

Use of UNFC-2009 for Classifying Injection Projects - Update

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Introduction

- Reminder from EGRC session 1 in 2010

Programme of work for 2009 -10 included an agreement to explore if and how the UNFC could be used in classifying recipient reservoirs or injection projects such as:

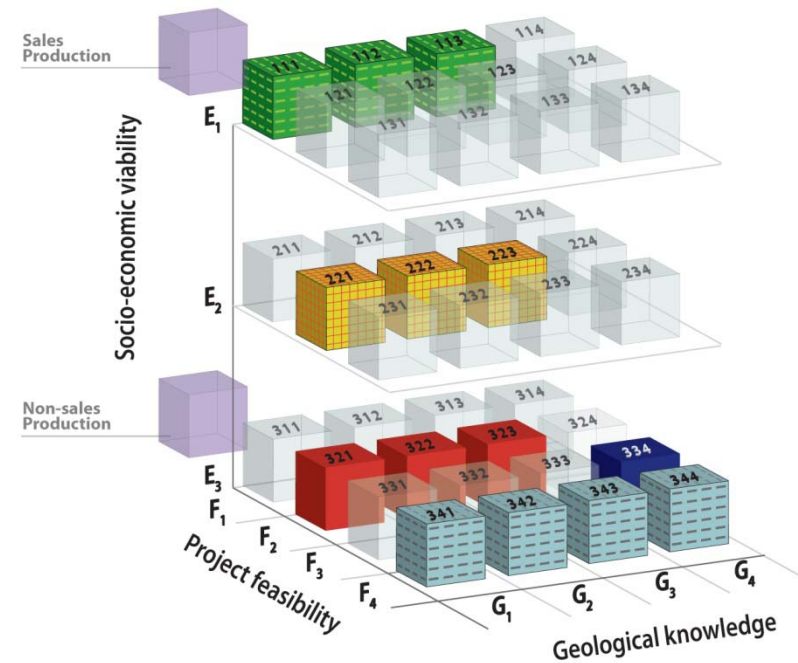
- **Hydro carbon gas injection**
 - Pressure support and increased oil recovery
 - Temporary gas storage
- **CO₂ injection**
 - Permanent storage, also referred to as sequestration
 - Long term storage
 - Increased recovery from a hydro carbon reservoir (EOR)
 - Large part of the CO₂ is produced with the oil and re-circulated
- **Disposal/storage of other waste products/gases**

Injection project activities - the simple picture

We need to:

- Understand the geology and dynamic behaviour of the recipient reservoir
- Design a technical concept and evaluate the project feasibility
- Calculate the costs and evaluate the economic and social viability of the project
- Make decisions

These are all activities that we know from oil and gas extraction projects and that are well defined in the UNFC2009



Different challenges for different projects

- Permanent storage without re-production (such as CO₂ sequestration)
 - Simple solution could be to just turn the UNFC around as shown
- Injection and reproduction (temporary storage)
 - Reservoir needs to be classified as both a recipient and as a producer
 - Classified as two separate projects or one?
- Gas injection and reproduction from oil and gas reservoir containing indigenous gas
 - Difficult or impossible to differentiate between produced and reproduced gas and thus for instance what can be counted as reserves and not, in particular if ownership is different

- Different stake holders will have different needs

UNFC2009 - injection projects?

| | Injected | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------|------------|---|-------|
| | | | | | |
| | | Class | Categories | | |
| | | | E | F | G |
| | Future storage by commercial projects/operations | Commercial Projects | 1 | 1 | 1,2,3 |
| | Potential future storage by contingent projects/operations | Potentially Commercial Projects | 2 | 2 | 1,2,3 |
| | | Non-Commercial Projects | 3 | 2 | 1,2,3 |
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| | Potential future storage by successful screening activities | Screening Projects | 3 | 3 | 4 |
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Progress since last EGRC session

- Main focus has been on looking in to some examples of other classifications that have been proposed by various groups and stake holders.
- Examples are:
 - a) [The Techno-Economic Resource-Reserve pyramid](#) proposed by the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF) (CSLF, 2007)
 - b) The [CO2CRC classification system for CCS](#) (CO2CRC, 2008)
 - c) [“A New Classification System for Evaluating CO2 Storage Resource/Capacity Estimates”](#) published at an SPE International Conference on CO2 (SPE, 2009)
 - d) A proposal from the United States Department of Energy (US DOE) for a [Geologic Storage Framework](#) (US DOE NETL)

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The Way Forward

The Task Force proposes to move forward through:

- Identifying the main stakeholder groups and clarifying what their needs and expectations are
- Investigate how for instance oil and gas companies classify and evaluate the maturity of their gas injection projects today
- Review the Underground Gas Storage Study prepared by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Working Party on Gas and consider relevant elements in this study
- Propose how to adapt the UNFC-2009 for use on injection projects

A wide-angle photograph of a sunset over a calm ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow that reflects on the water. The sky is filled with scattered, dark clouds, some of which are illuminated from below by the setting sun, giving them a soft, pinkish-orange hue. The overall color palette is dominated by warm tones of orange, pink, and purple, transitioning to a darker blue and grey in the upper parts of the sky.

Thank you

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