## CO<sub>2</sub> UNDERGROUND **STORAGE SAFETY**



Louisiana is already home to dozens of underground storage facilities **CO<sub>2</sub> STORAGE** MONITORING storing natural gas, crude oil, propane and other important commodities. CO<sub>2</sub> storage sites will use the same layers of caprock deep underground to keep the CO<sub>2</sub> permanently locked in place. **CO<sub>2</sub> PIPELINE** PROTECTIVE WELL CASING GROUNDWATER QUALITY MONITORING LOUISIANA'S NATURAL GEOLOGY MAKES GROUNDWATER STORAGE DEPTH - 5,000 TO 10,000 FEET IMPERMEABLE CAPROCK IMPERMEABLE CAPROCK IMPERMEABLE CAPROCK **CO<sub>2</sub> STORAGE** LOCATION **SALINE GEOLOGIC** FORMATION

**UNDERGROUND CO<sub>2</sub> STORAGE SAFE** 

- Impermeable layers of rock deep underground act as a lid to keep stored CO<sub>2</sub> in place
- The same impermeable layers of rock that have kept oil and gas locked for eons can safely store CO2 underground
- Naturally occurring underground deposits of CO<sub>2</sub>, like in MS, have stayed locked deep underground for millions of years

## **CO<sub>2</sub> UNDERGROUND STORAGE IS COVERED BY** FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS

- CO<sub>2</sub> underground storage sites are regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Louisiana
- Federal requirements for CO<sub>2</sub> underground storage, operation and monitoring are designed to protect drinking water sources and the environment
- CO<sub>2</sub> underground storage sites must meet federal construction, operations and monitoring requirements before injection operations commence and continually thereafter
- Federal government regulations require extensive study by experts of the underground geology before a site is deemed safe for CO<sub>2</sub> storage

## **UNDERGROUND STORAGE IS PROVEN SAFE**

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- Louisiana has a long history of safe underground storage operations, including two Strategic Petroleum Reserve sites in Iberville and Cameron Parishes
- Louisiana underground storage sites have operated safely for over 30 years
- Federal government regulations requiring continued monitoring and recordkeeping will demonstrate and document CO<sub>2</sub> underground storage sites are operating safely

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