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Underground Storage: Define and Refine for Hydrogen



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To collaboratively deliver relevant and innovative applied research to continually improve the global energy pipeline systems.

PRCI

Underground Storage Committee

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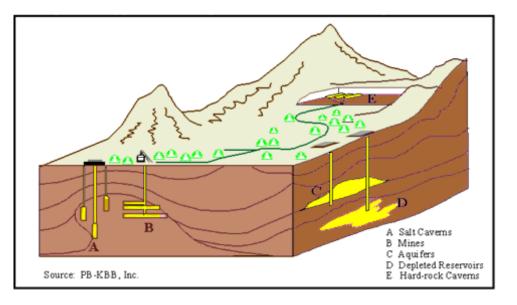
Demographics

- 24 Member Companies
- 20 Operators
- North America, Europe, Asia
- Mix of gas and liquid storage

Storage Variety

- Reservoir
- Salt Cavern
- Aquifer
- Hard Rock





Background

- PRCI Underground Storage
 Committee Area of High Interest
- Global Targets Require Research for Reliable and Safe Operations
- Unique Considerations for Underground Storage Types
- Strategy for Implementation
 Needed





Committee Priorities for Consideration

- Storage site
 - Microbial activity and H2S
 - Reduction due to formation issues
 - Stratification
 - Caprock integrity
 - Conversion suitability stage 1
 - Capacity / performance

Well integrity

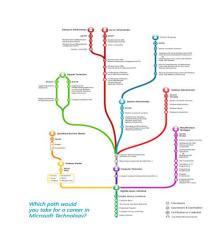
- Suitability for repurpose
- Methodology to assess/test
- Cement
- Conversion suitability stage 2

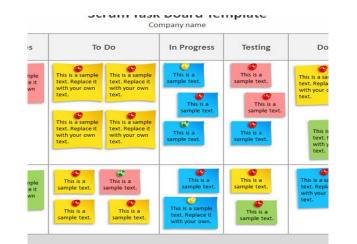
Materials design/ performance

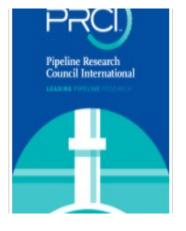
- Fitness for purpose
- Compatibility issues
- H2S
- Cement
- Polymers
- Welds (residual stresses)

Project Components









Updated SOTA

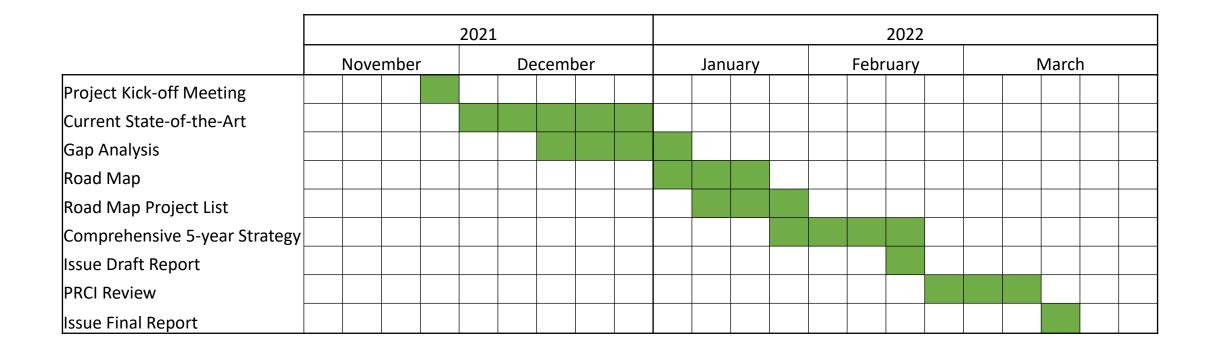
Illustrated Roadmap

Prioritized Projects

Summary Report

Project Progress

- Awarded to C-FER Technologies
- Contracted Executed in November
- Kick-off meeting scheduled for November 29, 2021







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