should continue to grow steadily despite the oil slowdown and could flirt with the 1 million mark by 2040 under a range of new population projections.

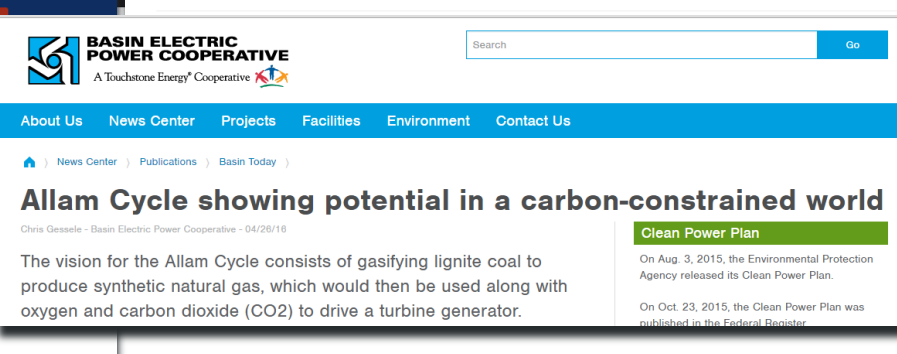
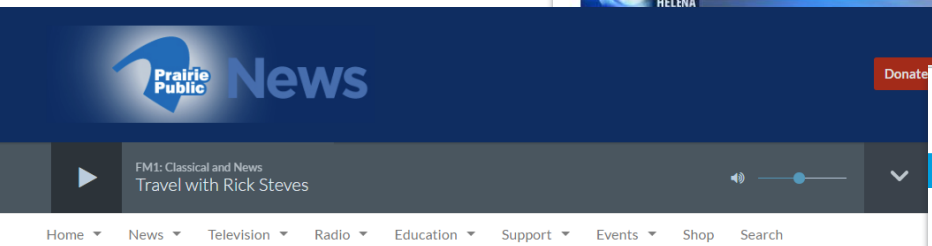
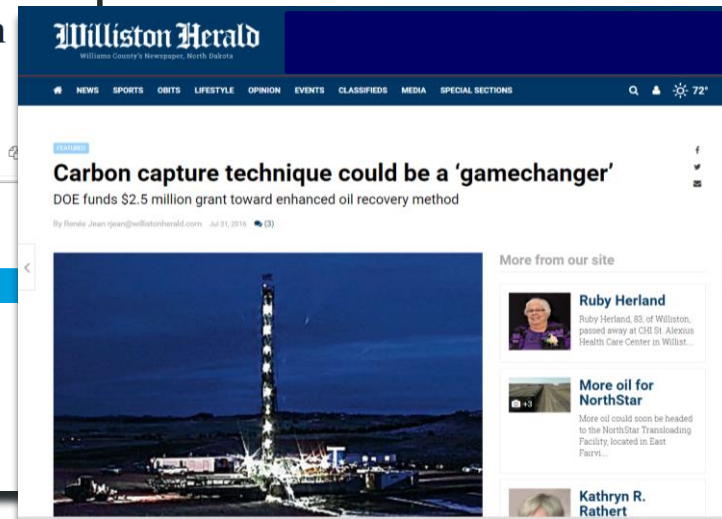
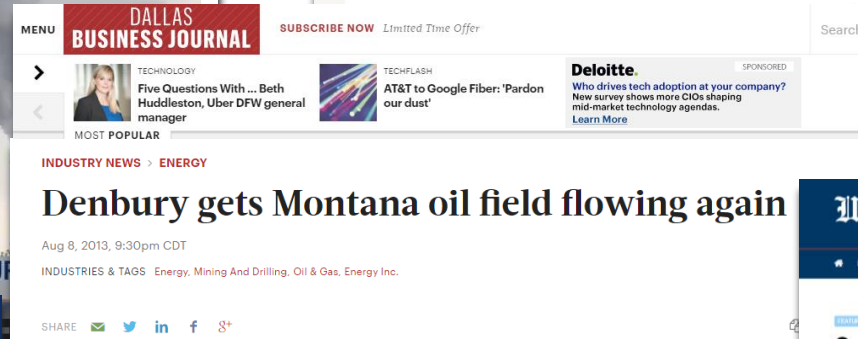
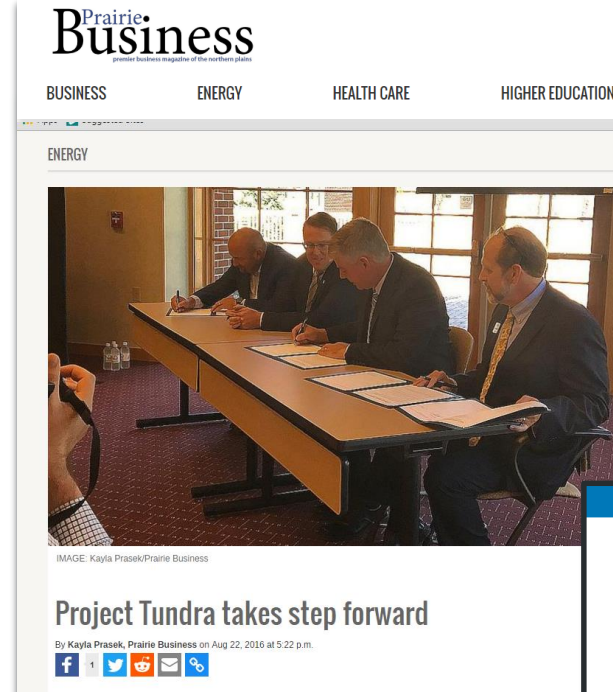
The North Dakota Census Office developed a series of population forecasts from 2020 to 2040, released Tuesday, that predict the state's population could range from a conservative estimate of

**3721 MW
required for
load demand...**

**3x today's
demand.**

MORE POWER = MORE CO₂

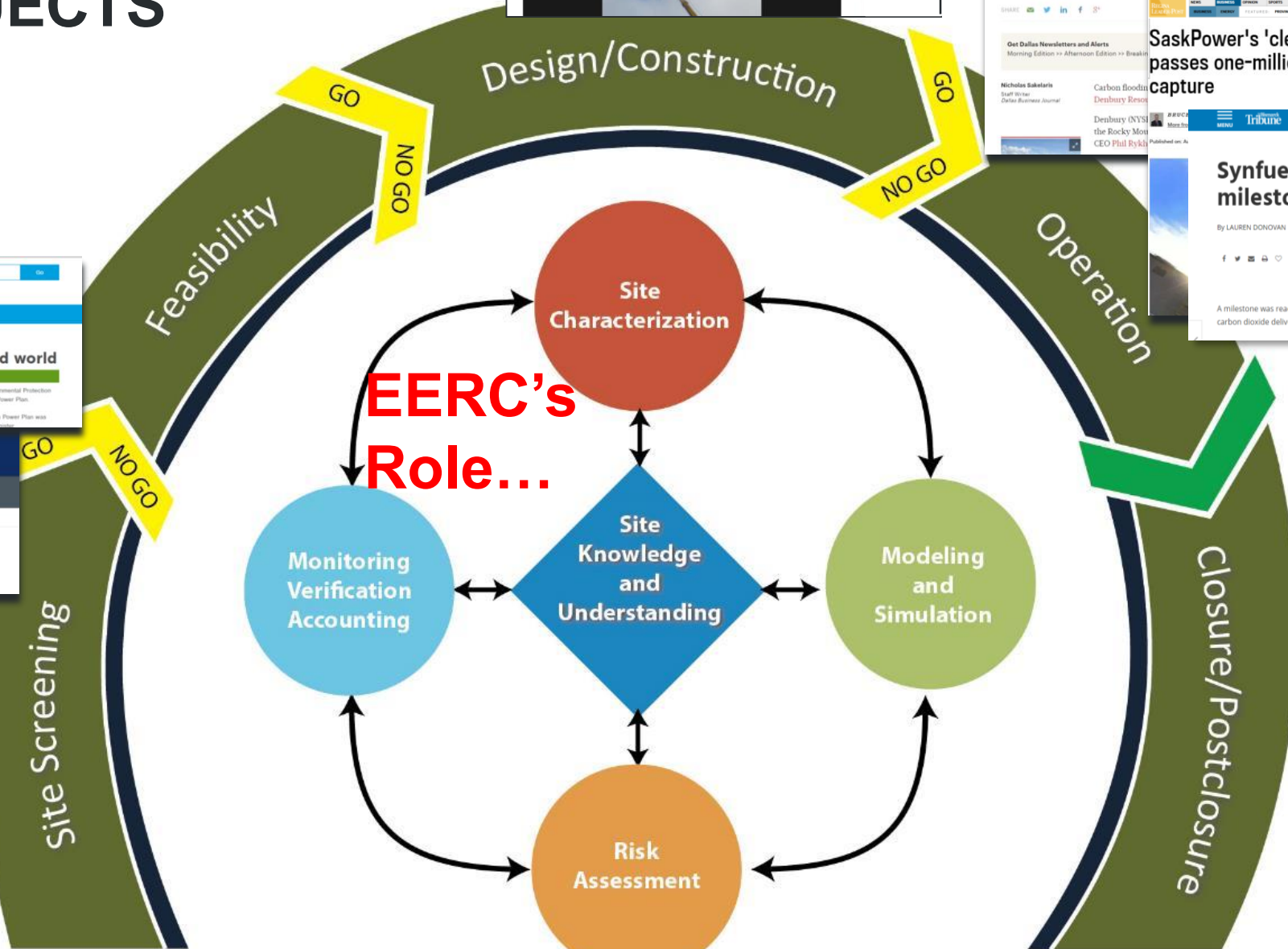
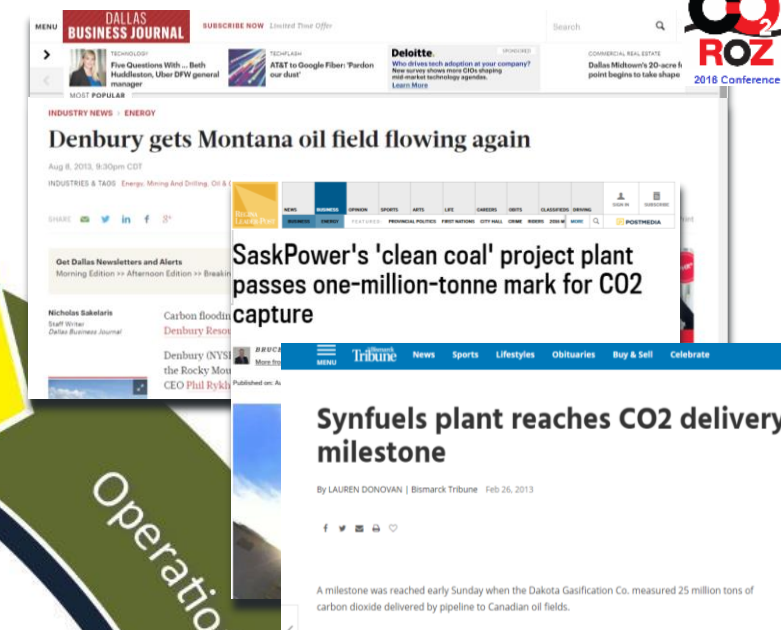
Opportunities for CCUS...



Red Trail Energy, EERC researching carbon capture at the Richardton (ND) ethanol plant

By DAVE THOMPSON • AUG 15, 2016

STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT FOR NORTHERN PLAINS CCUS PROJECTS

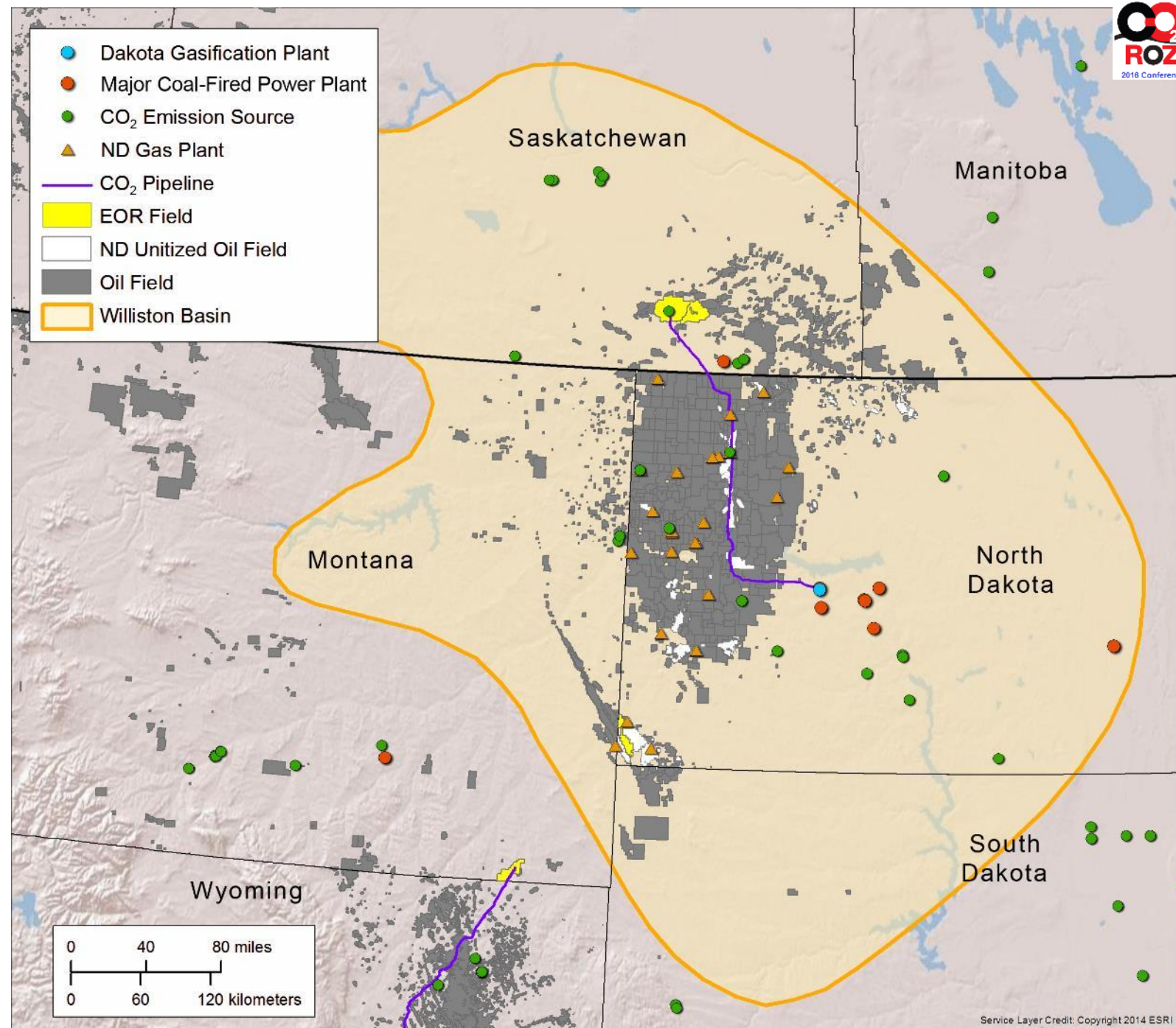


WILLISTON BASIN CCUS POTENTIAL

The Williston Basin is one of the most prolific oil-producing regions of North America.

- Conventional
- Unconventional
- ROZs?

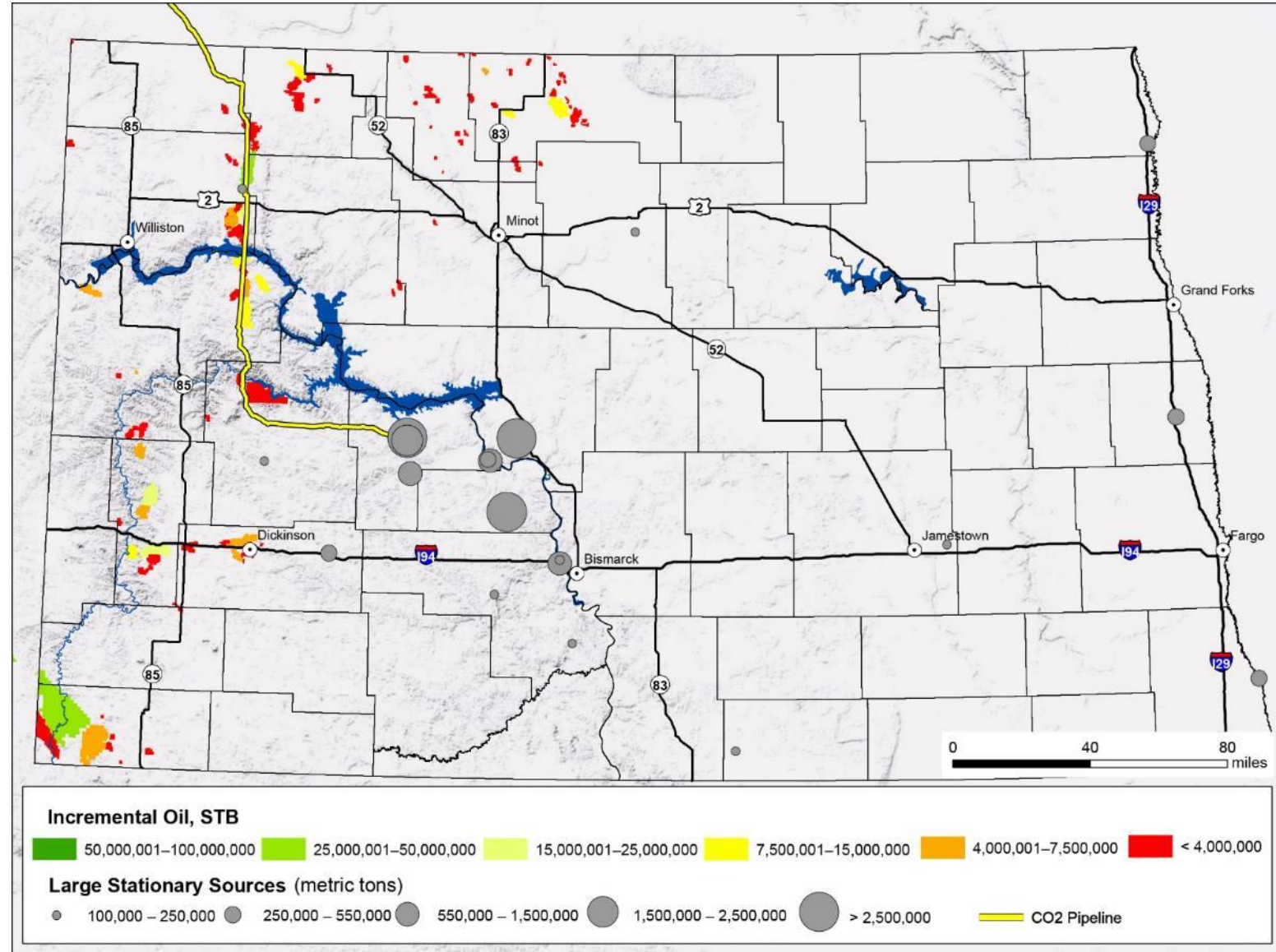
There is also an abundance of anthropogenic CO₂ sources.



CONVENTIONAL OILFIELD CO₂ EOR OPPORTUNITIES IN NORTH DAKOTA

An EERC study published as part of a report by KLJ (2014) shows:

- In 86 conventional unitized oil fields:
 - 280 to 631 million bbl of incremental oil
 - 47 to 283 million metric tons of CO₂ needed



THE BRAVE NEW WORLD – UNCONVENTIONAL BAKKEN AND THREE FORKS

OOIP Estimates



300 Bbbl

(Flannery and Kraus, 2006)



900 Bbbl

(Continental Resources, 2011)

Technically Recoverable Reserve Estimates



7.4 Bbbl

(USGS, 2013)



24 Bbbl

(Continental Resource, 2011)

BEYOND THE BOOM
Next-Generation Science and Engineering Opportunities to Optimize the Bakken Petroleum System

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Enhanced Oil Recovery and Storage

Bakken Production Optimization Program

Bakken Optimization Interactive Bakken Map Bakken CO₂ EOR Project Bakken Formation

BAKKEN PRODUCTION OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM

Near-term maximization of Bakken and Three Forks oil production through:

- Advanced reservoir characterization.
- Improved drilling, stimulation, completion, and production techniques.

Optimizing wellsite surface operations through reductions in:

- ◆ Flaring.
- ◆ Environmental impacts.
- ◆ Equipment failures.
- ◆ Demands on surrounding infrastructure and water sources.



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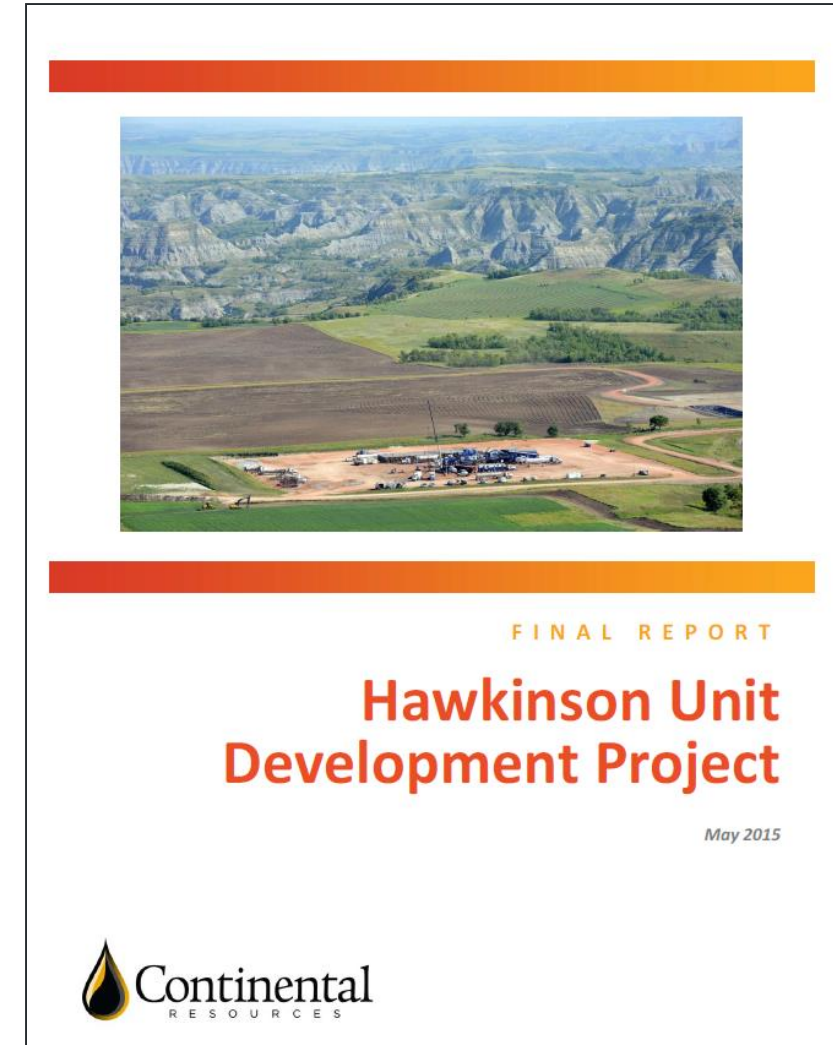
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Advanced reservoir characterization:

- **Continental Resources** conducted a robust, multidisciplinary study of its Hawkinson Unit.
 - ◆ Core characterization
 - ◆ Petrophysical analysis
 - ◆ Microseismic study
 - ◆ Vertical seismic profile study
 - ◆ Stimulation communication tests
 - ◆ Pulse tests
 - ◆ Stimulation modeling
 - ◆ Numerical reservoir simulation



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WATER

Water is a critical development reservoir of water in the current high and transportation of water in the region, treatment water supplies may be an. The Energy & Environment is currently engaged in accelerate development of water consumption in Bak decrease water costs to pro

How Is Water Used

Development of one of gas plays in North America Montana, with oil from the being produced at over 80 there are hundreds of billion Robust development is expected decade. While development the nation's energy security with that development, including water for hydraulic fracturing

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NORM

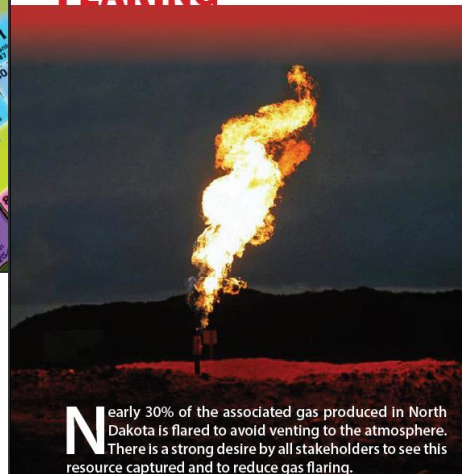
NORM waste has received during the rapid increase activity. NORM is a new Environmental Research Center science to rules being developed in Dakota to regulate the disposal waste in a manner that protect yet does not stifle industrial ac

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FLARING



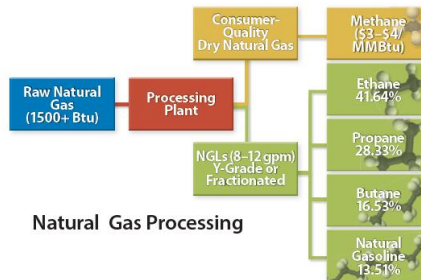
Nearly 30% of the associated gas produced in North Dakota is flared to avoid venting to the atmosphere. There is a strong desire by all stakeholders to see this resource captured and to reduce gas flaring.

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NORM
(naturally occurring radioactive materials)



Natural Gas Processing

have not been connected to a well site, when gas-gathering infrastructure has insufficient capacity, or when a process upset temporarily interrupts operation. Under these circumstances, gas separated from produced oil is directed to a flare, to burn unused gas to prevent release to the atmosphere.

Utilizing gas upstream of traditional gathering/processing systems is difficult because of the distributed and transient nature of flared gas. The location of flares changes as new wells are drilled and gathering pipelines installed. Additionally, gas production rates can drop as

Bakken Flares and Satellite Images THE SCIENCE AND THE FACTS



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Flaring Solutions Technology – Search

In order to support Bakken oil producers, the **Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC)**, is providing this database containing vendor-supplied technical and economic information regarding gas utilization technologies.

Information in the database was entered by vendors, and the EERC makes no claims as to the accuracy of the information. Please direct questions to Flaring_Solutions@undeerc.org.

Information can be queried by technology type and sorted by column. Users can view/print individual records or select multiple records for viewing/printing. To view/print a vendor's uploaded documents, the user must open the document from the file link.

Filter Results

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BAKKEN CO₂ STORAGE AND EOR RESEARCH EFFORTS

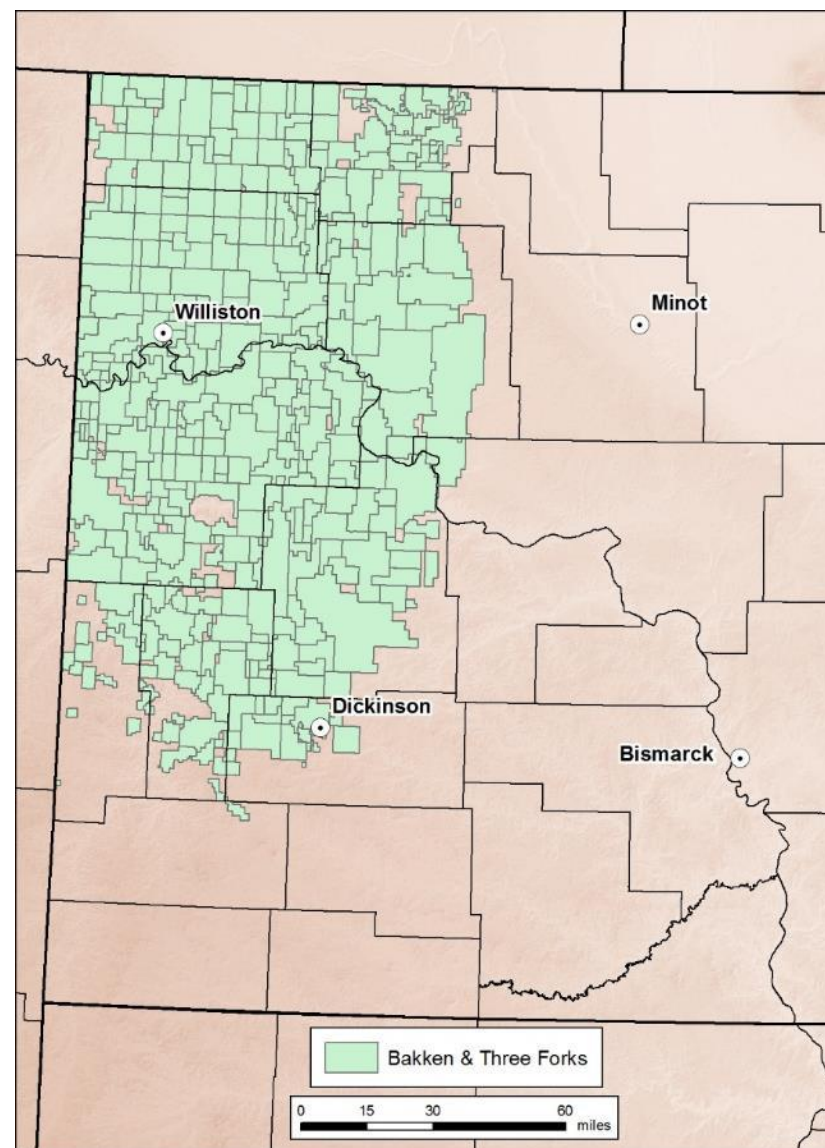
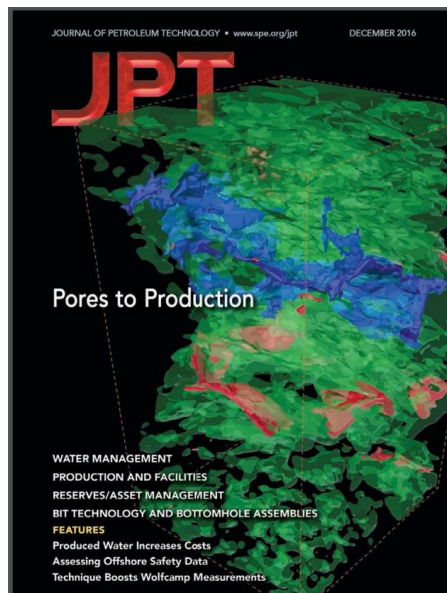
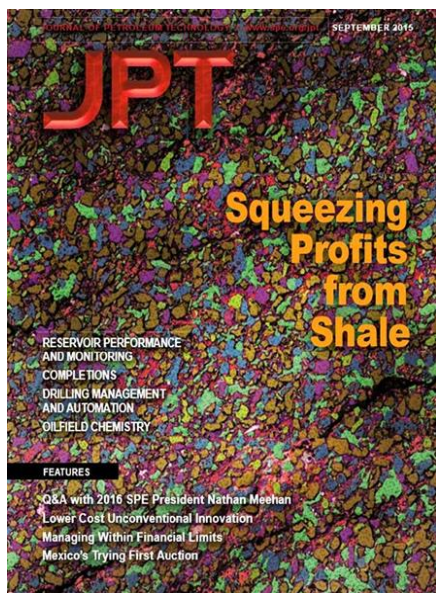


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CO₂, ethane,
methane...

NORTH DAKOTA BAKKEN/THREE FORKS EOR POTENTIAL

EERC's Bakken CCUS Research Efforts



Widespread deployment is perhaps a decade away.

1000 to 4000 million bbl of incremental oil.

200 to 2000 million metric tons of CO₂ needed.

IDENTIFICATION OF RESIDUAL OIL ZONES (ROZS) IN THE WILLISTON AND POWDER RIVER BASINS



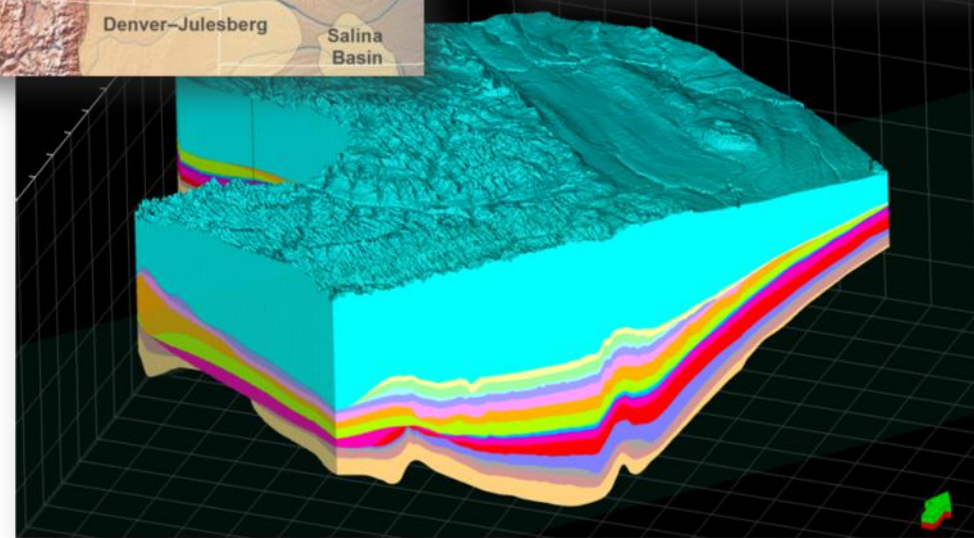
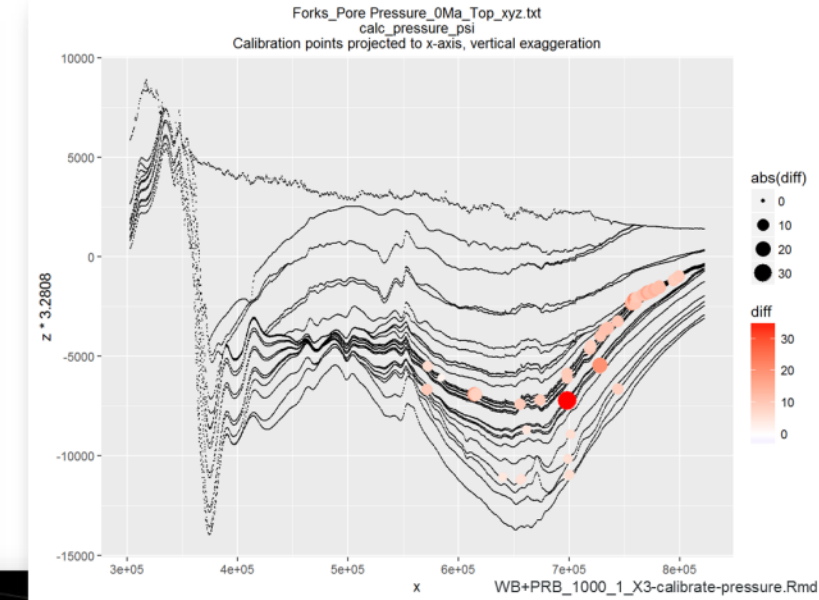
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- Identify and characterize the presence and extent of potential ROZs in the Williston and Powder River Basins.
- Translate geologic history of basins into an input for modeling.
- Estimate residual oil in place and CO₂ storage potential.
- Determine potential for CO₂ EOR in identified ROZs.



NEW RESERVOIR SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES



DEMONSTRATION OF EMERGING GEOPHYSICAL MONITORING TECHNIQUES

SASSA

A NEW way to track CO₂

- Autonomous receivers and semipermanent stationary source
- Interpret boundary of CO₂ front
- Monitor CO₂ progression between wells or around sensitive areas
- Monitoring of overlying zones

K-Wave

A NEW subsurface signal to possibly track CO₂

- Scalable
 - Potential autonomous operation
 - Rapid processing
 - Low impact
 - Reduced acquisition cost
 - Guide timing and extent of other surveillance
 - Inform timely operations
 - Conformance
 - Pattern analysis
 - Intelligent monitoring systems
 - Viable long-term monitoring
- Wellhead-mounted sources and receivers
 - Monitor CO₂ progression between wells

A wide-angle landscape photograph of a calm lake under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the background, a range of rugged, snow-capped mountains stretches across the horizon. The water's surface is covered in gentle ripples, reflecting the sky and the distant mountains. On the left side of the lake, a small, dark figure of a person is visible in a kayak. In the center of the lake, a single white bird is captured in mid-flight. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

THANK YOU!

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