

## 6 INJECTION WELL OPERATIONS PLAN

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### TULARE COUNTY CARBON STORAGE PROJECT (TCCSP)

#### Facility Information

Facility (site) Name: Tulare County Carbon Storage Project (TCCSP)

Facility Operator: TCCSP, LLC.

Facility Contact:

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Project Location: [REDACTED], Tulare County, California

Injection Well Name and Coordinates:

Well Name	Latitude	Longitude
TCCSP_INJ-1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
TCCSP_INJ-2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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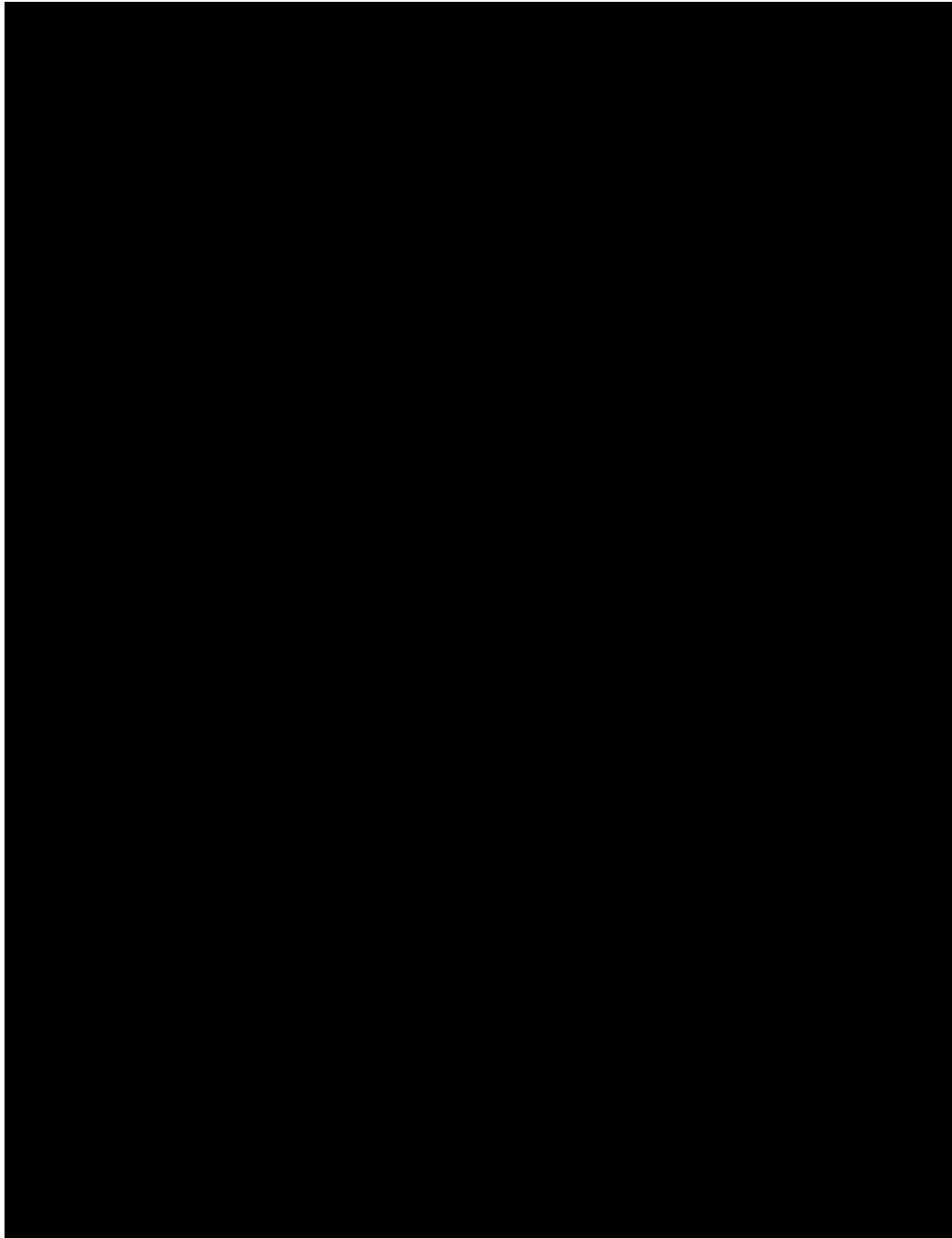
2D	2-Dimensional
3D	3-Dimensional
AoR	Area of Review
bbl/d	Barrels per day
BHP	Bottom Hole Pressure
CCS	Carbon capture, and storage
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon dioxide

CMG	Computer Modelling Group
$D_H$	Hydraulic Diameter
DRM	Dynamic Reservoir Model
EoS	Equation of State
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
$f_D$	Darcy's Friction Factor
ft	feet
$g$	Acceleration due to Gravity
GEM	General Equation of State
KB	Kelly Bushing
$k_{r,CO_2}$	CO <sub>2</sub> Relative Permeability
kh	Permeability-Thickness Product
$k_h$	Absolute Horizontal Permeability
$k_v$	Absolute Vertical Permeability
$k_{r,w}$	Water Relative Permeability
mg/L	milligrams per liter
MIP	Mercury Intrusion Porosimetry
MMt	Millions of Metric tons
MMtpa	Millions of Metric tons per annum
MSL	Mean Sea Level
$\Delta P$	Pressure Drop
$\Delta P_{TH}$	Threshold Pressure
PISC	Post-Injection Site Care
$P_{grid}$	Grid Block Pressure
pH	Potential Hydrogen
ppm	Parts per Million
psi	Pounds per square inch
psia	Pounds per square inch, absolute
$\rho$	Fluid Density
$\rho_i$	Injection Zone Fluid Density
$\rho_u$	Underground Source for Drinking Water Fluid Density
RCA	Routine Core Analysis
$Re$	Reynolds Number
SCA	Specialized Core Analysis
SEM	Static Earth Model
$S_{grmax}$	Maximum Residual Gas Saturation
SS	Subsea
$S_{wconn}$	Connate Water Saturation
$S_{wirr}$	Irreducible Water Saturation
TCCSP	Tulare County Carbon Storage Project
$T_{grid}$	Grid Block Temperature
TVD	True Vertical Depth
UIC	Underground Injection Control
USDW	Underground Source of Drinking Water
U.S. DOE	United States Department of Energy

U.S. EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
v	Fluid Velocity
z <sub>i</sub>	Injection Zone Top Depth
z <sub>u</sub>	Underground Source for Drinking Water Bottom Depth

## **6.1 Class VI Injection Well Operations Plan Overview**

Pursuant to the 40 CFR §146.82, TCCSP, LLC. prepared this document to describe the planned operation of the CO<sub>2</sub> injection wells for the Tulare County Carbon Storage Project (TCCSP). The locations for the injection wells TCCSP\_INJ-1 and TCCSP\_INJ-2 are displayed in **Figure 6-1**. The proposed construction procedures and specifications are detailed in this document.



**Figure 6-1. TCCSP\_INJ-1 and TCCSP\_INJ-2 well locations.**

## 6.2 Injection Rates

The injection wells will be constructed as shown in the **Injection Well Construction Plan**. Injection will be facilitated through the tubing set in the long-string casing in a packer above the perforations in the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The operational values detailed in the following tables were obtained by constructing a hypothetical wellbore model that simulated multiphase fluid flow using [REDACTED], to conduct a nodal analysis presented in section 4.2 of the **Injection Well Construction Plan** which was used to determine the range of possible injection rates. Using the analysis, an average injection rate of [REDACTED] for TCCSP\_INJ-1 and [REDACTED] for TCCSP\_INJ-2. Both wells will have a maximum rate of [REDACTED] of CO<sub>2</sub> per well. The expected wellhead pressure during injection operations will likely be between [REDACTED]. **Table 6-1**, **Table 6-2**, and **Table 6-3** summarize the proposed operational parameters for the injection wells. Operational parameters are expected to remain constant throughout the duration of the injection period. The only possible changes to operational parameters may stem from variations in volume of the CO<sub>2</sub> source, which may lead to fluctuations in injection volumes.

**Table 6-1. TCCSP\_INJ-1 Injection Well Operational Parameters.**

Parameters/Conditions	Limit or Permitted Value	Unit
Surface		psi
Downhole		psi
Surface		psi
Downhole		psi
Maximum Injection Rate		Metric tons/year
Average Injection Rate		Metric tons/year
Maximum Injection Volume and/or Mass ([REDACTED])		Metric tons
Average Injection Volume and/or Mass ([REDACTED])		Metric tons
Annulus Pressure		psi
Annular Fluid Weight		ppg
Annulus Pressure/Tubing Differential		psi

**Table 6-2. TCCSP\_INJ-2 [REDACTED] Injection Well Operational Parameters.**

Parameters/Conditions	Limit or Permitted Value	Unit
Surface		psi
Downhole		psi
Surface		psi
Downhole		psi
Maximum Injection Rate		Metric tons/year
Average Injection Rate		Metric tons/year
Maximum Injection Volume and/or Mass ([REDACTED])		Metric tons
Average Injection Volume and/or Mass ([REDACTED])		Metric tons
Annulus Pressure		psi
Annular Fluid Weight		ppg
Annulus Pressure/Tubing Differential		psi

**Table 6-3. TCCSP\_INJ-2 [REDACTED] Injection Well Operational Parameters.**

Parameters/Conditions	Limit or Permitted Value	Unit
Surface		psi
Downhole		psi
Surface		psi
Downhole		psi
Maximum Injection Rate		Metric tons/year
Average Injection Rate		Metric tons/year
Maximum Injection Volume and/or Mass ([REDACTED])		Metric tons
Average Injection Volume and/or Mass ([REDACTED])		Metric tons
Annulus Pressure		psi
Annular Fluid Weight		ppg
Annulus Pressure/Tubing Differential		psi

The maximum allowable injection pressure was determined as the [REDACTED] value of the fracture pressure at the shallowest point in the injection zone and is in compliance with EPA's requirements set forth in 40 CFR 146.88(a).

### 6.3 Specifications of CO<sub>2</sub> Stream

The CO<sub>2</sub> will come into the site meeting the specifications presented in section 7.3 of the **Testing and Monitoring Plan**. The CO<sub>2</sub> will enter a header and be piped to each injection well. Each well will inject continuously. The CO<sub>2</sub> will be in the supercritical phase as it enters the wellhead and will remain in a supercritical phase within the wellbore. The CO<sub>2</sub> will be sourced from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Table 6-4 displays the chemical composition of the anticipated CO<sub>2</sub> stream. If the water content of the injectate or stream is higher than [REDACTED], then corrosion-resistant materials are suggested on all components of the injection well that would come into contact with the CO<sub>2</sub> stream [1]. Therefore, TCCSP\_INJ-1 and TCCSP\_INJ-2 will have corrosion resistant materials present where CO<sub>2</sub> will be present. At TCCSP\_INJ-2, on average, the CO<sub>2</sub> stream will be at an average of [REDACTED] at the well head. After injection downhole into the reservoir zone, the CO<sub>2</sub> stream is anticipated to heat to near formation temperature with an average density of [REDACTED]. Upon injection into the reservoir formation, the CO<sub>2</sub> will remain in supercritical phase which will allow for minimal interaction with the formation.

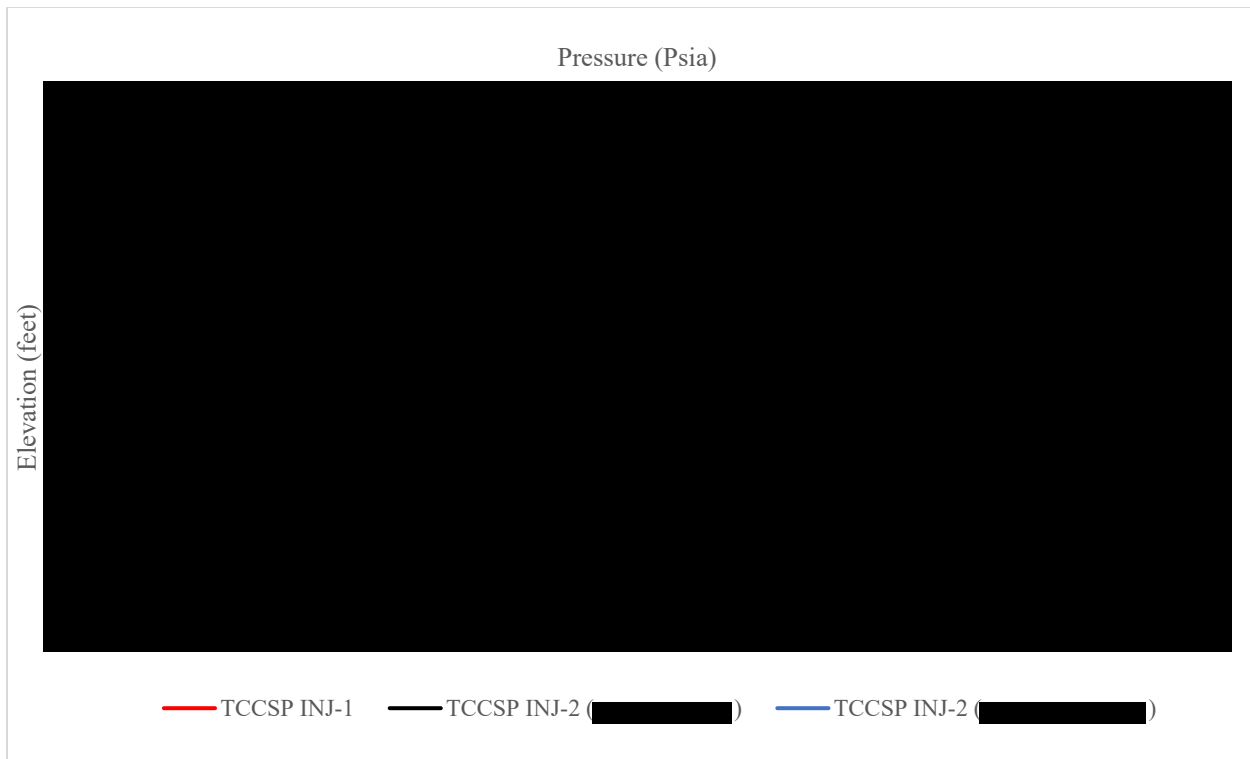
**Table 6-4. Specifications of the Anticipated CO<sub>2</sub> Stream Composition.**

Component	Specification	Unit
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	vol%, dry basis
		ppmv
		ppmv
		ppmv
		ppmv
		ppmv
		ppbv
		ppmv

### 6.4 Estimated Maximum Allowable Surface Pressure

The maximum allowable surface pressure (MASP) was estimated by using a [REDACTED] hypothetical wellbore model to calculate the wellhead pressure assuming the maximum allowed bottomhole pressure was attained bottomhole. This is likely possible when CO<sub>2</sub> is injected at the maximum single well injection rate ([REDACTED]). The bottomhole pressure was set to [REDACTED] of the estimated hydraulic fracture pressure at the top perf depth for TCCSP\_INJ-1, TCCSP\_INJ-2 ([REDACTED]), and TCCSP\_INJ-2 ([REDACTED]) values of which were [REDACTED], respectively. The results estimate each MASP for TCCSP\_INJ-1, TCCSP\_INJ-2 ([REDACTED]), and TCCSP\_INJ-2 ([REDACTED]) to be [REDACTED] respectively, as shown in **Figure 6-2**. TCCSP will ensure that the downhole pressures will not exceed [REDACTED] of the fracture pressure to maintain the integrity of the caprock.





**Figure 6-2. Pressure versus depth profile at the maximum injection rate ( ).**

### **6.5 Injection Well Operational Monitoring**

Each injection well will be monitored to ensure safe operations. Safety monitoring includes monitoring the . Each system is fully described in section 7.4 of the **Testing and Monitoring Plan**.

Each injection well will have a , both tied into the injection control system and set to trigger an alarm at the project control room and automatically shut down injection in the well if the MASP is reached. Injection parameters including pressure, rate, volume and/or mass, and temperature of the CO<sub>2</sub> stream will be continuously measured and recorded. The pressure and fluid volume of the annulus between the tubing and long-string casing will also be continuously measured by . All automatic shutdowns will be investigated prior to bringing injection activities back online in the well to ensure that no integrity issues were the cause of the shutdown. If an unremedied shutdown is triggered or a loss of mechanical integrity is discovered, TCCSP, LLC. will immediately investigate and identify as expeditiously as possible the cause of the shutdown. If the investigation determines that, the well appears to be lacking mechanical integrity, or if monitoring indicates that the well may be lacking mechanical integrity, TCCSP, LLC. will:

- (1) Immediately cease injection in the affected well and in any other wells that may exacerbate the leakage risk of the affected well
- (2) Take all steps reasonably necessary to determine whether there may have been a release of the injected CO<sub>2</sub> stream or formation fluids into any unauthorized zone
- (3) Notify the Director in writing within 24 hours
- (4) Restore and demonstrate mechanical integrity prior to resuming injection
- (5) Notify the Director when injection can be expected to resume

The annular space between the tubing and long string casing of each injection well will be pressurized with a [REDACTED]. The annulus will be monitored continuously to ensure integrity of the well. The annulus will be filled with an [REDACTED]. The annular pressure differential held on the annulus at the wellhead will be [REDACTED], including times of shut-in. Additional pressure may be required on the annulus; if this is the case, the value will be set in conjunction with U.S. EPA Region 09. The [REDACTED] along the length of the casing. Rapid temperature changes or other excursions from a normal operating temperature profile will be investigated to ensure that there has been no breach of wellbore integrity.

## **6.6 Workover and Maintenance**

TCCSP, LLC. will monitor and maintain the mechanical integrity of each injection well. Well maintenance and workovers will be part of normal operations to keep each injection well in a safe operating condition. Procedures for well maintenance will vary depending on the nature of the procedure, whether that is to pressure test the tubing or replace the packers and/or gauges. All maintenance and workover operations will be monitored to ensure there is no loss of mechanical integrity. Barriers such as BOPs and kill fluid will be used to ensure pressure is contained during the workovers. Each injection well is designed to allow the installation of a temporary plug in the tubing to allow the tubing to be removed and replaced as needed while keeping a barrier in place. The bottomhole [REDACTED] is set above the packer to allow for replacement, if needed, without removing the packer from the well.

## **6.7 Reporting Requirements**

**Table 6-5. Class VI Injection Well Reporting Requirements.**

Activity	Reporting Requirements

See section 7.2.5 of the **Testing and Monitoring Plan** to find more information regarding the Reporting Requirements.

## **6.8** **References**

- [1] Meyer, J.P. 2007. API Summary of Carbon Dioxide Enhanced Oil Recovery Injection Well Technology. Prepared for API.