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## **Carbon Sequestration Regional Partnerships**

DOE has created a network of seven Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnerships (RCSPs) to help develop the technology, infrastructure, and regulations to implement large-scale CO2 sequestration in different regions and geologic formations within the Nation.



Underlying this Regional Partnership approach is the belief that local organizations and citizens will contribute expertise, experience, and perspectives that more accurately represent the concerns and desires of a given region, thereby resulting in the development and application of technologies better suited to that region. Collectively, the seven RCSPs represent regions encompassing 97 percent of coal-fired CO2 emissions, 97 percent of industrial CO2 emissions, 96 percent of the total land mass, and essentially all the geologic sequestration sites in the U.S. potentially available for carbon storage. The seven partnerships include:

- Big Sky Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership (Big Sky)
- Plains CO2 Reduction Partnership (PCOR)
- Midwest Geological Sequestration Consortium (MGSC)
- Midwest Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership (MRCSP)
- Southeast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership (SECARB)
- Southwest Regional Partnership on Carbon Sequestration (SWP)
- West Coast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership (WESTCARB)

#### MORE INFO

Read the Nov. 17, 2008, DOE Remarks Announcing the Final Large-Scale Field Test

This initiative, launched by DOE in 2003, forms the centerpiece of national efforts to develop the infrastructure and knowledge base needed to place carbon sequestration technologies on the path to commercialization. During the first phase of the program, the Partnerships characterized the potential for CO2 storage in deep oil-,

gas-, coal-, and saline-bearing formations. This work led to the publication of two versions of the Carbon Sequestration Atlas of the United States and Canada, last updated in May 2009. In the program's second phase, the Partnerships confirmed and validated regional sequestration opportunities through small-scale geological storage tests.

In Phase III, the Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnerships are working to implement nine large-scale sequestration projects that will demonstrate the long-term, effective, and safe storage of CO2 in the major geologic formations throughout the United States and portions of Canada. These injections are expected to begin at some sites as

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