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## Summary

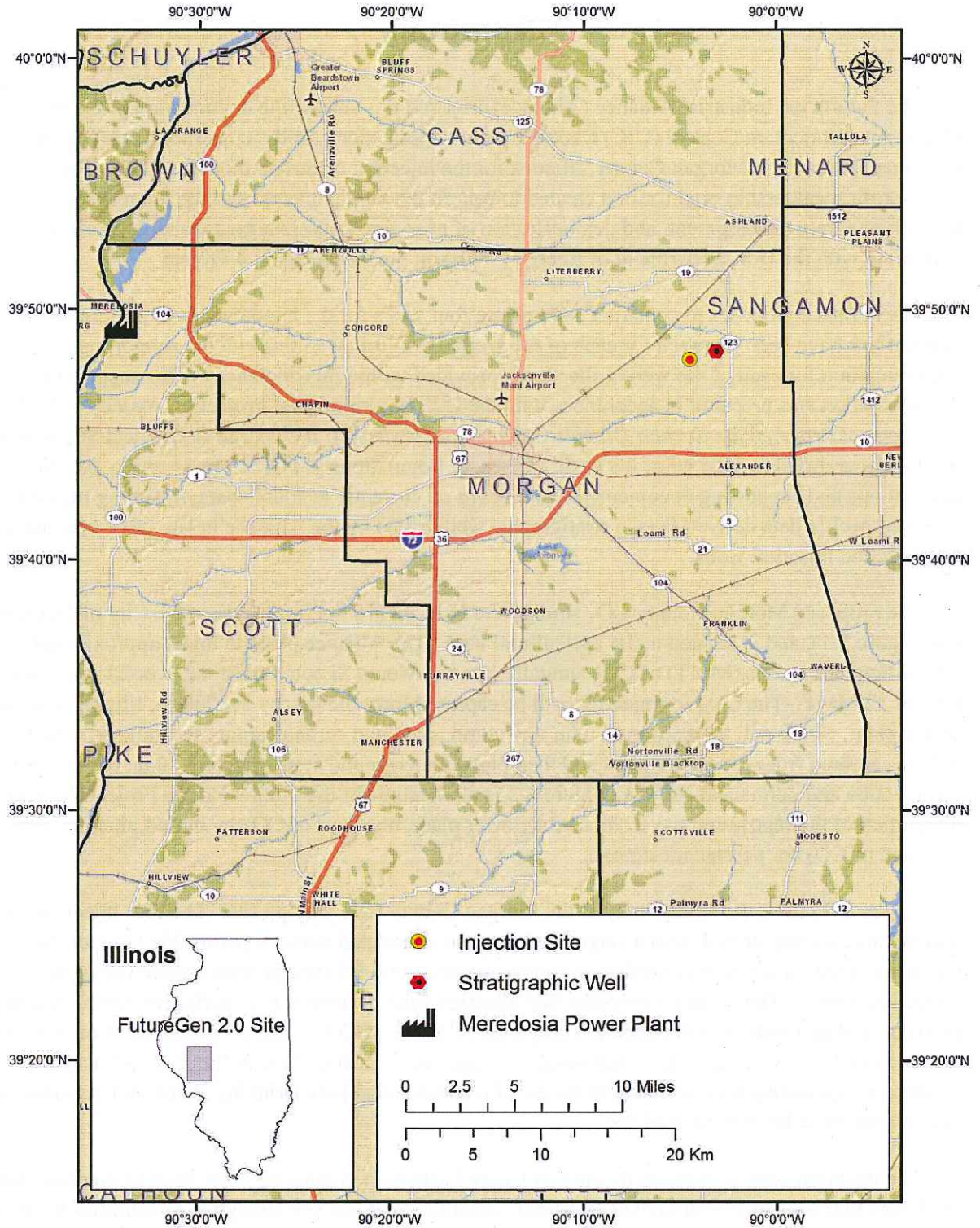
The FutureGen Industrial Alliance (Alliance) prepared this supporting documentation for its Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class VI permit applications for the construction and operation of four injection wells in Morgan County, Illinois, for the injection of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). The Alliance is a non-profit membership organization created to benefit the public interest and the interests of science through research, development, and demonstration of near-zero emissions coal technology. It is partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on the FutureGen 2.0 Project.

The Alliance proposes to construct and operate four wells for the injection of CO<sub>2</sub>. Permit applications have been prepared for each of the proposed injection wells, with the supporting documentation for each of the wells collectively provided within this document. This supporting documentation was prepared in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) *UIC Control Program for Carbon Dioxide Geologic Sequestration Wells* (The Geological Sequestration [GS] Rule, codified in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations [40 CFR 146.81 et seq.]). The applications and supporting documentation are based on currently available data, including regional data and site-specific data derived from a stratigraphic well drilled by the Alliance in late 2011 near the site of the proposed injection wells.

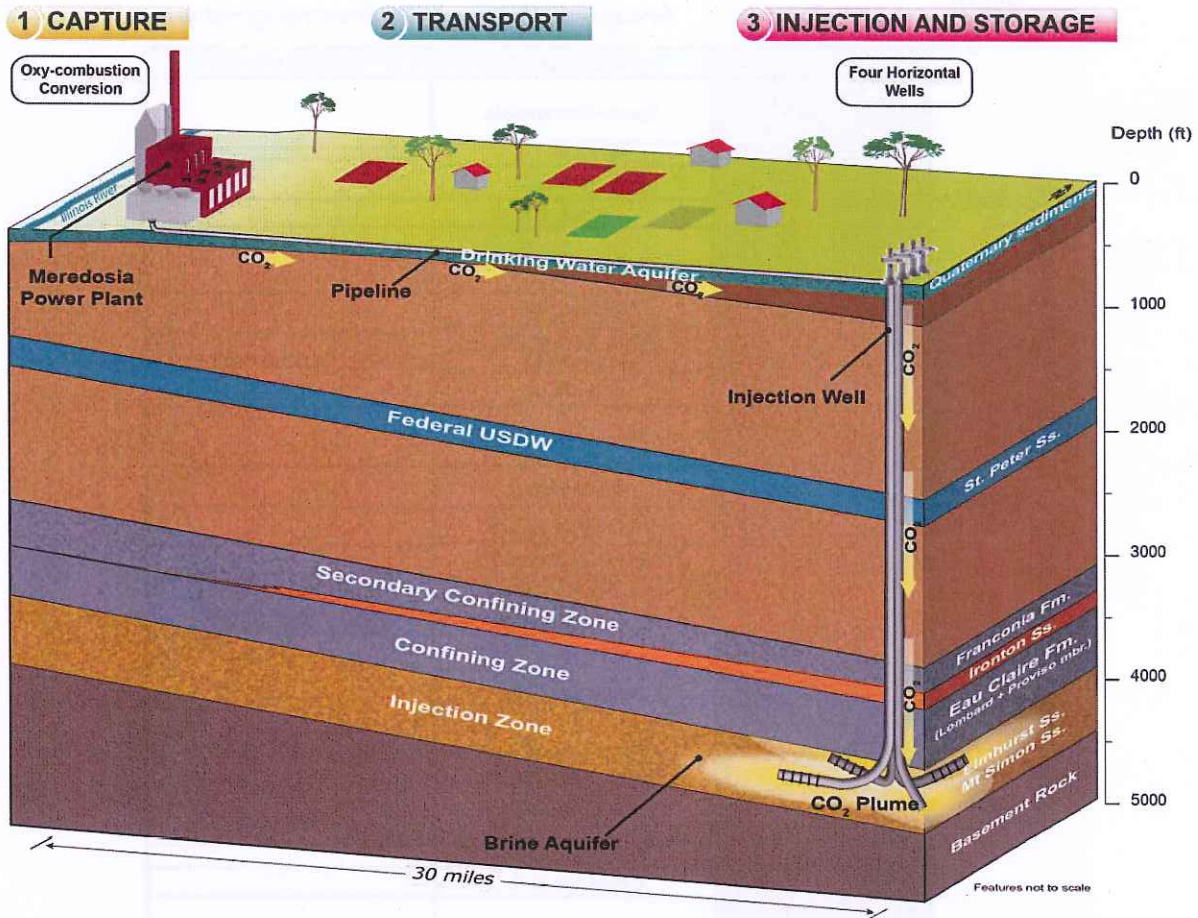
The proposed Morgan County CO<sub>2</sub> storage site is 11 mi (18 km) northeast of the City of Jacksonville (see Figure S.1), and is located under agricultural land. The Alliance plans to inject approximately 1.1 million metric tons (MMT) of CO<sub>2</sub> annually into the Mount Simon Sandstone over 20 years, for a total of 22 MMT. The CO<sub>2</sub> for injection will be captured from the nearby Meridosia, Illinois, coal-fueled power plant, which will be repowered with oxy-combustion and carbon capture technology. The CO<sub>2</sub> will be captured from the power plant and then piped underground approximately 30 mi to the storage site for injection and permanent storage. Figure S.2 is a schematic of the FutureGen 2.0 Project showing the integration of the repowered oxy-combustion power plant, transport of CO<sub>2</sub> by buried pipeline, and injection of CO<sub>2</sub> for permanent storage.

Figure S.3 shows the stratigraphy at the Morgan County CO<sub>2</sub> storage site. The four injection wells will be directionally drilled from a single well pad and completed within a permeable layer of the Cambrian-aged Mount Simon Sandstone approximately 4,000 ft below ground surface (bgs) (the "injection zone"). The Alliance proposes this injection zone because it is of sufficient depth, thickness, porosity, and permeability to contain the proposed 22 MMT of CO<sub>2</sub>. This proposed injection zone has demonstrated reservoir capacity in natural-gas storage facilities elsewhere in the Illinois Basin and contains a hypersaline aquifer that is in excess of recommended Safe Drinking Water Act standards and is not considered to be of beneficial use.

The injection zone is overlain by the Eau Claire Formation, a thick regional layer of predominantly sandstone that is of sufficient thickness, lateral continuity, and has low enough permeabilities to serve as the primary confining zone or caprock. No faults or fractures were identified based on geophysical well logs of the stratigraphic well and seismic analysis of the site. The Eau Claire Formation is a carbonate and shale unit that has been proven to be an effective confining zone at 38 natural-gas storage reservoirs in Illinois. The Morgan County CO<sub>2</sub> storage site affords a secondary confining zone – the Franconia Formation – for additional protection of underground sources of drinking water (USDWs).



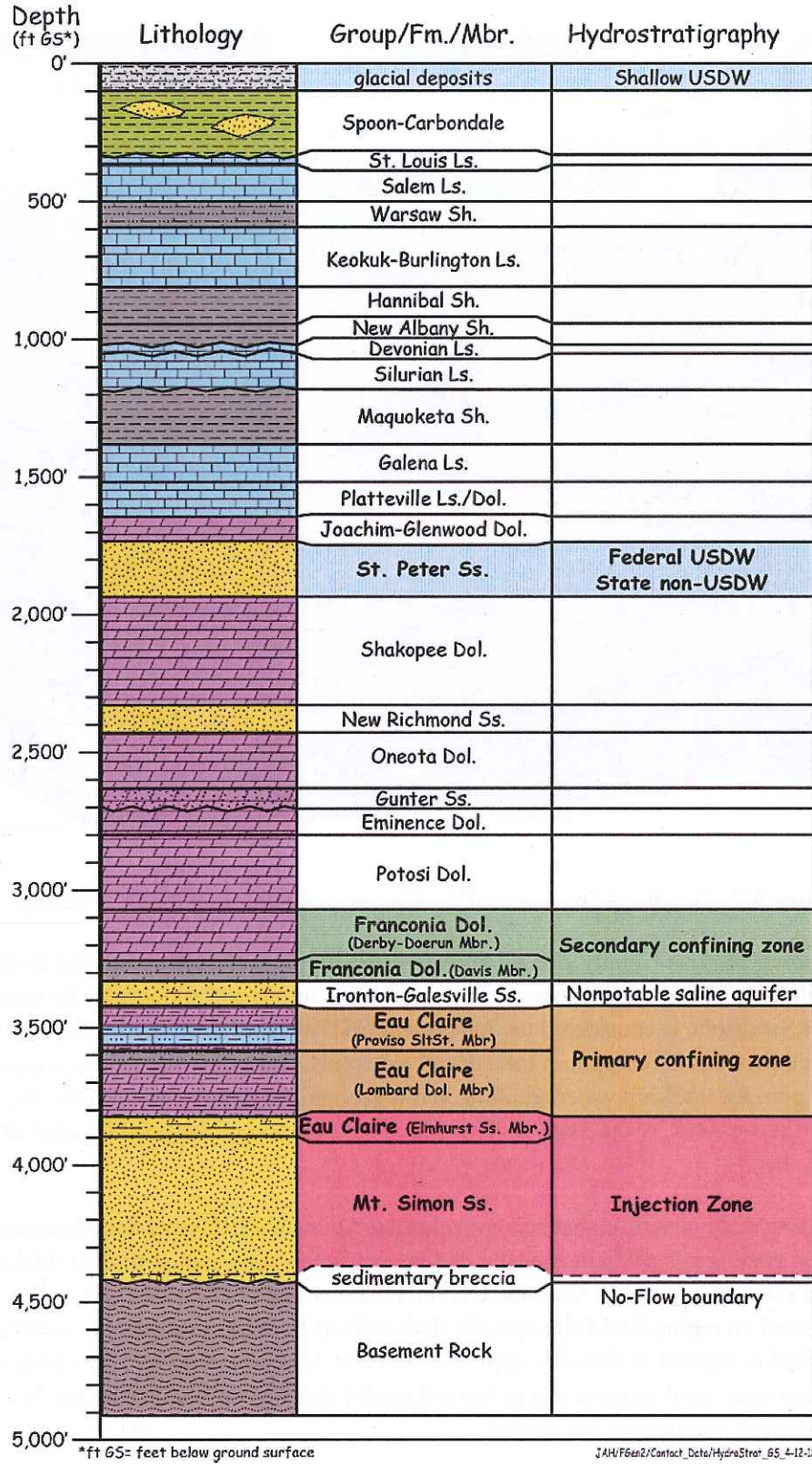
**Figure S.1. Illinois Map Showing Morgan County and the Location of the Injection Well Pad**



**Figure S.2.** Graphical Overview of the Conceptual Design of the CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Site

At the proposed Morgan County site, all known water-supply wells are completed in the surficial sediments (<150 ft bgs). For the purpose of the permit applications and supporting documentation, the deeper St. Peter Sandstone is considered the lowermost USDW based on a water sample collected at the stratigraphic well that was 3,700 ppm of total dissolved solids, and below the federal regulatory upper limit of 10,000 ppm for drinking water aquifers. While recognized as a federal USDW, the St. Peter Sandstone is not recognized by the State of Illinois as a suitable source for potable water at the Morgan County storage site.

The supporting documentation that accompanies the Alliance's UIC permit applications demonstrates that the injection zone is of sufficient capacity and the confining zone is of sufficient thickness and integrity for the site to permanently store the CO<sub>2</sub> in a manner that is protective of USDWs. The application is based on regional and site-specific data derived from the stratigraphic well that was specifically drilled in support of this UIC application in late 2011 near the site of the proposed injection wells. These data were used as input to a numerical model that was used delineate the Area of Review (AoR) and to optimize the storage site design.



**Figure S.3.** Stratigraphy and Proposed Injection and Confining Zones at the Morgan County CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Site

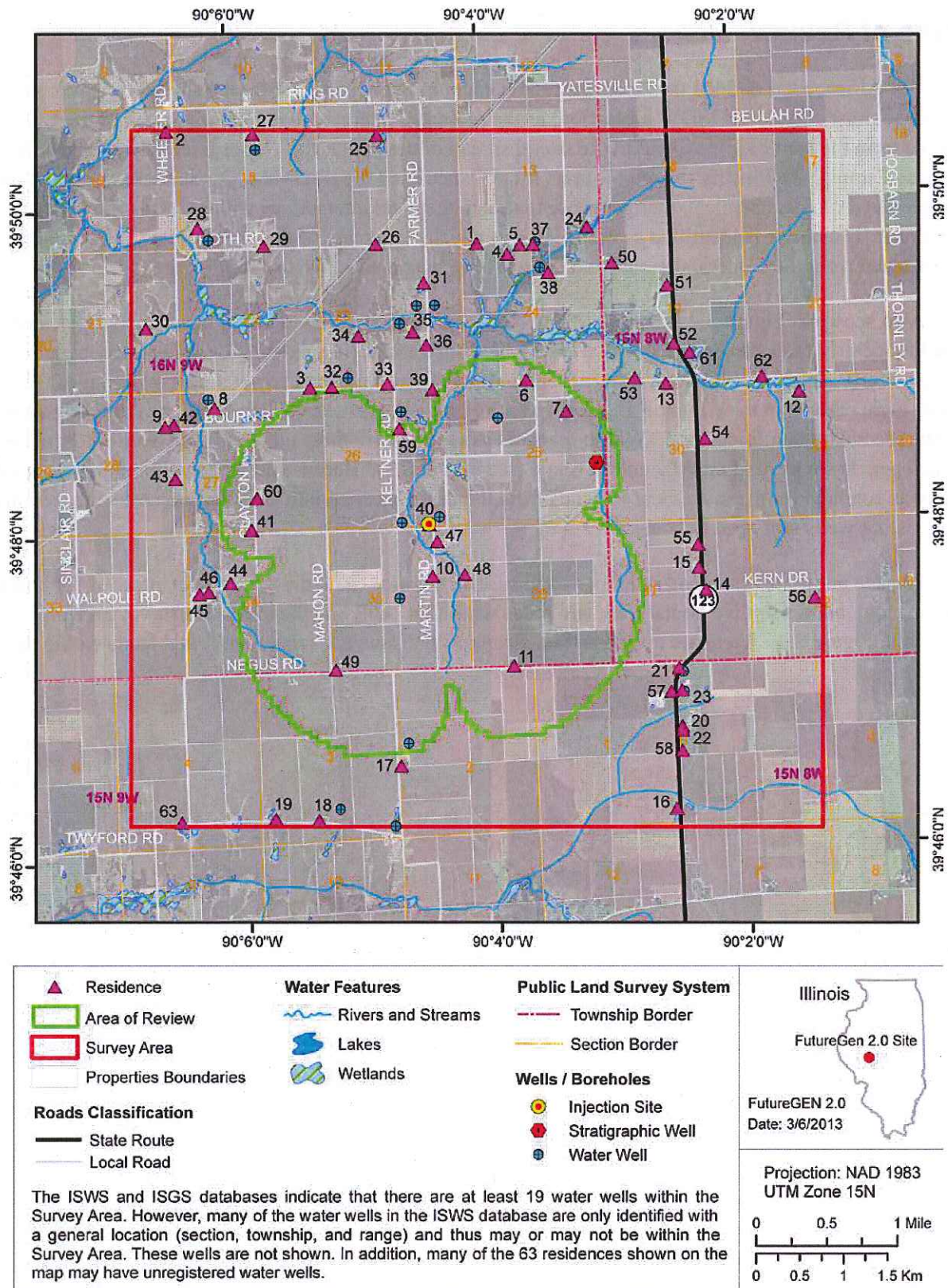


## Area of Review

The Alliance has defined the AoR (the region encompassing the CO<sub>2</sub> storage site where particular attention must be paid to USDW protection) as the projected lateral and vertical migration of the CO<sub>2</sub> plume from the start of injection until the lateral spread of the plume ends (approximately 5 years after injection stops). To identify this plume area, the Alliance used the STOMP-CO<sub>2</sub> simulator to model the coupled hydrologic, chemical, thermal processes, and chemical interactions with aqueous fluids and rock minerals. The plume is identified as the volume in which 99 percent of the mass resides. This volume is determined from the numerical model and the resulting map area is displayed in Figure S.4.

Also shown in Figure S.4 is a larger 25-mi<sup>2</sup> (65-km<sup>2</sup>) area that represents an expanded survey area used to identify the existence of any confining zone penetrations (i.e., existing wells that may penetrate the caprock). Although numerous wells are located within the expanded survey area that includes the AoR, none other than the Alliance's stratigraphic well penetrates the injection zone, the confining zone, or the secondary confining zone. Within the AoR itself, there are three other existing deep wells, none of which penetrates beyond the Maquoketa Shale (see Figure S.3). Because no wells within the AoR could serve as conduits for the movement of fluids from the injection zone into USDWs, no corrective actions on existing wells will need to be taken.

Surface bodies of water and other pertinent surface features (including structures intended for human occupancy), administrative boundaries, and roads within the AoR and the expanded survey area are shown in Figure S.4. There are no subsurface cleanup sites, mines, quarries, or Tribal lands within this area.



**Figure S.4.** Map of Residences, Water Wells, and Surface Water Features Within the Delineated AoR and Survey Area

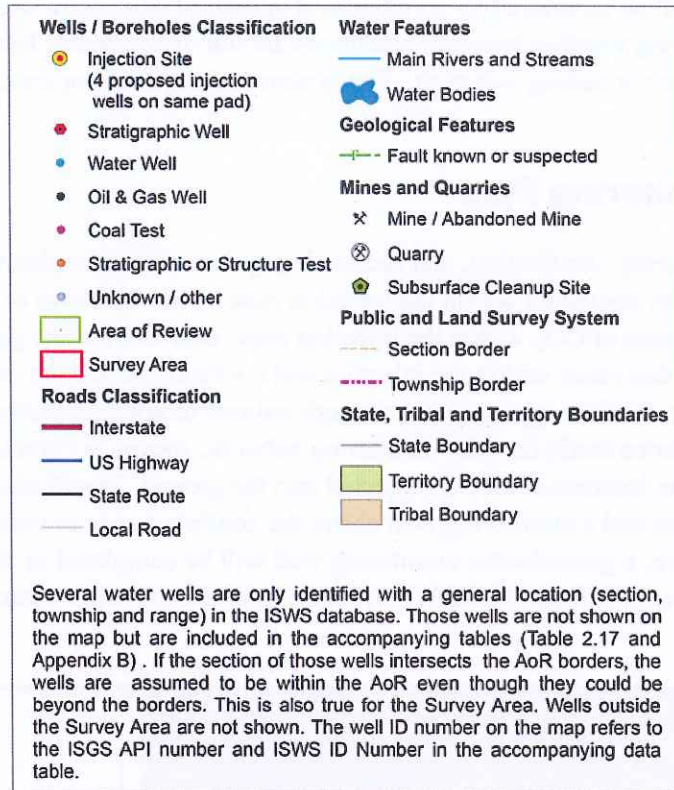


Figure S.4. (contd)

## Construction and Operations Plan

At the Meredosia Power Plant, the captured CO<sub>2</sub> will be purified (at least 97 percent purity), dehydrated, and compressed to 2,100 psig before entering the CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline. At these conditions, the CO<sub>2</sub> will be in a dense fluid phase, non-corrosive and non-flammable. The CO<sub>2</sub> pressure will decrease as the CO<sub>2</sub> travels the length of the pipeline to the CO<sub>2</sub> storage site. At the injection wellhead, the pressure is estimated to between 1100 and 1900 psi. The approximately 30-mile (48-km) pipeline will be 10 to 12 inches (25 to 30 cm) in diameter and have a design flow rate of 1.1 MMT/yr (57.3 mmscf/d).

The storage site design was optimized for receiving the CO<sub>2</sub> at a rate of 1.1 MMT/yr. The four horizontal injection well design affords a number of advantages over the more common vertical injection well design. The horizontal wells will minimize the required injection pressures, which for this design will be less than 450 psi above the natural formation pressures. This provides additional protection of the confining layer and eliminates the need for some surface infrastructure such as booster pumps. The “thin” CO<sub>2</sub> plume that results from horizontal wells will also stabilize faster than if the CO<sub>2</sub> were to be injected over a longer vertical interval.

A *vertical well* is drilled from the ground surface to a specified completion depth in a straight line.

A *horizontal well* is drilled from the ground surface to a specified depth and then curved to proceed in a horizontal direction. The curved section is referred to as a lateral.

The injection wells will be built with a protection system that will control the injection of the CO<sub>2</sub> and provide a means to safely halt CO<sub>2</sub> injection in the event of an injection well or equipment failure.

The injection process will be monitored by an integrated system of equipment and instrumentation that will be capable of detecting whether injection conditions are out of acceptable limits and responding by either adjusting conditions or halting injection. The system is designed to operate automatically with manual overrides.

## Testing and Monitoring Plan

An extensive monitoring, verification, and accounting system will be implemented to verify that injected CO<sub>2</sub> is effectively contained within the injection zone. The objectives of the monitoring program are to track the lateral extent of CO<sub>2</sub> within the injection zone, characterize any geochemical or geomechanical changes that occur within the injection and confining zones that may affect containment, and to track the areal extent of the injected CO<sub>2</sub> through indirect monitoring techniques such as geophysical and surveillance methods. The monitoring network, shown in Figure S.5, will be designed to account for and verify the location of all CO<sub>2</sub> injected into the ground. It will include three monitoring wells in the injection zone and a monitoring well above the confining zone to verify CO<sub>2</sub> has not migrated into that zone. In addition, a groundwater monitoring well will be completed in the St. Peter Formation to be protective of this lowermost federal USDW. Monitoring of the site will continue for 50 years after injection has ceased.

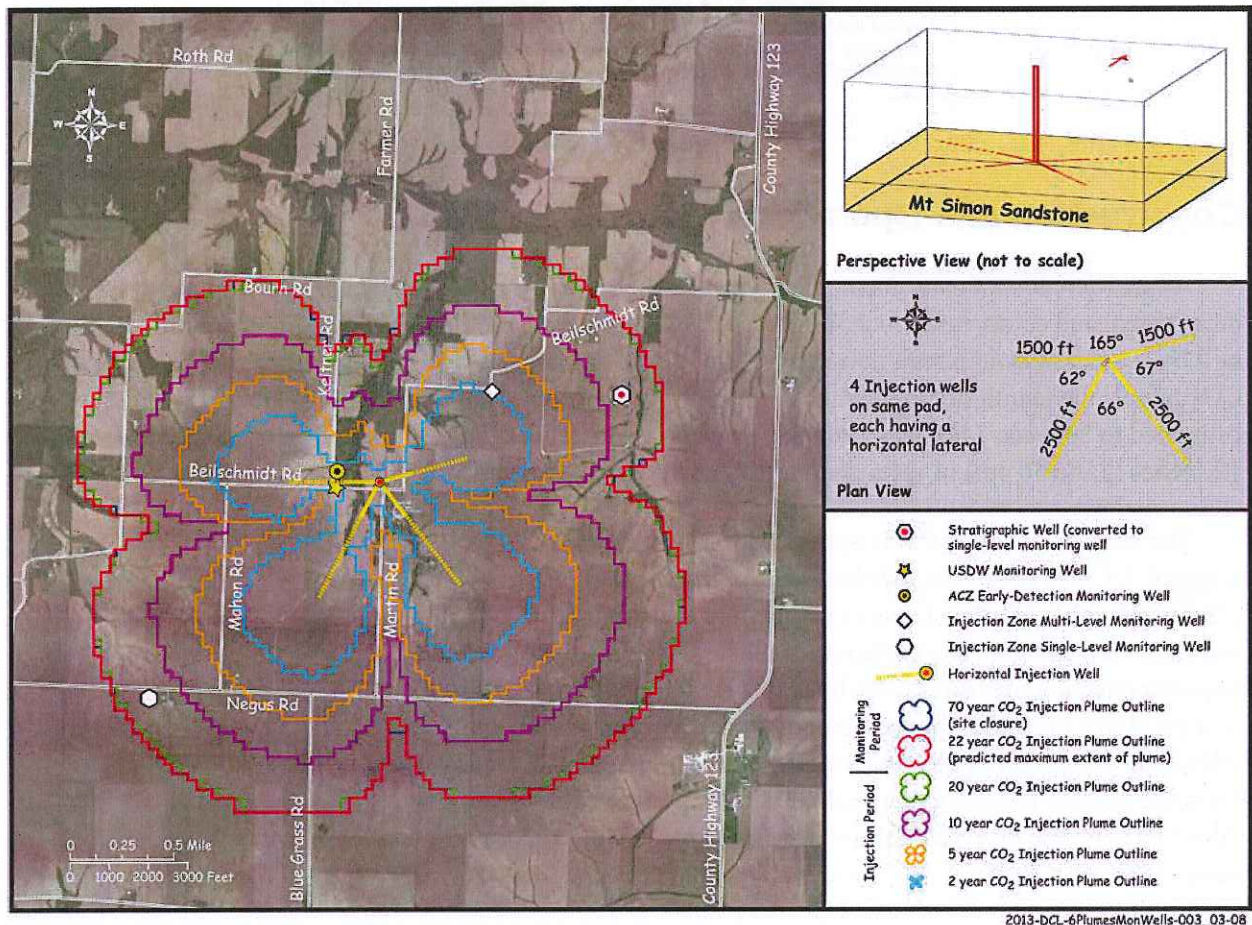


Figure S.5. Nominal Well Network Layout

## **Injection Well Plugging Plan**

After injection ceases, the injection wells will be plugged with cement to ensure that they do not provide a conduit from the injection zone to a USDW or the ground surface. Post-injection monitoring will include a combination of groundwater monitoring, storage zone pressure monitoring, and geophysical monitoring of the Morgan County CO<sub>2</sub> storage site. The monitoring locations, methods, and schedule will be designed to show the position of the CO<sub>2</sub> plume and demonstrate that USDWs are not being endangered.

## **Post-Injection Site Care and Site Closure Plan**

Post-injection monitoring will include a combination of groundwater monitoring, storage zone pressure monitoring, and geophysical monitoring of the Morgan County CO<sub>2</sub> storage site. The monitoring locations, methods, and schedule are designed to show the position of the CO<sub>2</sub> plume and demonstrate that USDWs are not being endangered.

After the active injection phase, the surface infrastructure will be reduced and the remaining areas reclaimed and returned to their pre-development condition. All unneeded gravel pads, access roads, and surface facilities will be removed, and the land will be reclaimed for agricultural or other pre-development uses.

Site closure will occur at the end of the post-injection site-care period. Site-closure activities will include decommissioning remaining surface equipment, plugging monitoring wells, restoring the site, and preparing and submitting site-closure reports. All remaining surface facilities will be removed, including buildings, access roads and parking areas, sidewalks, underground electric and telecommunication facilities, and fencing. The land will be reclaimed for agricultural or other pre-development uses.

## **Emergency and Remedial Response Plan**

The Alliance will develop a comprehensive Emergency and Remedial Response Plan for its Morgan County CO<sub>2</sub> storage site, indicating what actions would be necessary in the unlikely event of an emergency at the site. The plan will ensure that site operators know which entities and individuals are to be notified and what actions need to be taken to expeditiously mitigate any emergency situation and protect human health and safety and the environment, including USDWs. If an adverse event occurred, a variety of emergency or remedial responses would be deployed depending on the circumstances (e.g., the location, type, and volume of a release) to protect USDWs.

The entire CO<sub>2</sub> storage project is focused on retention of the CO<sub>2</sub> in the injection zone.

## **Financial Responsibility Plan**

The Alliance has developed a plan to maintain financial responsibility for the construction, operation, closure, and monitoring of the proposed injection wells and to undertake any emergency or remedial actions that may be necessary. To ensure that sufficient funds will be available, the Alliance has obtained an estimate of the cost of hiring a third party to undertake any necessary actions to protect USDWs within the AoR. Funding for performing any needed corrective actions will be deposited in a CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Trust Fund that will be available during all phases of the project. The Alliance will also obtain a third-party insurance policy that would be available for conducting any emergency or remedial response actions.

## Conclusion

The Alliance prepared its Class VI UIC permit applications and supporting documentation to demonstrate that 1) the proposed Morgan County CO<sub>2</sub> storage site comprises an injection zone of sufficient areal extent, thickness, porosity, and permeability to receive up to 22 MMT of CO<sub>2</sub> over 20 years; and 2) the confining zone and secondary confining zone are free of faults and fractures and are of sufficient areal extent and integrity to contain the injected CO<sub>2</sub>, allowing the injection of CO<sub>2</sub> at the proposed pressures and volumes without initiating or propagating fractures in the confining zones. These findings are supported by the results of the drilling of a stratigraphic well that provided site-specific geologic data as well as available regional data from sources such as the Illinois State Geological Survey.

The Alliance has developed comprehensive construction and operations, testing and monitoring, injection well plugging, and post-injection site-care and site-closure plans, as well as an emergency and remedial response plan, to protect USDWs. To ensure that sufficient funds are available to undertake these actions, the Alliance has also developed a financial responsibility plan.

The Alliance is confident that its permit applications and supporting documentation demonstrate compliance with EPA's GS Rule. Table S.1 provides a crosswalk between the regulatory requirements in that rule and the organization of the Alliance's supporting documentation.

**Table S.1.** Crosswalk Between Applicable Regulatory Provisions in the GS Rule and the Alliance UIC Permit Application Supporting Documentation

GS Rule – Regulatory Requirements	Alliance UIC Permit Application
40 CFR 146.82, Required Class VI permit information	Chapter 1, Introduction Chapter 2, Conceptual Model of the Site Based on Geology and Hydrology
40 CFR 146.83, Minimum criteria for siting	Chapter 2, Conceptual Model of the Site Based on Geology and Hydrology
40 CFR 146.84, Area of review and corrective action	Chapter 3, Area of Review and Corrective Action Plan
40 CFR 146.85, Financial responsibility	Chapter 9, Financial Responsibility
40 CFR 146.86, Injection well construction requirements	Chapter 4, Construction and Operations Plan
40 CFR 146.87, Logging, sampling, and testing prior to injection well operation	Chapter 4, Construction and Operations Plan
40 CFR 146.88, Injection well operating requirements	Chapter 4, Construction and Operations Plan
40 CFR 146.89, Mechanical integrity	Chapter 5, Testing and Monitoring Plan
40 CFR 146.90, Testing and monitoring requirements	Chapter 5, Testing and Monitoring Plan
40 CFR 146.91, Reporting requirements	throughout
40 CFR 146.92, Injection well plugging	Chapter 6, Injection Well-Plugging Plan
40 CFR 146.93, Post-injection site care and site closure	Chapter 7, Post-Injection Site Care and Site-Closure Plan
40 CFR 146.94, Emergency and remedial response	Chapter 8, Emergency and Remedial Response Plan
40 CFR 146.95, Class VI injection depth waiver requirements	Not applicable

## Acronyms and Abbreviations

°C	degrees Celsius (or Centigrade)
°F	degree(s) Fahrenheit
2D	two-dimensional
3C	three-component
3D	three-dimensional
ac	acre(s)
ACZ	Above Confining Zone
ADM	Archer Daniels Midland
AFL	Annular Flow Log
AIC	Akaike information criterion
Al	aluminum
Alliance	FutureGen Industrial Alliance, Inc.
AoR	Area of Review
API	American Petroleum Institute
APT	annular pressure test
As	arsenic
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
ASU	air separation unit
B	boron
bb1	barrel(s)
bgs	below ground surface
bkb	below the kelly bushing
BTC	buttress thread coupling
C	carbon
Ca	calcium
CAA	Clean Air Act
CAAPP	Clean Air Act Permit Program
CaCl <sub>2</sub>	calcium chloride
CBL	cement bond log
CCS	carbon capture and storage
Cd	cadmium
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations

CH <sub>4</sub>	methane
Cl	chlorine
cm	centimeter(s)
cm/sec	centimeter(s) per second
CMR	compensated magnetic resonance
CO	carbon monoxide
CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon dioxide
CO <sub>2</sub> [sc]	supercritical carbon dioxide
cP	centipoise
CPU	compression unit
Cr	chromium
CRDS	cavity ring-down laser spectroscopy
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
CWA	Clean Water Act
d	day(s)
DCS	Distributed Control System
DIC	dissolved inorganic carbon
DIS	discriminator
DO	dissolved oxygen
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
Dol	edolomite
DST	drill-stem test
DTS	distributed temperature sensing
ECD	electron capture detector
EIS	environmental impact statement
ELAN	Elemental Analysis
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ERT	electrical resistivity tomography
ESP	electrostatic precipitator or electric submersible pump
EUE	external upset end
°F	degree(s) Fahrenheit
F	fluorine
FBP	Formation Break-Down Pressure
FCP	fracture closure pressure
Fe	iron



FEED	Front-End Engineering Design
FG1	FutureGen stratigraphic well
FGD	flue-gas desulphurization
FIT	Formation Integrity Test
FL	Flux Leakage
FPP	fracture propagation pressure
FR	Federal Register
ft	foot(feet)
ft/min	foot(feet) per minute
ft <sup>3</sup>	cubic foot(feet)
FTS	Flow-Through Sampler
$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	microgram(s) per cubic meter
G	ground acceleration
g	gram(s)
g/cc	gram(s) per cubic centimeter
g/cm <sup>3</sup>	gram(s) per cubic centimeter
gal	gallon(s)
GAP	U.S. Geological Survey Gap Analysis Program
GIE	Gulf Interstate Engineering
gpd	gallon(s) per day
gpm	gallon(s) per minute
GPS	global positioning systems
GR	gamma ray survey log
GS	geological sequestration
H <sub>2</sub> S	hydrogen sulfide
ha	hectare(s)
HCl	hydrochloric (acid)
HCO <sub>3</sub>	bicarbonate
HDPE	high-density polyethylene
Hg	mercury
HMI	Human Machine Interface
hp	horse power
hr	hour(s)
I.D.	inner diameter
ICL	imaging caliper tool

ICP	inductively coupled plasma
ID	identification
IDNR	Illinois Department of Natural Resources
IEPA	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
ILCS	Illinois Compiled Statutes
ILOIL	Illinois Oil and Gas Resources (Internet Map Service)
in.	inch(es)
InSAR	Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar
INW	Instrumentation Northwest
IRMS	isotope ratio mass spectrometry
ISGS	Illinois State Geological Survey
ISIP	Instantaneous Shut-In Pressure
ISWS	Illinois State Water Survey
K	potassium (or thousand)
KCl	potassium chloride
kg/m <sup>3</sup>	kilogram(s) per cubic meter
Kh	horizontal permeability; permeability parallel to sedimentary layering
km	kilometer(s)
ksi	kilopound(s) per square inch
k-s-p	permeability-saturation-capillary pressure
Kv	vertical permeability; permeability perpendicular to sedimentary layering
kW	kilowatt(s)
L	liter(s)
lb	pound(s)
lbm	pound-mass
LC/MS	liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry
LOP	Leak-Off Pressure
Ls	limestone
LT	Limit Test
LTC	long thread coupling
μMHOS/cm	micromho(s) per centimeter
mBq	millibequerel(s)
Mbr	geologic member (unit)
MD	measured depth
mD	millidarcy(ies)

mD-ft	millidarcy foot(feet)
MDNR	Missouri Department of Natural Resources
MDT	Modular Formation Dynamics Tester
MESPOP	maximum extent of the separate-phase plume or pressure
Mg	magnesium
mg	milligram(s)
mg/kg	milligram(s) per kilogram
mg/m <sup>3</sup>	milligram(s) per cubic meter
Mgd	million gallons per day
mi	mile(s)
mi <sup>2</sup>	square mile(s)
MICP	mercury injection capillary pressure
mGal	milliGal(s)
min	minute(s)
MIP	maximum injection pressure
MIT	mechanical integrity test(ing) or Massachusetts Institute of Technology
mmscf	million standard cubic feet
mmscfd	million standard cubic feet per day
MMT	million metric ton(s)
MMT/yr	million metric ton(s) per year
MMTA	million metric tons per annum
Mn	manganese
MPa	megapascal(s)
mph	mile(s) per hour
ms	millisecond(s)
MS	microseismic or mass spectrometry
MSL	mean sea level
MT	magnetotelluric or metric ton(nes)
MTC	metal to metal seal
mV	millivolt(s)
MVA	Monitoring, Verification, and Accounting
MW(e)	megawatt electric
N	nitrogen
N <sup>2</sup>	nitrogen
NA	not applicable
Na	sodium
NACE	National Association of Corrosion Engineers

NaCl	sodium chloride
NAD	North American Datum
NaAlCO <sub>3</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> )	dawsonite
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended
NETL	National Environmental Technology Laboratory
Ni	nickel
NO <sub>2</sub>	nitrogen oxide
NOG	naturally occurring gas
NO <sub>x</sub>	nitrogen oxides
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPT	National Pipe Threads
O <sub>2</sub>	oxygen
O.D.	outside diameter
OES	optical emission spectrometry
OG	(IDNR's) Division of Oil and Gas
OGW	oil and gas well
OPID	Operator Identification Number
P	phosphorus
Pb	lead
PBTD	plugged-back depth
PDC	polycrystalline diamond compact drilling bit
PDCB	perfluorodimethylcyclobutane
PDCH	perfluoro-1,2-dimethylcyclohexane
PEB	plain-end and beveled
PETE	polyethylene terephthalate
PFBA	pentafluorobenzoic acid
PFT	referred to as perfluorinated tracers
PIGN	Gamma-Neutron Porosity (Schlumberger ELAN porosity log/survey)
PHIT	Total Porosity (Schlumberger ELAN porosity log/survey)
PIGE	Effective Porosity (Schlumberger ELAN porosity log/survey)
PLC	programmable logic controller
PLL	Pollution Legal Liability
PM	particulate matter
PM <sub>10</sub>	particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 10 microns
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 2.5 microns
PNNL	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
PNWD	(Battelle-) Pacific Northwest Division

ppb	parts per billion
ppbv	parts per billion on a volumetric basis
ppg	pound(s) per gallon
ppm	parts per million
pptv	parts per trillion on a volumetric basis
psi	pounds per square inch
psia	pounds per square inch, absolute
psig	pound-force per square inch gauge (or pounds per square inch gauge)
PTCH	perfluorotrimethylcyclohexane
PVC	polyvinyl chloride
QA	Quality Assurance
QMC	quasi Monte Carlo
RAT	radioactive tracer
RCI	(Tool and Baker's) Reservoir Characterization Instrument
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RH	relative humidity?
Rn	radon
RTU	remote terminal unit
Rwa	water resistivity
$\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$	microsiemen(s) per centimeter
s	second(s)
S	sulfur
SAR	synthetic aperture radars
Sb	antimony
SBT	segmented bond tool
SCMT	slim cement mapping tool
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act
Se	selenium
sec	second(s)
SEM	scanning electron microscopy
SEM/EDX	scanning electron microscopy with energy dispersive x-ray (analysis)
SF <sub>6</sub>	sulfur hexafluoride
SG	shallow gas (collector)
Sh	shale
SIC	Standard Industrial Classification

SltSt	siltstone
SO <sub>x</sub>	sulfur oxides
SpC	specific conductance
Sr	strontium
Ss	sandstone
STOMP	Subsurface Transport Over Multiple Phases
STP	standard temperature and pressure
SWC	side-wall core
SWPPP	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
TD	total depth
TDAS	Tubular Design and Analysis System
TDS	total dissolved solids
THPO	Tribal Historic Preservation Office
TI	thallium
TOC	total organic carbon
TVD	total vertical depth
UCI	Ultrasonic Casing Imager
UIC	Underground Injection Control
USDW	underground sources of drinking water
USI	ultrasonic Imager
UTM	Universal Transverse Mercator
V	vanadium
VdB	vibration decibel(s)
VDL	variable-density log
VIM	vertically integrated mass
VIMPA	vertically integrated mass per unit area
VSP	vertical seismic profile(ing)
W	watt(s)
WAPMMS	well annular pressure maintenance and monitoring system
WGNHS	Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey
WS-CRDS	wavelength-scanned cavity ring-down spectroscopy
XRD	x-ray diffraction
X-Z	cross-section

yd <sup>3</sup>	cubic yard(s)
yr	year(s)
Zn	zinc





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# 1.0 Introduction

The FutureGen Industrial Alliance, Inc. (Alliance) prepared this documentation to support its Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class VI permit applications to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 5, for the construction and operation of four wells for the injection of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) in Morgan County, Illinois. The four injection wells will be drilled from a single well pad. Figure 1.1 shows the location of the proposed injection wells. This supporting documentation was prepared in accordance with the UIC Control Program for Carbon Dioxide Geologic Sequestration Wells (The GS [Geological Sequestration] Rule, published on December 10, 2010 [75 FR 77230] and codified in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations [40 CFR 146.81 et seq.].<sup>1</sup>

The Alliance has prepared separate application forms (EPA Forms 7520-6 and 7520-14) for each proposed injection well (referred to as Morgan County Class VI UIC Wells 1, 2, 3, and 4). Because the four injection wells will be similarly constructed and drilled from a single well pad, the CO<sub>2</sub> injected through the four wells will form one co-mingled CO<sub>2</sub> plume. Therefore, this supporting documentation applies to all four proposed injection wells.<sup>2</sup> The applications and supporting documentation are based on currently available data, including regional data and site-specific data derived from a stratigraphic well drilled by the Alliance in late 2011 near the site of the proposed injection wells.

A project overview, administrative information required by 40 CFR 144.31(e)(1) through (6), and a description of the remaining chapters of this supporting documentation are presented in the following sections. Appendix A contains a table listing where each regulatory requirement in the GS Rule, including the minimum criteria for siting, is addressed.

## 1.1 Project Overview

This section provides a description of the Alliance, the FutureGen 2.0 Project, and the Alliance's proposed CO<sub>2</sub> storage system.

### 1.1.1 FutureGen Alliance

The Alliance is a non-profit corporation created to benefit the public interest and the interests of science through research, development, and demonstration of near-zero emissions coal technology. It is partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on the FutureGen 2.0 Project. Members of the Alliance include some of the largest coal producers, coal users, and coal equipment suppliers in the world. The active role of industry in this project ensures that the public and private sector share the cost and risk of developing the advanced technologies necessary to commercialize the FutureGen 2.0 concept.

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<sup>1</sup> The injection well permit applications and this supporting documentation were prepared at the Alliance's direction by Battelle's Pacific Northwest Division.

<sup>2</sup> Throughout this supporting documentation, the Alliance uses the future tense to refer to the actions the Alliance intends to undertake with respect to its proposed injection wells. The Alliance recognizes that such actions can only be undertaken after the issuance of UIC permits by the EPA.

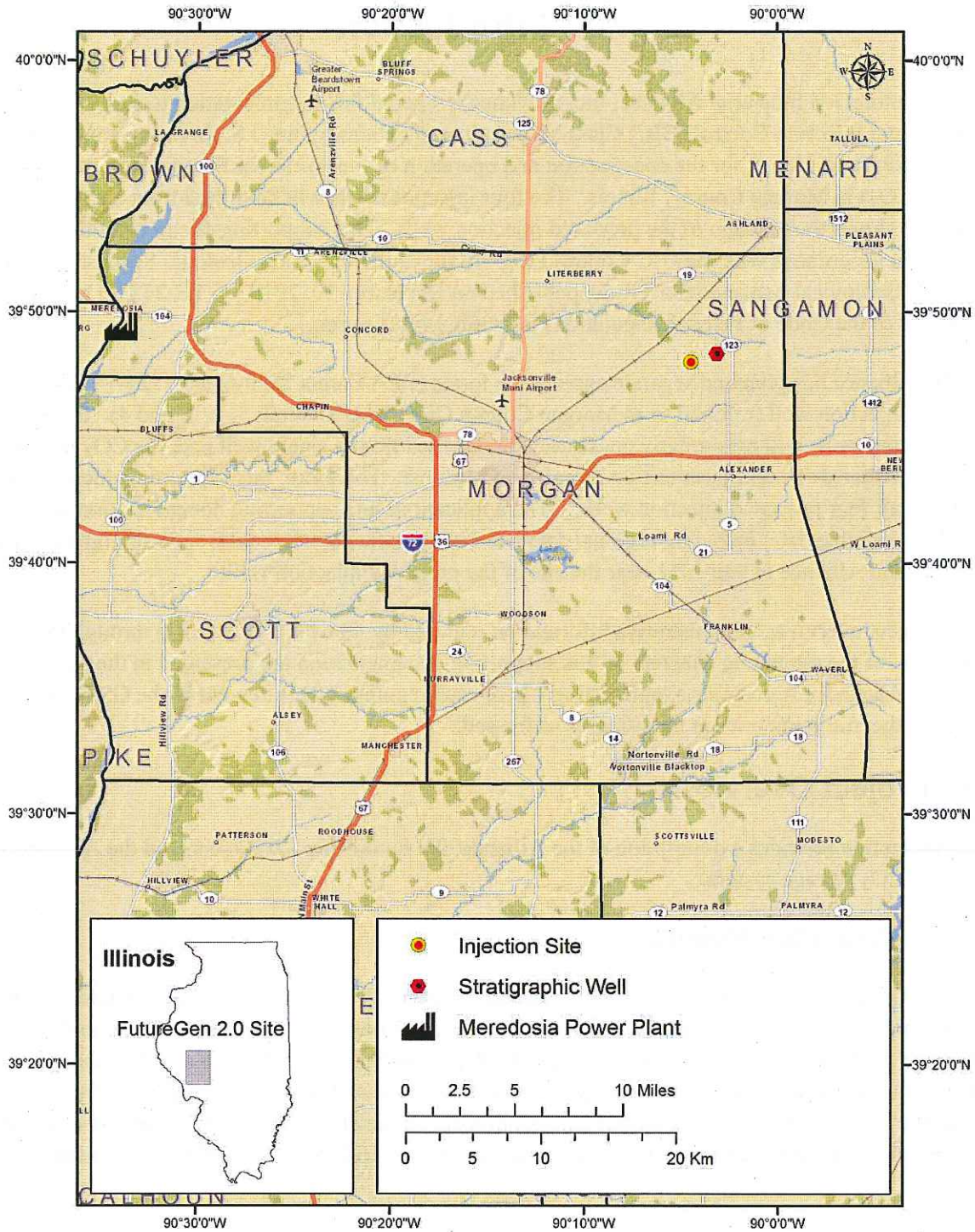


Figure 1.1. Map Showing Morgan County and the Location of the Storage Site

### 1.1.2 The FutureGen 2.0 Project

In September 2010, the Alliance signed a Cooperative Agreement (DE-FE0001882) with DOE to develop FutureGen 2.0, a commercial-scale oxy-combustion repowering project that will use carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology. The FutureGen 2.0 Project is a public-private partnership, with costs shared by DOE and the other project partners. DOE has awarded \$1 billion in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding through its Office of Fossil Energy.

#### DOE Cost-Share Phases

- *Phase I:* Project Definition
- *Phase II:* Design and Permitting
- *Phase III:* Construction, and Commissioning
- *Phase IV:* Operations

Pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement, the Alliance is working with Ameren Energy Resources (Ameren), Babcock & Wilcox Company, and Air Liquide Process and Construction, Inc. to develop a near-zero emission, coal-fueled power plant. The Alliance plans to acquire a portion of Ameren's existing Meredosia Power Plant in Meredosia, Illinois, and repower one of its units with oxy-combustion and carbon capture technology. An oxy-combustion system combusts coal in the presence of a mixture of oxygen and CO<sub>2</sub>. The heat produced by the combustion process is used to make steam. The steam is used to generate electricity. A byproduct of the oxy-combustion process is an emission stream that has a high concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> that can be captured and passed through a CO<sub>2</sub> purification and compression unit. In combination, these processes result in the capture of at least 90 percent of the power plant's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and reduction of other conventional emissions to near-zero levels.

The captured CO<sub>2</sub> will be transported from the power plant through an underground pipeline to four injection wells (on a single well pad) drilled into the Mount Simon Sandstone—sandstone that underlies central Illinois—so that the CO<sub>2</sub> can be sequestered within that injection zone, which would serve as a permanent underground CO<sub>2</sub> storage reservoir. The Alliance plans to inject approximately 1.1 MMT of CO<sub>2</sub> annually into the Mount Simon Sandstone where it will be permanently stored. A total of 22 MMT will be injected over 20 years, using four horizontal injection wells. Visitor, research, and training facilities will be located in nearby Jacksonville, Illinois.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, DOE is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the FutureGen 2.0 Project. DOE issued its Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS in May 2011 (76 FR 29728), and held scoping meetings in the area in June 2011. A draft EIS is expected to be released in spring 2013; additional public hearings will be held at that time.

### 1.1.3 Proposed CO<sub>2</sub> Storage System

The CCS component of the FutureGen 2.0 Project is a GS demonstration project intended to prove the effectiveness of the GS conceptual design and related CCS technologies. The primary objective is to site, design, construct, and operate a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline and underground CO<sub>2</sub> storage reservoir with sufficient capacity to accept, transport, and sequester at least 1.1 MMT of CO<sub>2</sub> annually in a deep saline geologic formation.

The proposed CO<sub>2</sub> storage site includes the surface facilities, injection wells, monitoring wells, access roads, and an underground CO<sub>2</sub> injection zone. The surface facilities, wells, and access roads are expected to require no more than 25 surface acres. The area of CO<sub>2</sub> storage is cloverleaf-shaped and is

located on the western margin of the Illinois Basin, an elongated structural basin that is centered in and underlying most of the state of Illinois (see Chapter 2.0, Figure 2.2). The storage site is approximately 6 mi (10 km) north of the unincorporated town of Alexander, 6 mi (10 km) southwest of Ashland, and 11 mi (18 km) northeast of the City of Jacksonville (see Figure 1.2), and is currently agricultural land.

The conceptual design of the CO<sub>2</sub> storage site includes four horizontal injection wells; surface facilities; the subsurface CO<sub>2</sub> injection zone; and monitoring, verification, and accounting systems (including monitoring wells). Figure 1.3 provides a graphical overview of the conceptual design.

#### **1.1.3.1 Stratigraphic Well**

In 2011, the Alliance drilled a stratigraphic well (sometimes referred to as the project's "characterization well" and numerically identified in some figures as "FGA #1") near the location of the proposed injection wells to generate site-specific information about geologic, hydrogeologic, and biogeochemical conditions. Figure 1.2 shows the relative locations of the well pad for the four proposed injection wells and the stratigraphic well. The stratigraphic well provided the detailed hydrologic data with which to characterize the below ground surface environment as part of assessing site feasibility and designing the CO<sub>2</sub> storage site. By further revealing the geologic characteristics (injectivity, porosity, etc.) of the proposed injection zone, this well has enabled the project to move from a generalized understanding of the geology of the region to an understanding of the site-specific geology of the proposed injection zone. This supporting documentation reflects the stratigraphic well data and analysis. Once injection begins, the Alliance plans to use the stratigraphic well as one of its monitoring wells, as described more fully in Chapter 5.0, Testing and Monitoring Plan.

#### **1.1.3.2 CO<sub>2</sub> Stream**

The Morgan County CO<sub>2</sub> storage site is expected to receive approximately 1.1 MMT of CO<sub>2</sub> annually from the oxy-combustion power plant. The emissions stream from the power plant will be captured at the plant, purified, dehydrated, and compressed to 2,100 psig before the CO<sub>2</sub> is placed into the pipeline for transport to the injection wells. At these conditions, the CO<sub>2</sub> will be in a dense fluid phase, non-corrosive, and non-flammable. Transporting CO<sub>2</sub> as a dense fluid is preferred because it requires smaller diameter pipelines and the CO<sub>2</sub> can be pumped without the need for complex and additional compression equipment along the pipeline route. The estimated length of the pipeline to the UIC injection well site is approximately 30 mi (48 km).

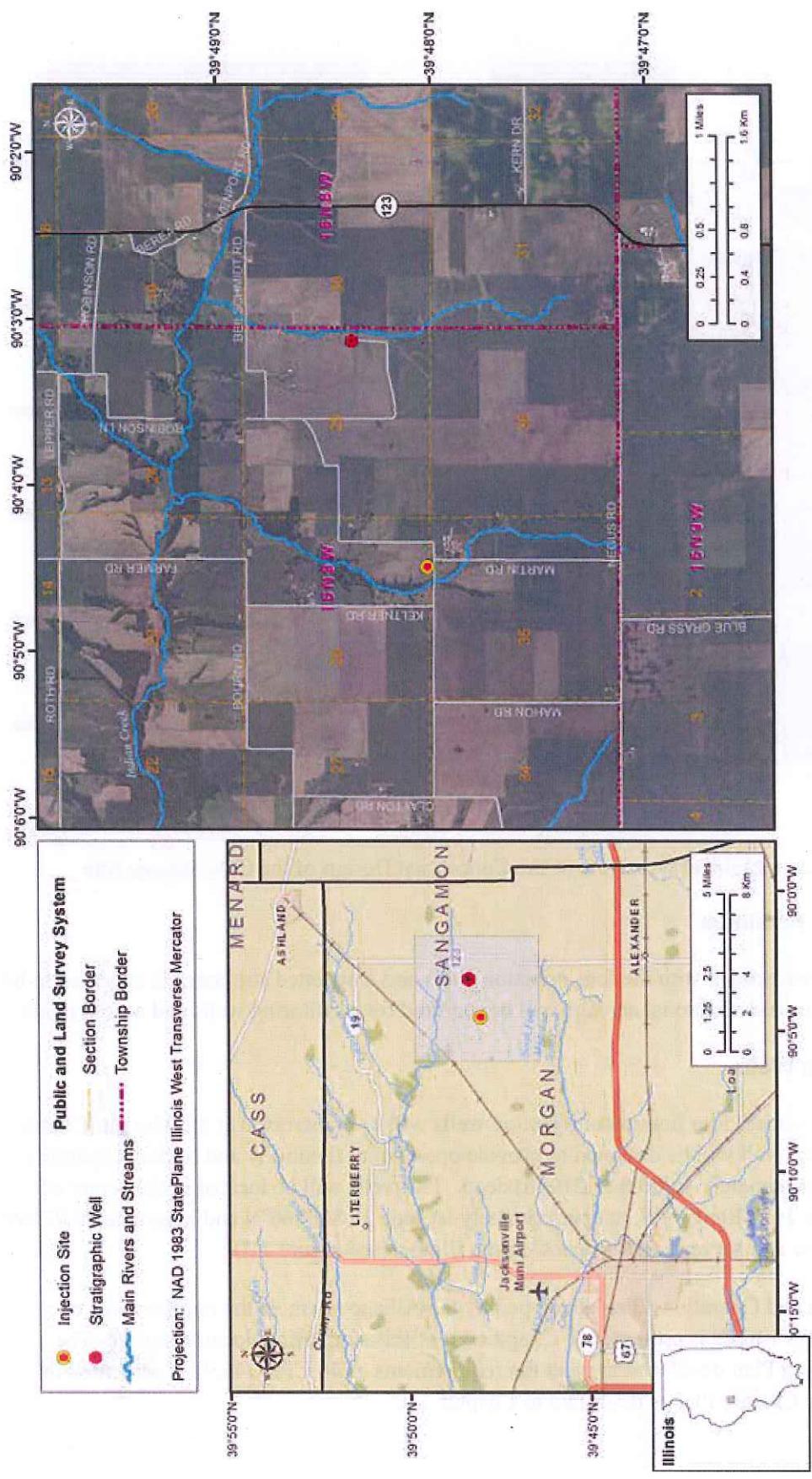
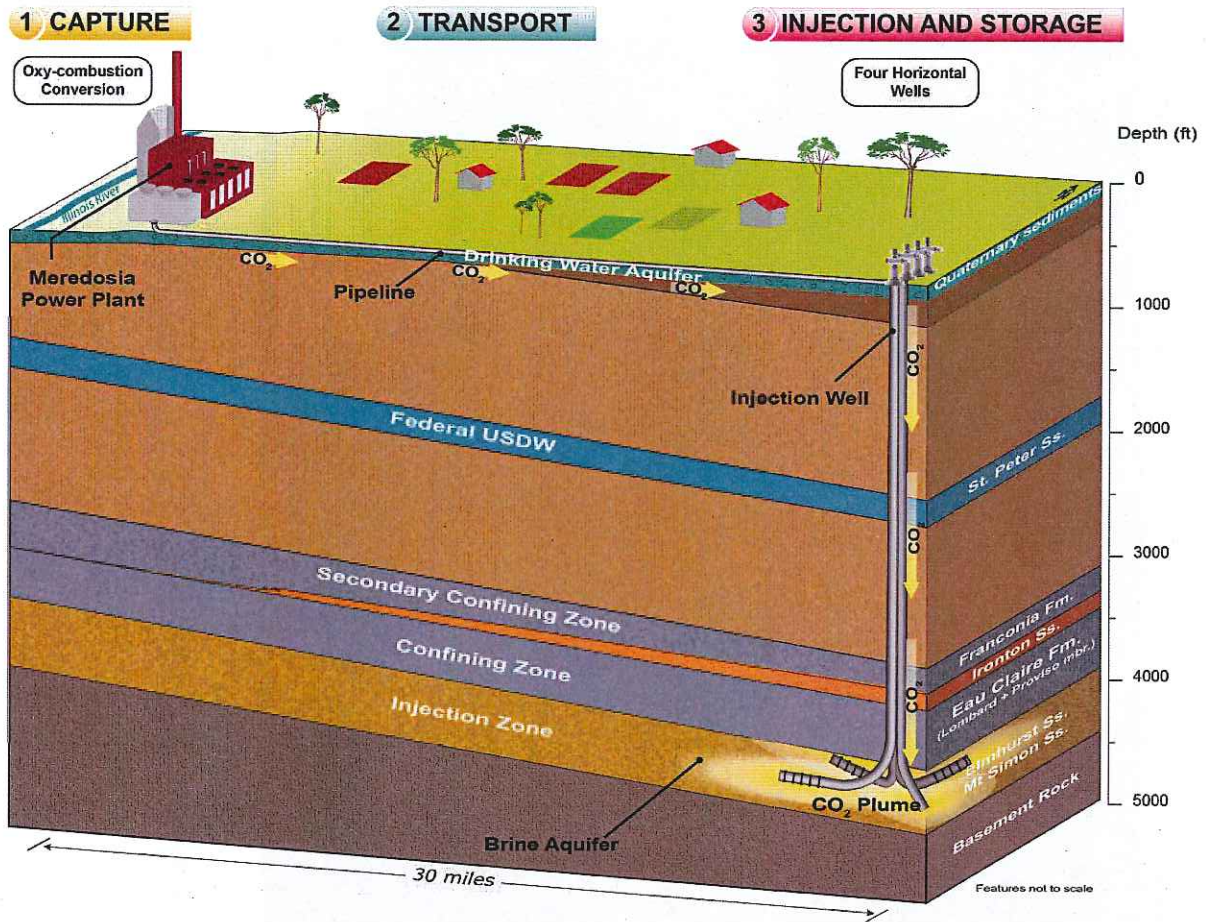


Figure 1.2. Maps of the Proposed CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Site



**Figure 1.3.** Graphical Overview of the Conceptual Design of the CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Site

### 1.1.3.3 Surface Facilities

The surface area associated with the four injection wells and associated structures is expected to be less than 10 acres. Limited additional acreage will be required for monitoring wells and access roads.

### 1.1.3.4 Injection Wells

Once permits are issued, four horizontal injection wells will be constructed at the Morgan County CO<sub>2</sub> storage site. Each well will be designed to provide operational flexibility and backup capability. The wells will be approximately 4,000 ft (1,219 m) deep. The wells will be located in the center of Section 26, Township 16N, Range 9W, at approximately latitude 39.800266°N and longitude 90.07469°W (subject to final review and survey), in Morgan County, Illinois (see Figure 1.2).

The Construction and Operations Plan developed by the Alliance to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 146.86 through 146.89 is presented in Chapter 4.0 of this supporting documentation. The Injection Well-Plugging Plan developed to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 146.92 is presented in Chapter 6.0. The Site Closure Plan is described in Chapter 7.0.



### **1.1.3.5 Injection and Confining Zones**

The Alliance proposes to inject CO<sub>2</sub> into the Mount Simon Sandstone and Elmhurst Sandstone member of the Eau Claire Formation (see Figure 1.3). The Alliance proposes this injection zone because of its depth, thickness, porosity, and permeability. The top of the Elmhurst Sandstone member is approximately 3,900 ft (1,190 m) bgs and the injection zone is approximately 565 ft (172 m) thick in the target location. The proposed injection zone consists of quartz sandstone, and it has demonstrated reservoir capacity in natural-gas storage facilities elsewhere in the Illinois Basin. The injection zone contains a hypersaline aquifer with a temperature of approximately 103°F (39.4°C) and total dissolved solids of approximately 40,000 mg/L—well in excess of recommended Safe Drinking Water Act standards.

The injection zone is overlain by the Eau Claire Formation, a thick regional confining zone with low permeability above the Elmhurst Sandstone member. The Franconia Dolomite and Davis member serves as a secondary confining zone for additional protection of underground sources of drinking water.

The geologic setting, along with detailed information about the Morgan County CO<sub>2</sub> storage site, is presented in Chapter 2.0.

### **1.1.3.6 Monitoring Program**

An extensive monitoring, verification, and accounting system will be installed to verify that injected CO<sub>2</sub> is effectively contained within the injection zone. The monitoring network will be designed to account for and verify the location of all CO<sub>2</sub> injected into the ground. It will include monitoring wells in the injection zone, immediately above the primary confining zone, and in the lowermost USDW aquifer. The objectives of the monitoring program are to track the lateral extent of CO<sub>2</sub> within the injection zone, characterize any geochemical or geomechanical changes that occur within the injection and confining zones that may affect containment, and track the extent of the injected CO<sub>2</sub> using direct and indirect monitoring methods. The monitoring program is designed to verify CO<sub>2</sub> retention in the injection zone. In the unlikely event of unintended migration, the monitoring program is intended to detect and quantify the migration through the confining zones, assess the potential to adversely affect underground sources of drinking water, and guide remedial actions.

The Testing and Monitoring Plan developed by the Alliance to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 146.90 is presented in Chapter 5.0 of this supporting documentation. Post-injection site care monitoring is described in Chapter 7.0.

## **1.2 Required Administrative Information**

Table 1.1 provides the administrative information for the Class VI injection well permit applications as required by 40 CFR 144.31(e)(1 through 6).

Table 1.2 lists the permits or construction approvals received or applied for under specific programs listed in 40 CFR § 144.31(e)(6). It also includes other relevant state environment permits and permits required for modifications at the Meredosia Power Plant.

**Table 1.1. General Class VI Waste Injection Well Permits Application Information**

Injection Well Information	
Well Name and Number	Morgan County Class VI UIC Wells 1, 2, 3, and 4
County	Morgan County, Illinois
Section-Township-Range	26-16N-9W
Latitude and Longitude	39.800266°N and 90.07469°W
Applicant Information	
Name	FutureGen Industrial Alliance, Inc.
Address and Phone Number	Washington D.C. Office 1101 Pennsylvania Ave., Sixth Floor Washington, D.C. 20004 Phone: (202) 280-6019
	Morgan County Office 73 Central Park Plaza East Jacksonville, IL 62650 Phone: (217) 243-8215
Ownership Status	Non-stock, non-profit corporation
Status as Federal, State, Private, Public, Or Other Entity	Private entity
Related Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes	
The GS Rule asks for the identification of up to four SIC codes that best reflect the principal products or services provided by the facility. The SIC system is a U.S. government system for classifying industries by a four-digit code. A SIC code has not been established for geologic sequestration of CO <sub>2</sub> . SIC Code 4922 is Natural Gas Transmission, and includes natural-gas storage (OSHA 2012b, a). Natural-gas storage is similar to CO <sub>2</sub> storage.	
Federal Government Jurisdiction or Protection	
The injection wells and the storage site are not located on Indian land.	

**Table 1.2. Permits Required for the FutureGen 2.0 Project**

Program	Permits	Status
(i) Hazardous Waste Management program under RCRA	Not required	Not applicable
(ii) UIC program under SDWA	(UIC) Class VI Permit Morgan County FutureGen UIC Well 1 (UIC) Class VI Permit Morgan County FutureGen UIC Well 2 (UIC) Class VI Permit Morgan County FutureGen UIC Well 3 (UIC) Class VI Permit Morgan County FutureGen UIC Well 4	Permit Submitted to EPA Region 5 Permit Submitted to EPA Region 5 Permit Submitted to EPA Region 5 Permit Submitted to EPA Region 5
(iii) NPDES program under CWA	Required for stratigraphic well, power plant, pipeline, and injection/monitoring wells	Stratigraphic well construction performed under General NPDES Permit No. ILR10 (issued August 11, 2008, expires July 31, 2013). SWPPP prepared May 4, 2011; Ameren Energy Resources, with the Alliance, submitted an NPDES modification application to IEPA on May 10, 2012 for power plant modifications

**Table 1.2. (contd)**

Program	Permits	Status
(iv) Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) program under the CAA	Not required	Ameren Energy Resources, with the Alliance, submitted a Construction Permit Application for a Proposed Project at a CAAPP Source to IEPA on February 8, 2012 for power plant modifications. Due to netting, PSD not required
(v) Nonattainment program under the CAA	Not required	Not applicable. Area is in attainment for all criteria pollutants
(vi) National Emission Standards for Hazardous Pollutants (NESHAPS) preconstruction approval under the CAA	Not required	Not applicable
(vii) Ocean dumping permits under the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act	Not required	Not applicable
(viii) Dredge and fill permits under section 404 of CWA	May be required for power plant and pipeline; well pads will not affect wetlands	Wetlands areas are being avoided at the power plant site and injection/monitoring well pad locations; pipeline route not yet finalized
(ix) Other relevant environmental permits, including state permits		
Drilling Permit	Required for stratigraphic well and injection/monitoring wells	OG-7 permit application for stratigraphic well was delivered to the IDNR on June 28, 2011
Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act (520 ILCS 10; ILCS 2012a)	Incidental take permit may be required for the power plant and pipeline	Consultations with IDNR are ongoing
Illinois Private Sewage Disposal Licensing Act (225 ILCS 225; ILCS 2012b)	Applicability being determined	

CAA = Clean Air Act; CAAPP = Clean Air Act Permit Program; CWA = Clean Water Act; IDNR = Illinois Department of Natural Resources; IEPA = Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; ILCS = Illinois Compiled Statutes; NPDES = National Pollution Discharge Elimination System; OG = (IDNR) Division of Oil and Gas; RCRA = Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; SDWA = Safe Drinking Water Act; SWPPP = Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.

### 1.3 Supporting Documentation Contents and Organization

The following chapters address proposed injection well activities and responsibilities from the geologic setting and development of the Area of Review (AoR) through post-injection site care and site closure, including emergency and remedial actions and financial responsibility, as described in Table 1.3. Table 1.4 summarizes where the applicable regulatory provisions in the GS Rule are addressed within the supporting documentation.

**Table 1.3. Summary of UIC Permit Applications Supporting Documentation**

Chapter	Title	Purpose
1	Introduction	This chapter provides an overview of the Alliance and the FutureGen 2.0 Project, a description of the Alliance's proposed CO <sub>2</sub> storage system, and administrative information.
2	Conceptual Model of the Site Based on Geology and Hydrology	This chapter provides information about the geology, hydrology, and biogeochemistry of the Morgan County site. This information is used collectively to develop a conceptual model of the site, which will guide the numerical simulations, design, and monitoring of the site. A set of input parameters is presented that will form the basis for the numerical model of the injection and confining zones used to develop the AoR. The conceptual model is based on regional geology, hydrology, and site-specific information from the stratigraphic well.
3	Area of Review and Corrective Action Plan	This chapter describes the AoR and specifies the corrective actions that will be taken to address features that compromise the integrity of the confining zone above the injection zone targeted for CO <sub>2</sub> storage.
4	Construction and Operations Plan	This chapter describes the injection well design, construction methods, and materials, as well as the proposed conduct of injection operations.
5	Testing and Monitoring Plan	This chapter describes the plan for testing the injection wells during and after construction and the requirements for monitoring the injection zone, performance of the confining zone, and other media to ensure the protection of underground sources of drinking water.
6	Injection Well-Plugging Plan	This chapter describes planned methods for plugging the injection wells after the period of injection is complete.
7	Post-Injection Site Care and Site Closure Plan	This chapter describes the plan for closure of the CO <sub>2</sub> storage site after the injection period and activities related to long-term site care.
8	Emergency and Remedial Response Plan	This chapter describes the actions that may be required if injection activities cause endangerment to underground sources of drinking water, including notification procedures and identification of emergency contacts.
9	Financial Responsibility	This chapter describes the instruments the Alliance will use to demonstrate and maintain financial responsibility for the operation and closure of the CO <sub>2</sub> storage site in a manner that will protect underground sources of drinking water.

**Table 1.4. Crosswalk Between Applicable Regulatory Provisions in the GS Rule and the Alliance UIC Permit Application Supporting Documentation**

GS Rule – Regulatory Requirements	Alliance UIC Permit Application Supporting Documentation
40 CFR 146.82, Required Class VI permit information	Chapter 1, Introduction Chapter 2, Conceptual Model of the Site Based on Geology and Hydrology
40 CFR 146.83, Minimum criteria for siting	Chapter 2, Conceptual Model of the Site Based on Geology and Hydrology
40 CFR 146.84, Area of review and corrective action	Chapter 3, Area of Review and Corrective Action Plan
40 CFR 146.85, Financial responsibility	Chapter 9, Financial Responsibility
40 CFR 146.86, Injection well construction requirements	Chapter 4, Construction and Operations Plan

**Table 1.4.** (contd)

GS Rule – Regulatory Requirements	Alliance UIC Permit Application Supporting Documentation
40 CFR 146.87, Logging, sampling, and testing prior to injection well operation	Chapter 4, Construction and Operations Plan
40 CFR 146.88, Injection well operating requirements	Chapter 4, Construction and Operations Plan
40 CFR 146.89, Mechanical integrity	Chapter 5, Testing and Monitoring Plan
40 CFR 146.90, Testing and monitoring requirements	Chapter 5, Testing and Monitoring Plan
40 CFR 146.91, Reporting requirements	throughout
40 CFR 146.92, Injection well plugging	Chapter 6, Injection Well-Plugging Plan
40 CFR 146.93, Post-injection site care and site closure	Chapter 7, Post-Injection Site Care and Site Closure Plan
40 CFR 146.94, Emergency and remedial response	Chapter 8, Emergency and Remedial Response Plan
40 CFR 146.95, Class VI injection depth waiver requirements	Not applicable

Appendixes contain supplemental information, as follows:

Appendix A – Requirements Matrices

Appendix B – Known Wells Within the Survey Area

Appendix C – Third-Party Cost Estimate

Appendix D – Memorandum Regarding Insurance Coverage

## 1.4 References

40 CFR 144.31. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, *Protection of the Environment*, Part 144 “Underground Injection Control Program,” Section 31, “Application for a Permit; Authorization by Permit.”

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Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of (RCRA). 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq.

Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended. 42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.