Western Kentucky Deep Saline Reservoir CO_2 Storage Test

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Electric power generating and industrial plants in western Kentucky discharge about 78 million metric tons of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere each year.

NETL, 2007, Carbon Sequestration Atlas of the United States and Canada

Project Goals

- Demonstrate CO_2 storage in deep saline reservoirs under the Western Kentucky Coal Field through the drilling and testing of an 8250 ft well in east-central Hancock County
- Demonstrate the integrity of reservoir sealing strata for long-term CO_2 storage in western Kentucky
- Demonstrate appropriate technologies for the evaluation of CO_2 storage in Kentucky deep saline reservoirs
- Publish the project results for use by government, industry, and the public in evaluating CO_2 storage in Kentucky
- Accomplish this project with consideration of the interests and concerns of the landowner, residents of Hancock County and western Kentucky, and the citizens of the Commonwealth

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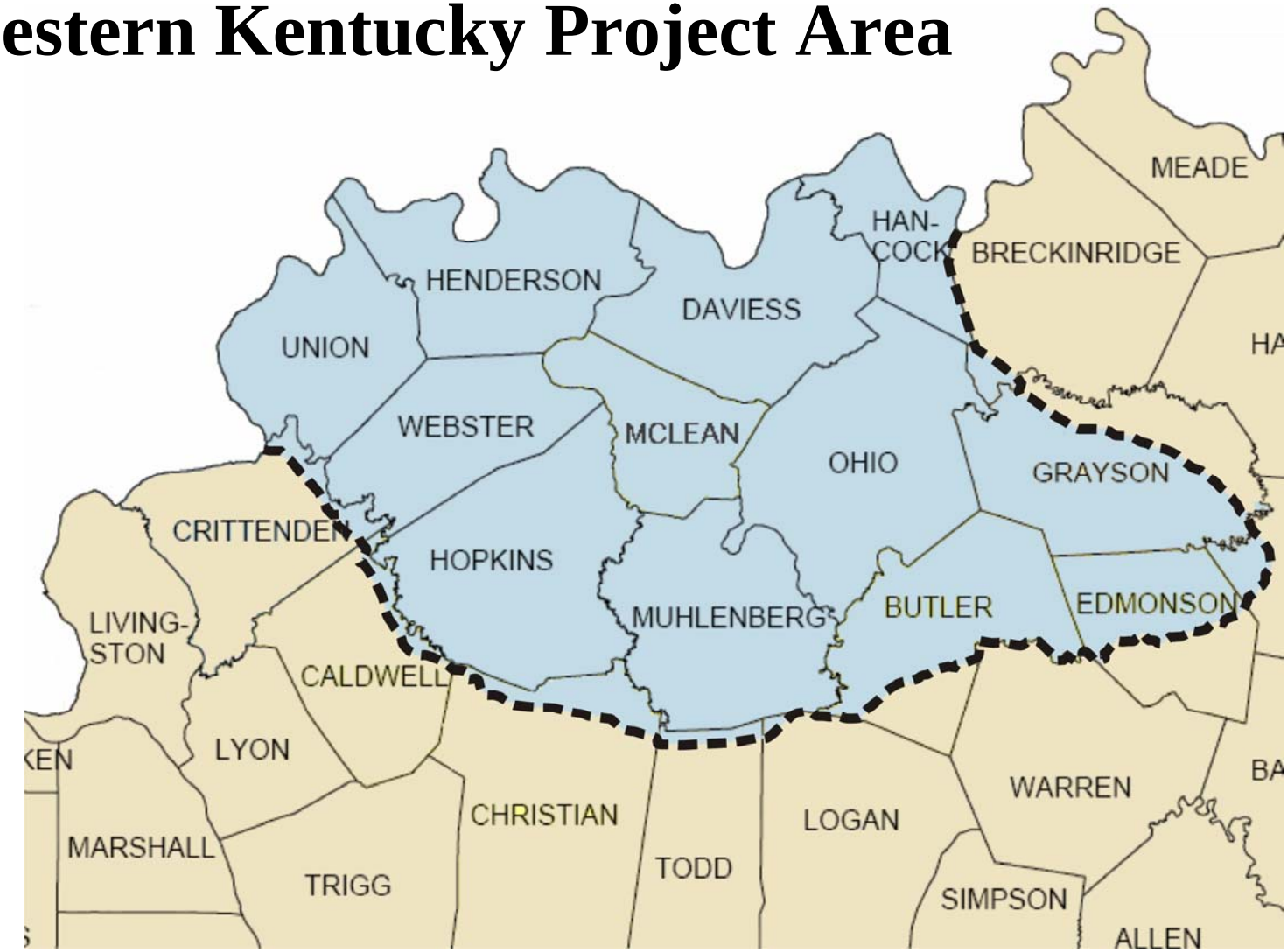
Western Kentucky Project Area



HB-1 mandates drilling a CO_2 storage demonstration well in the Western Kentucky Coal Field (blue).

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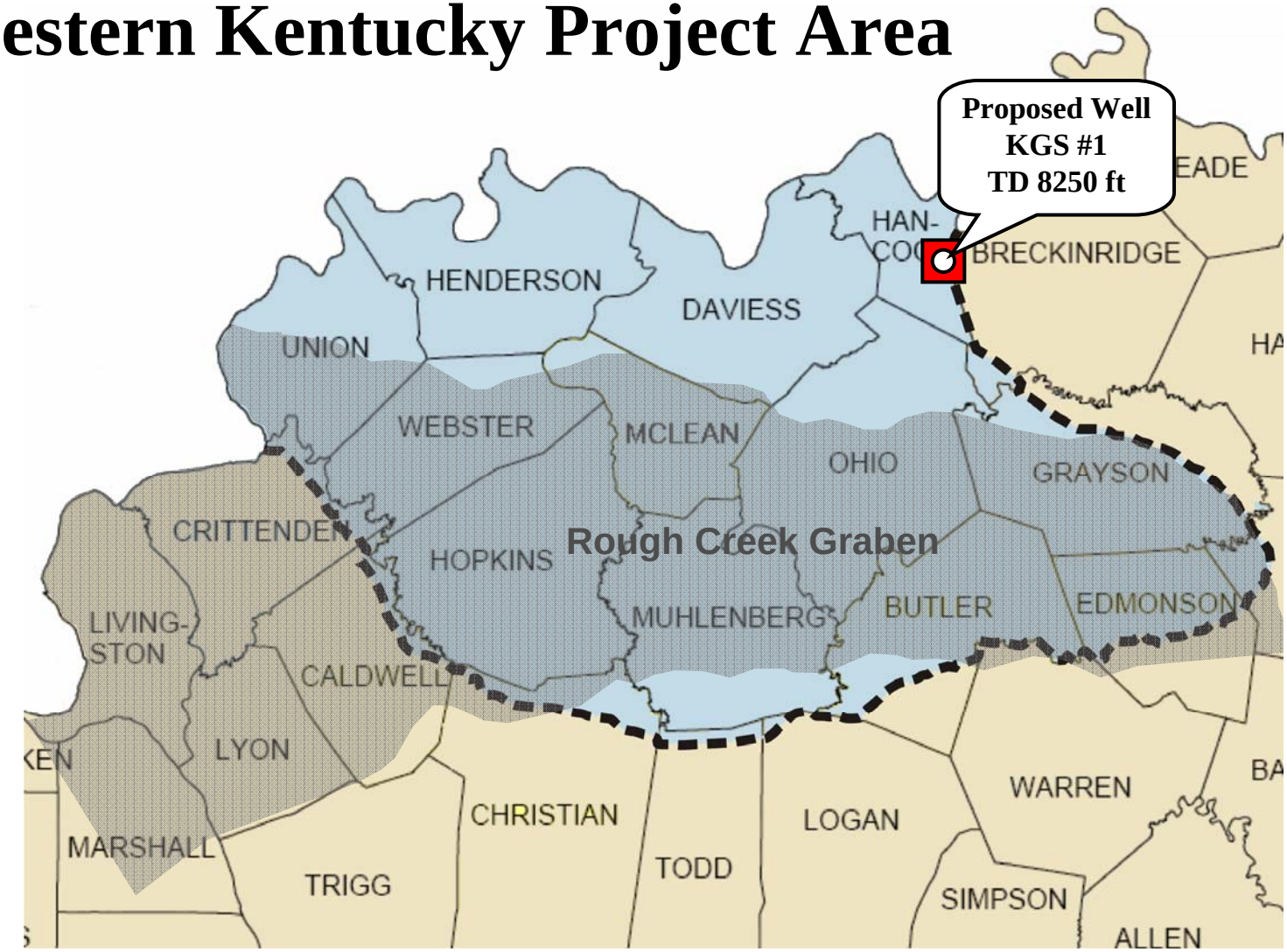

The shallowest drill depth to reach the targeted reservoirs is in east-central Hancock County.

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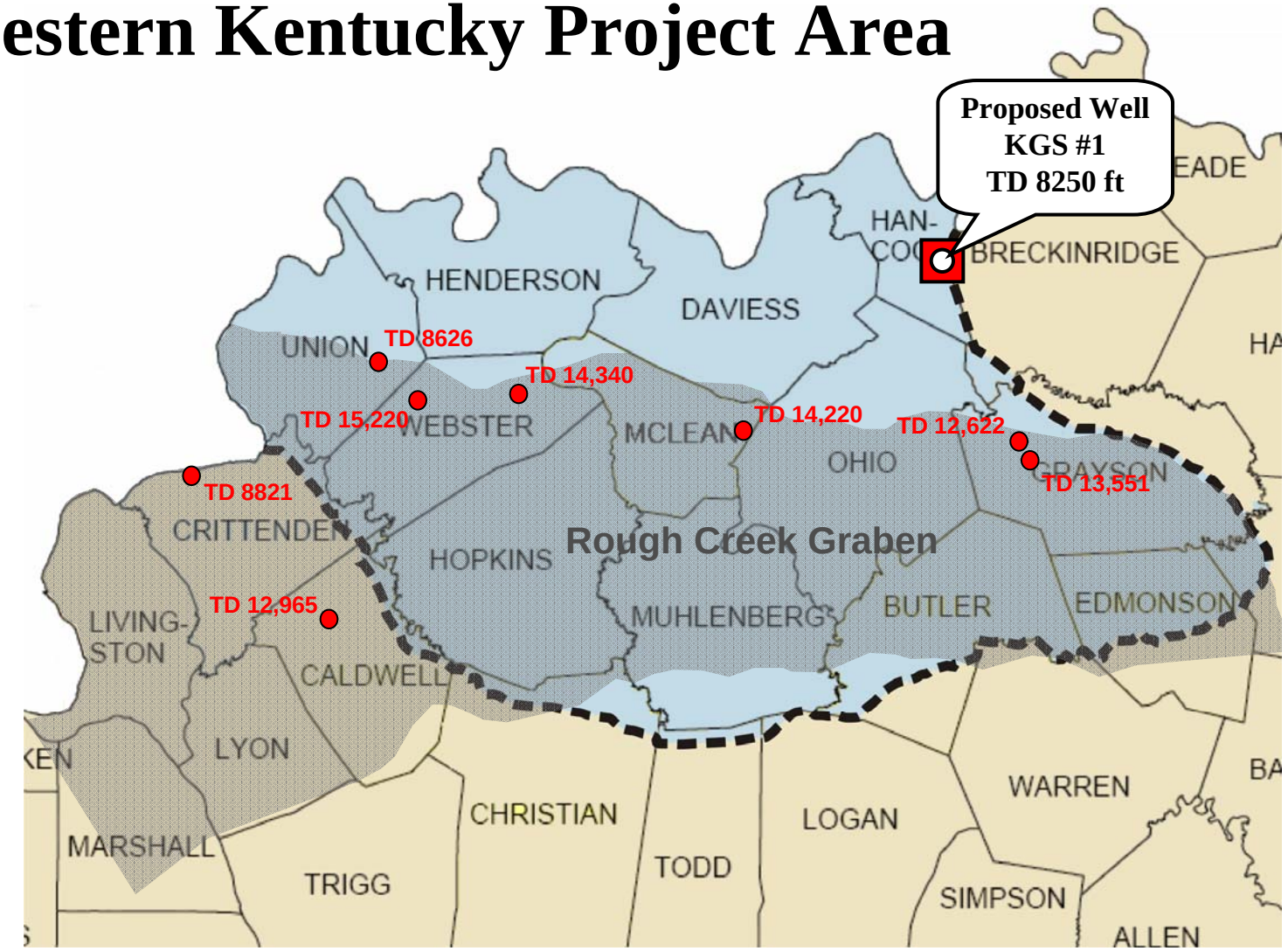
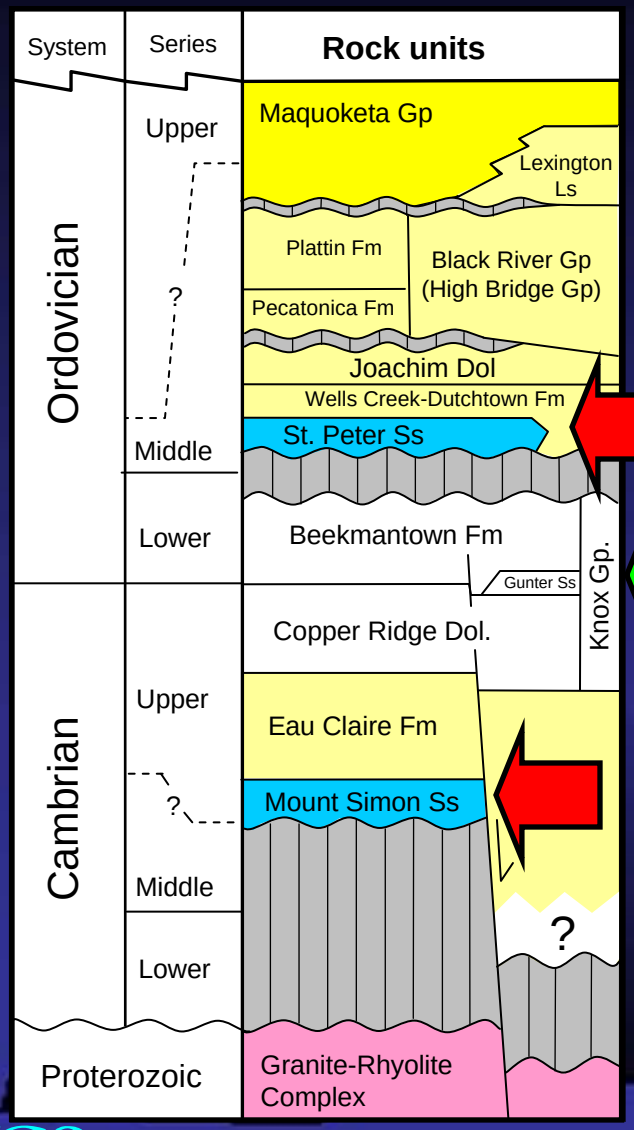


The completed CO_2 storage test well will be among the deepest wells drilled in western Kentucky.

Deep Rock Units in Western Kentucky



Regional saline reservoirs:

- Mt. Simon Sandstone
- Knox Group dolomites
- St. Peter Sandstone

Potential CO_2 sinks/ reservoirs

Sealing interval

Missing section

Sink or seal (*depends on location*)

Metamorphic and igneous rocks (*mostly seal*)

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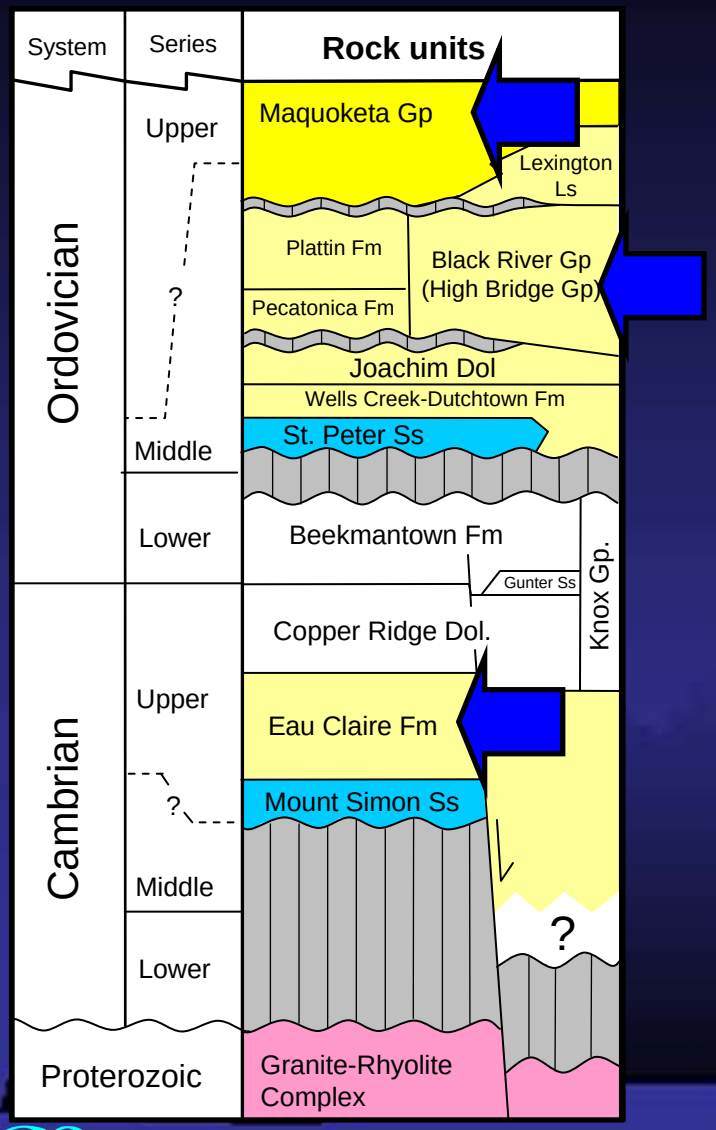

Just as important in an injection project are the sealing units:

- **Eau Claire Formation**
- **Maquoketa Shale**
- **Ordovician carbonates**
- **Devonian Shales**

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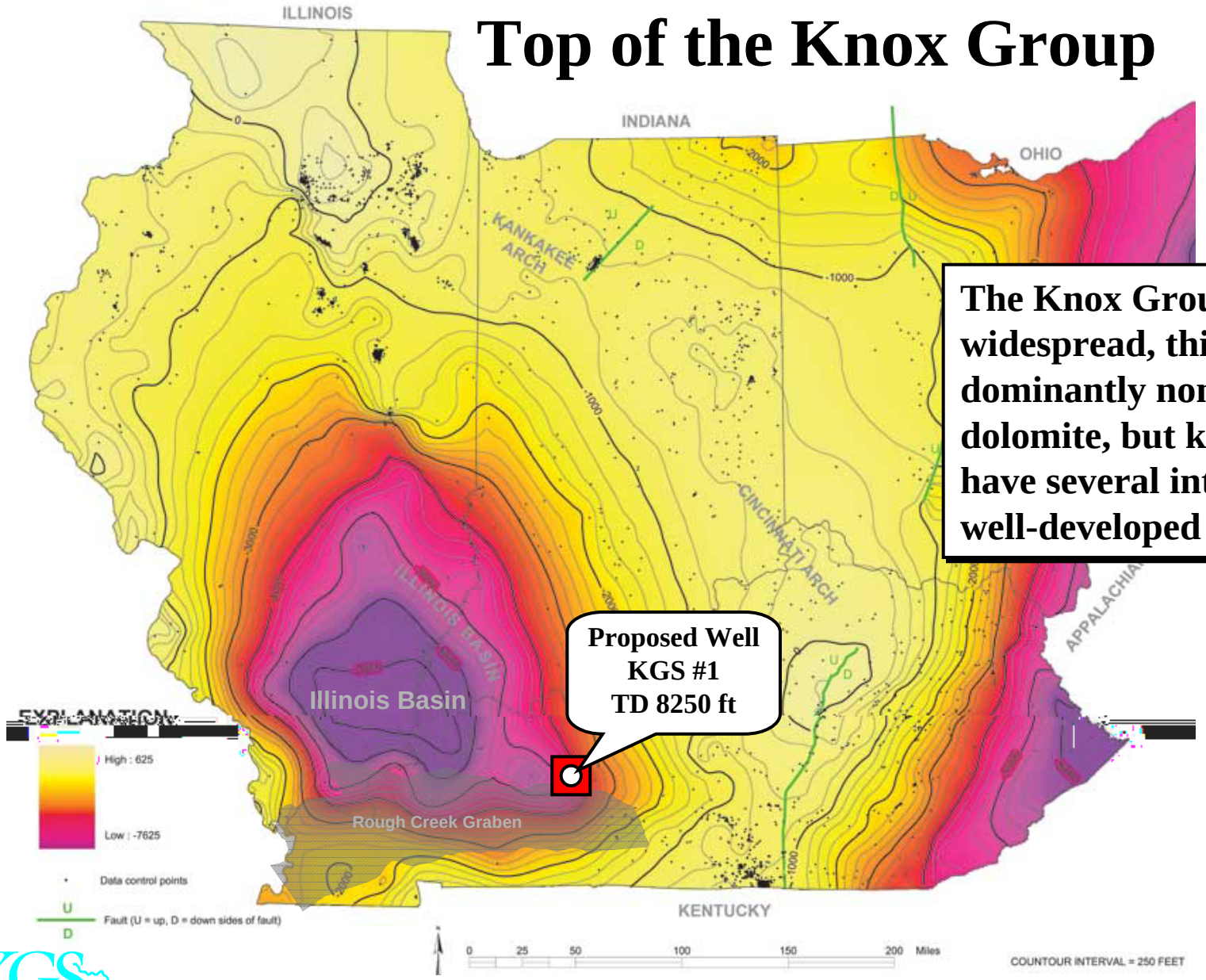
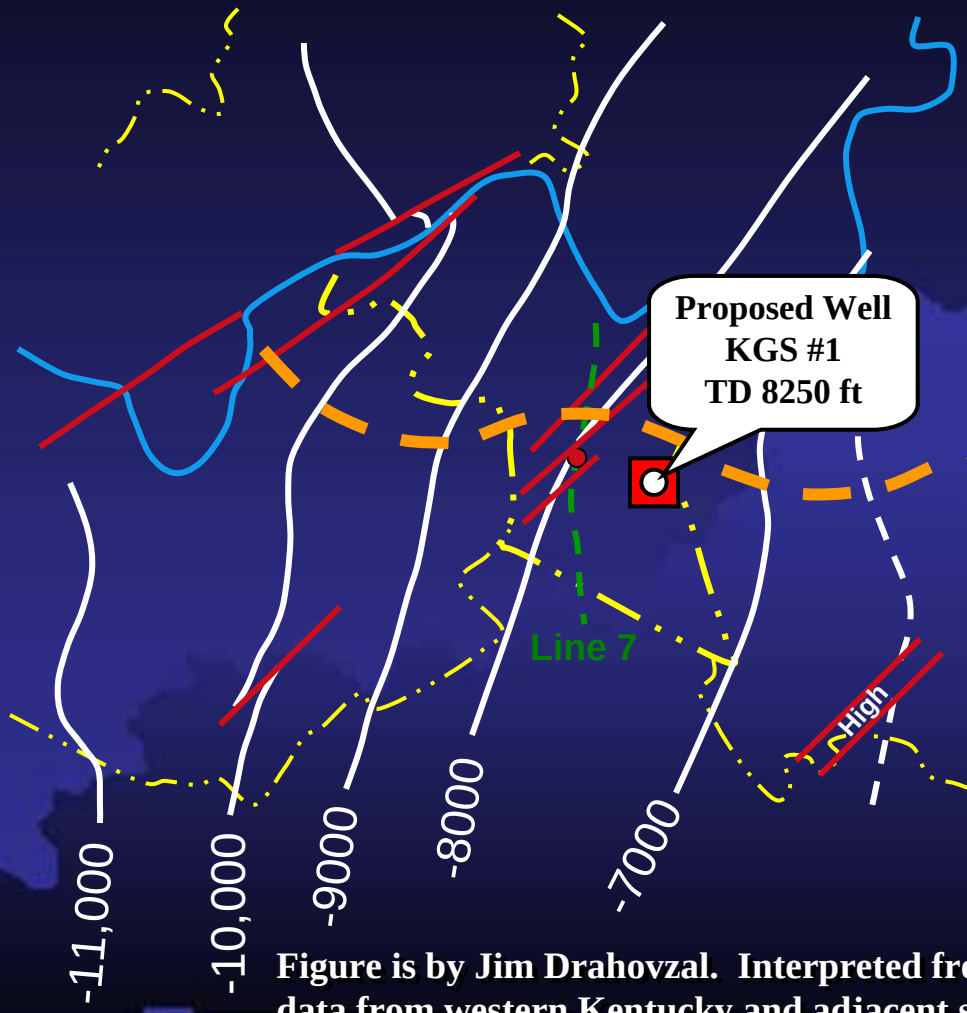
Structural Contours on Top of the Knox Group



The Knox Group is a widespread, thick unit of dominantly non-porous dolomite, but known to have several intervals of well-developed porosity.

Hickman et al., *www.esri.com/mapmuseum/mapbook_gallery/volume19/environment3.html*

Top of Precambrian Basement in Hancock County, Kentucky

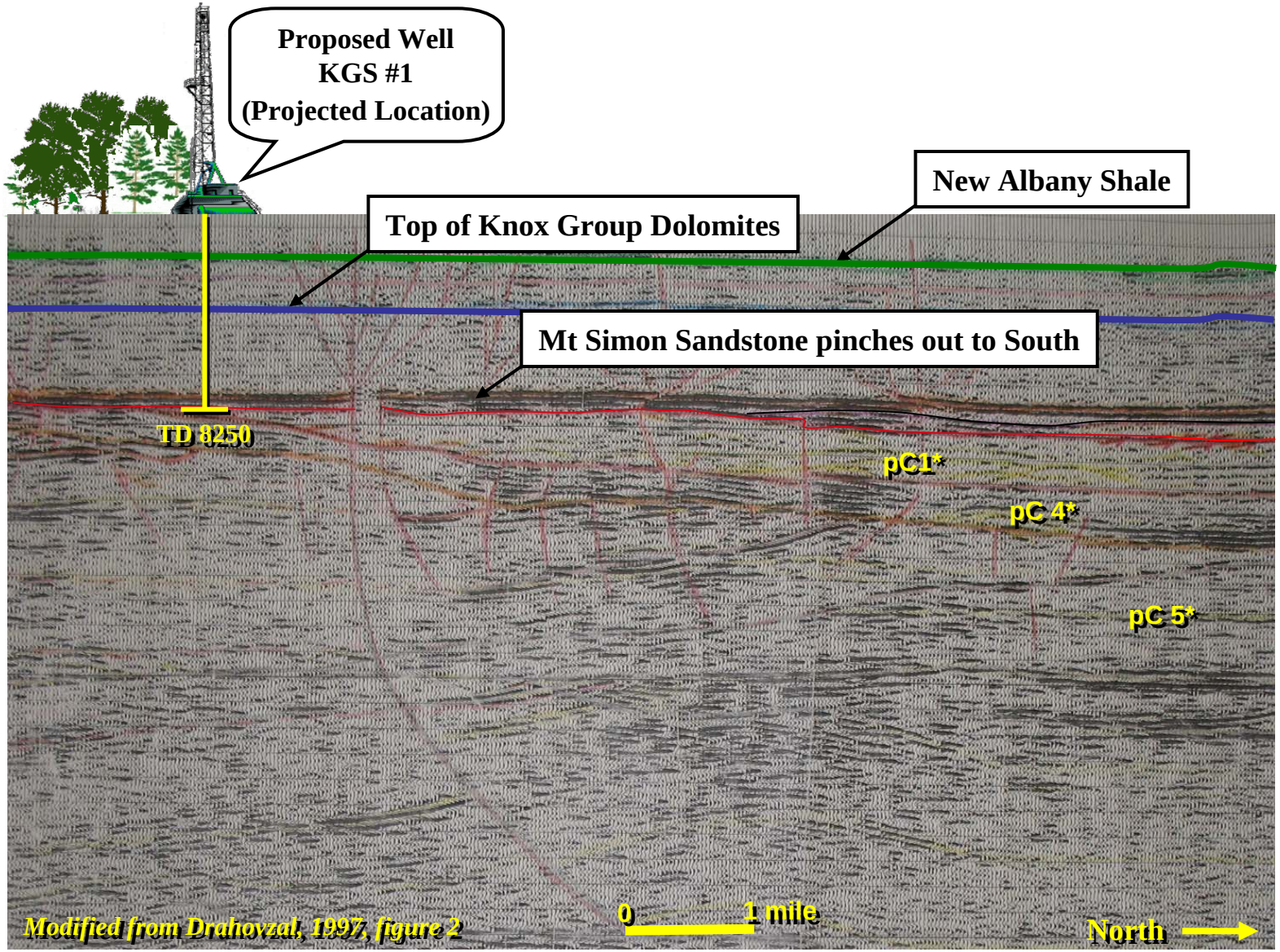


At the proposed wellsite, Precambrian Basement will be at about -7500 ft subsea or ~8150 ft. drill depth.

Approximate limit of Mt. Simon Sandstone

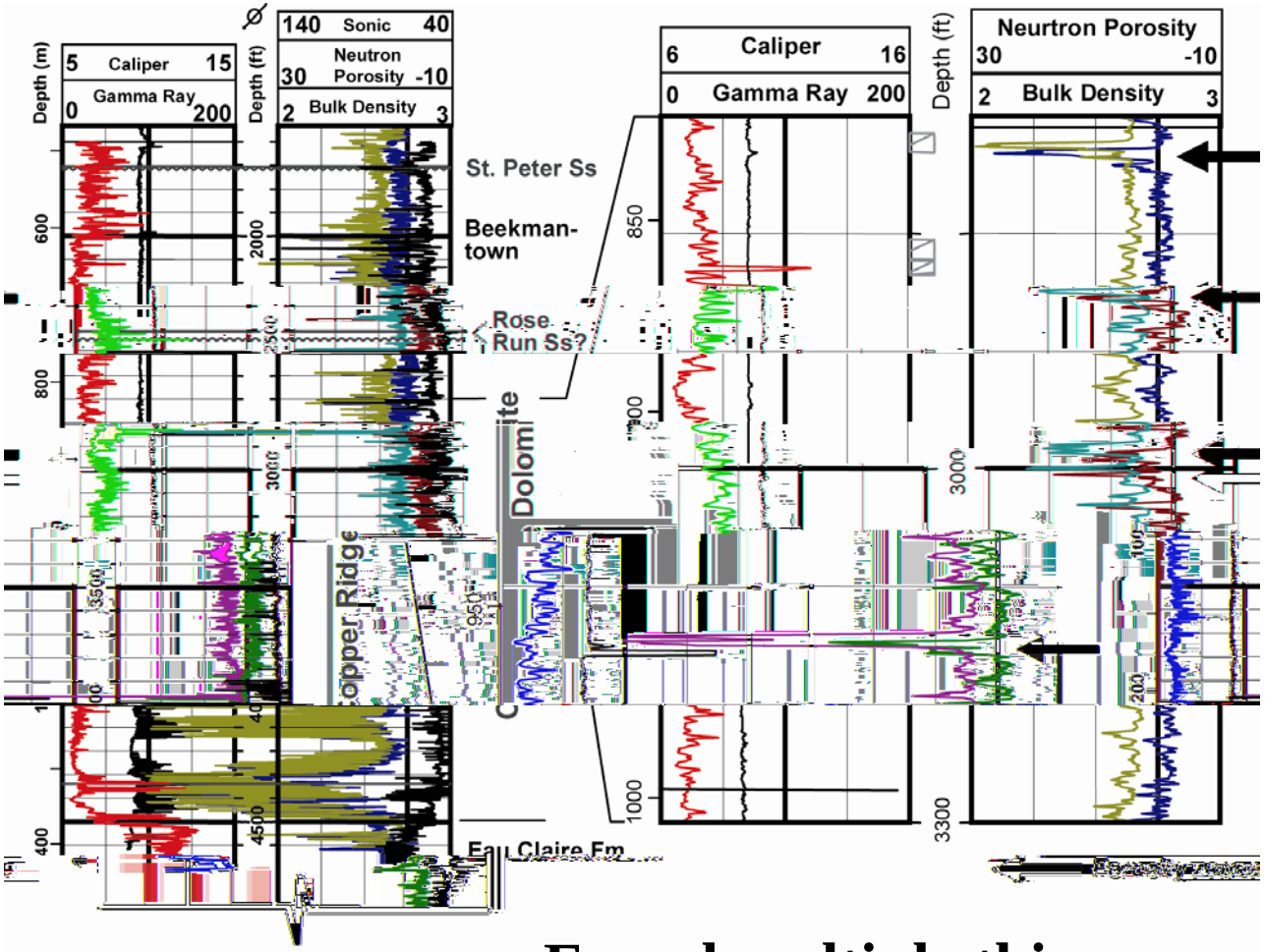
0 10
Miles

Figure is by Jim Drahovzal. Interpreted from proprietary seismic data from western Kentucky and adjacent southern Indiana.

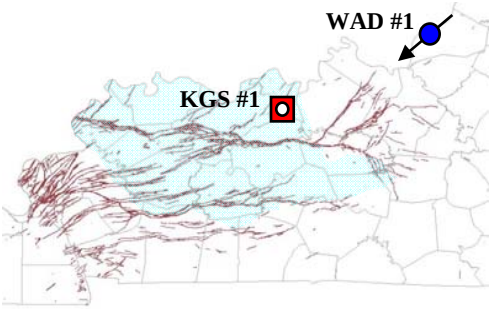


North-South Seismic Line 7, Hancock County, showing the projected location of the proposed CO2 storage test well.

Knox Group Reservoir

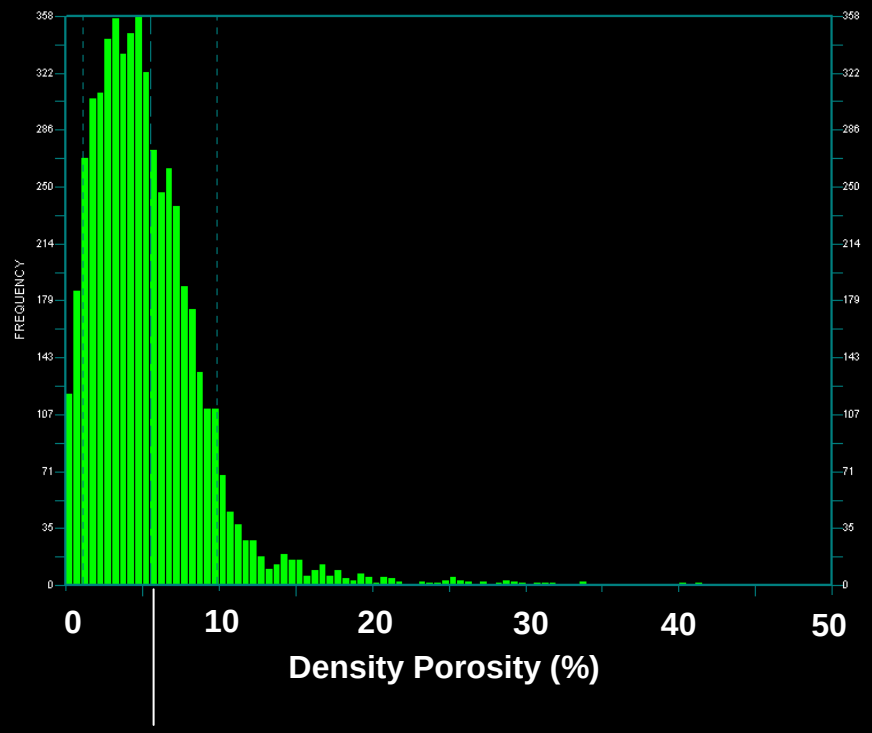


DuPont WAD #1
Louisville, Kentucky

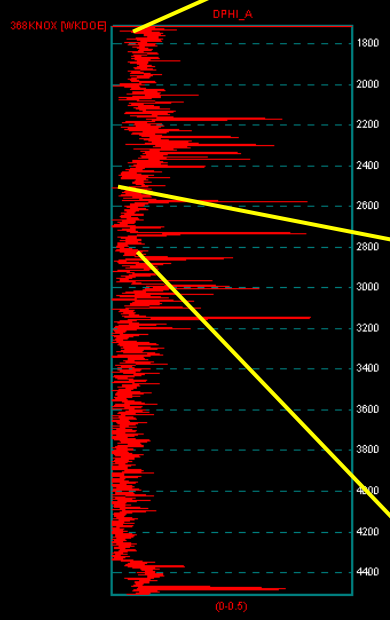


Found multiple thin, vuggy to cavernous and fracture-associated porosity zones in the Knox Group dolomites.

Porosity Development in Knox Group Dolomites, DuPont WAD #1



Mean porosity 5.5%



Intragranular Porosity

1718 ft

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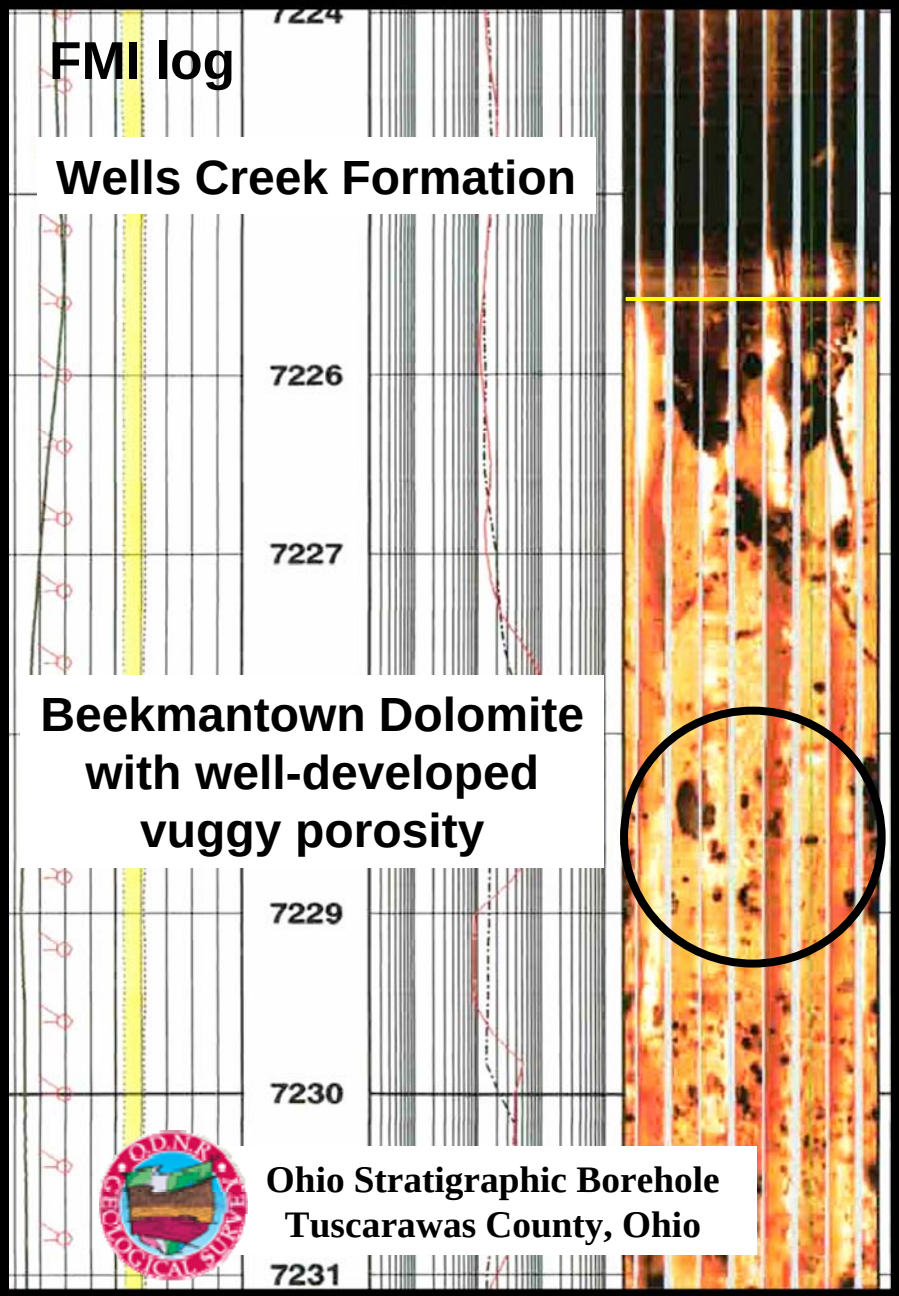
2521 ft

Vuggy Porosity

2815 ft

Knox Group porosity: FMI and core.



From: Mullet and Riley, *Ohio's Deep CO_2 Sequestration Test Well*

Vuggy porosity in the
LG&E Wainscott #1
Oldham County, KY
1452-1453 ft

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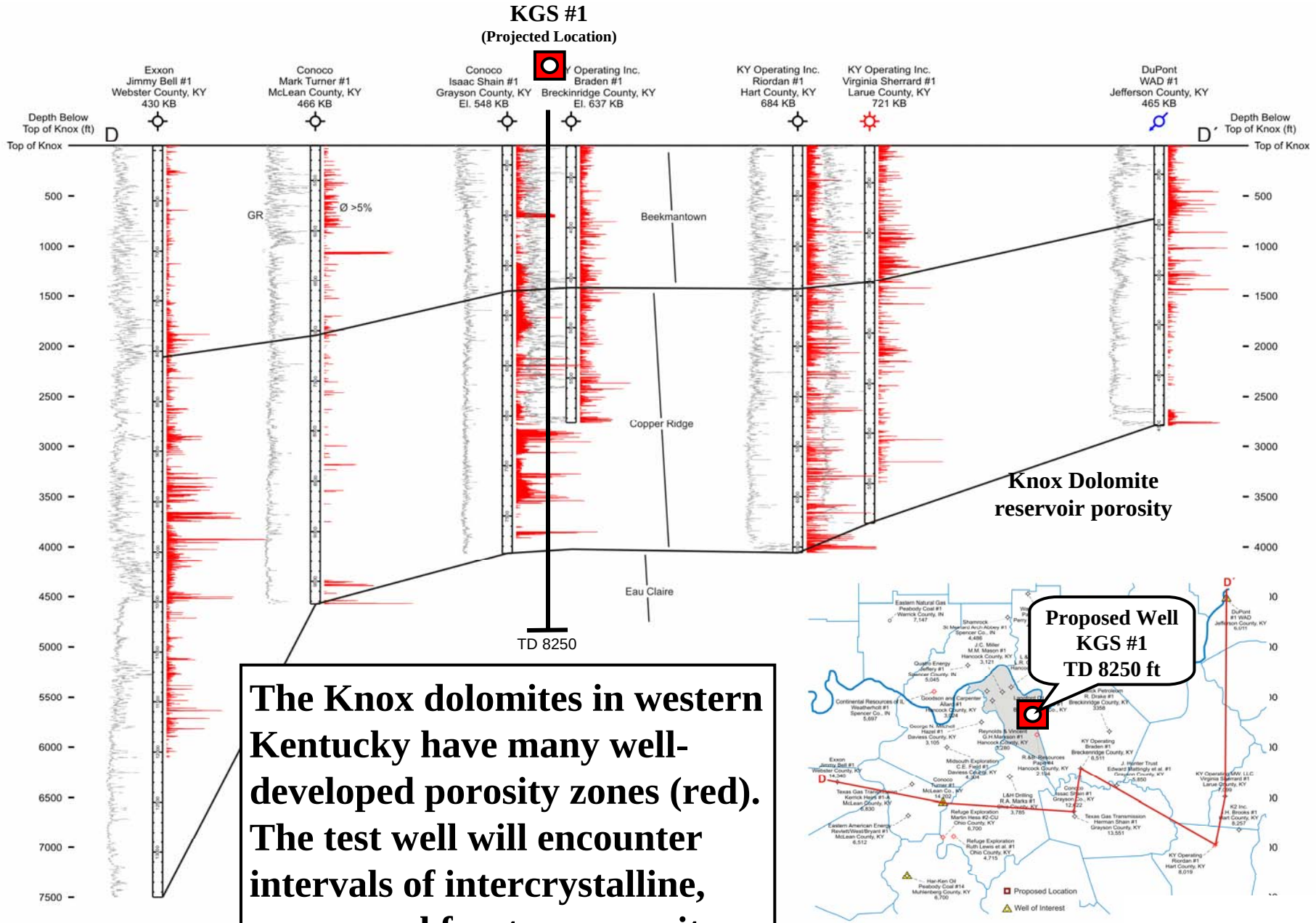
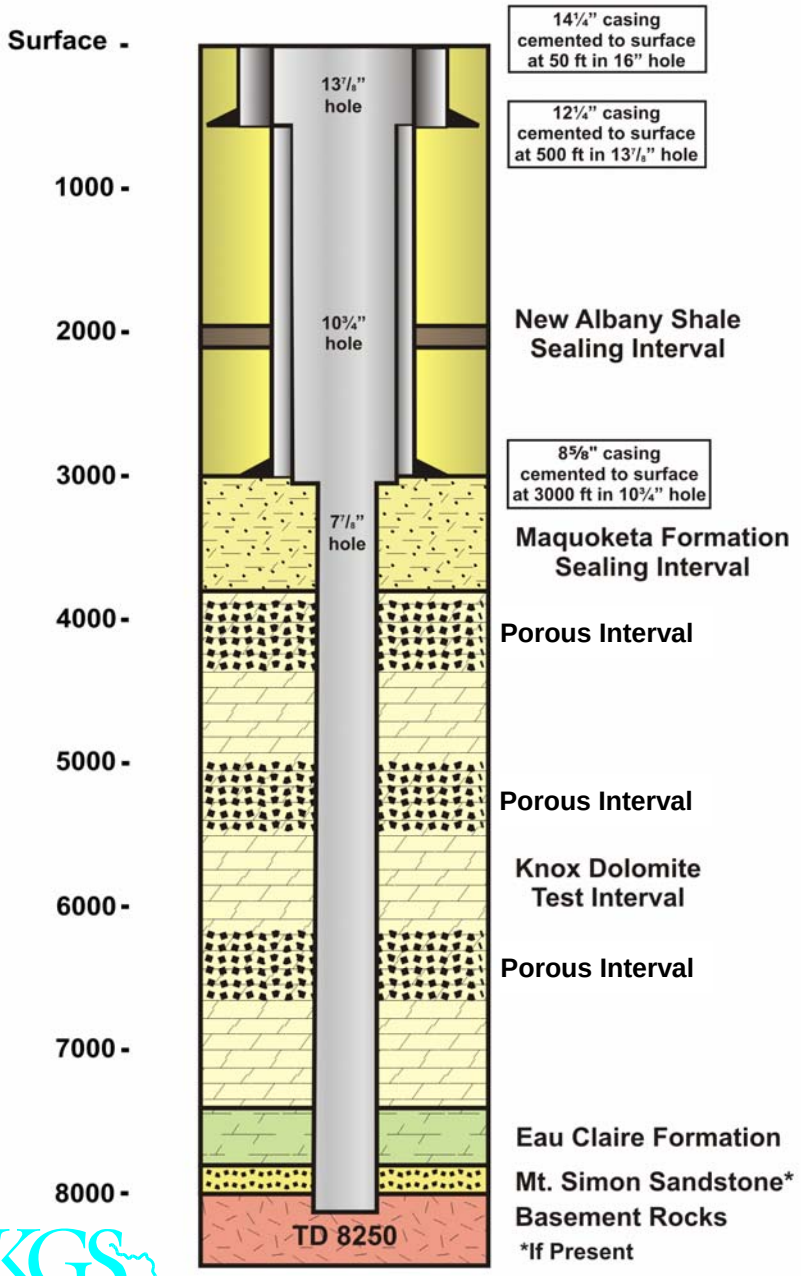
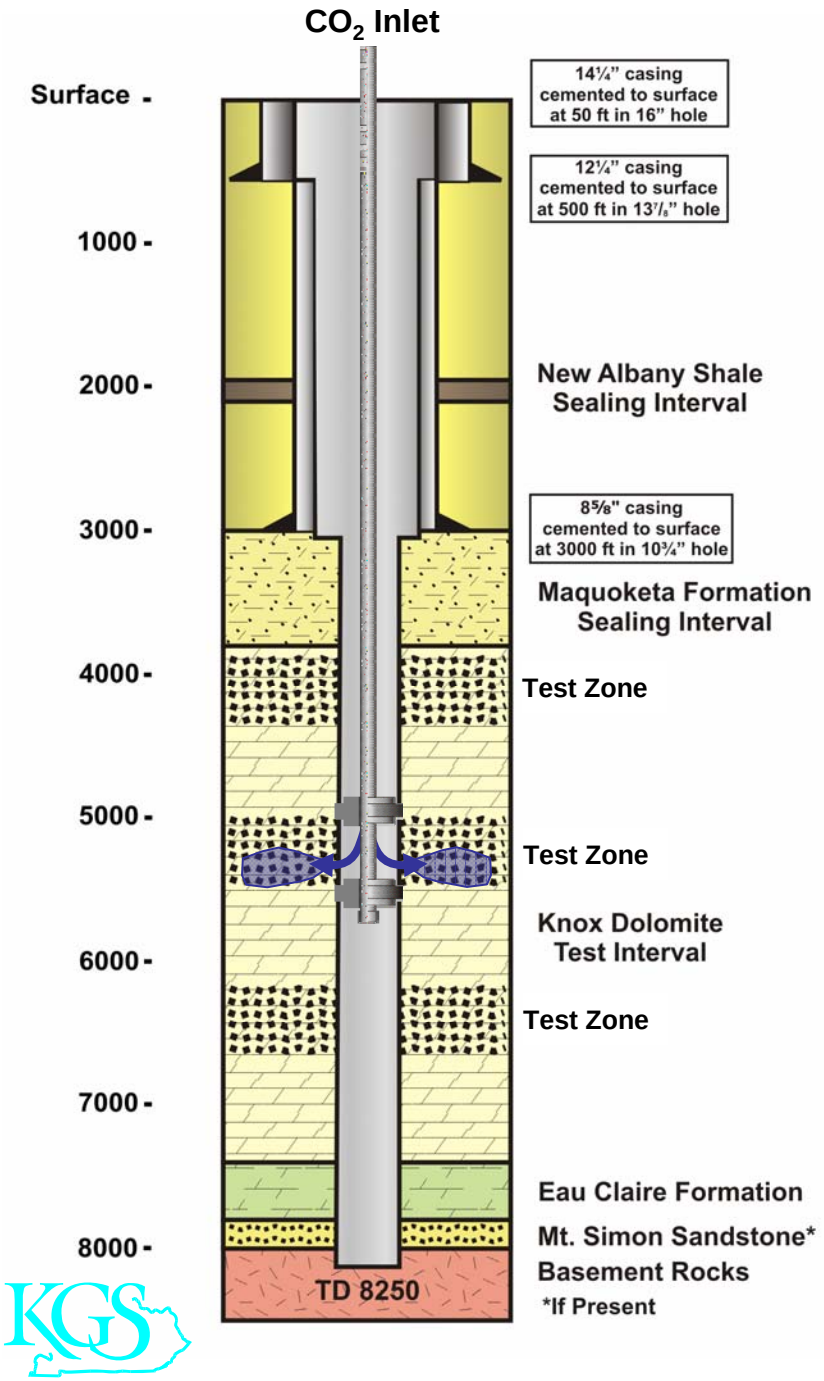


The Knox dolomites in western Kentucky have many well-developed porosity zones (red). The test well will encounter intervals of intercrystalline, vuggy, and fracture porosity.



Drilling Program

- **Drill to 50 ft and cement casing to protect shallow groundwater**
- **Drill to 500 ft and cement casing to isolate any shallow oil and gas zones**
- **Drill to 3000 ft and cement casing to ensure against any possible leakage to the surface during testing**
- **Drill to 8250 ft to gather geological, geophysical, and geochemical data to identify and aid the design and evaluation of the intervals to be tested**



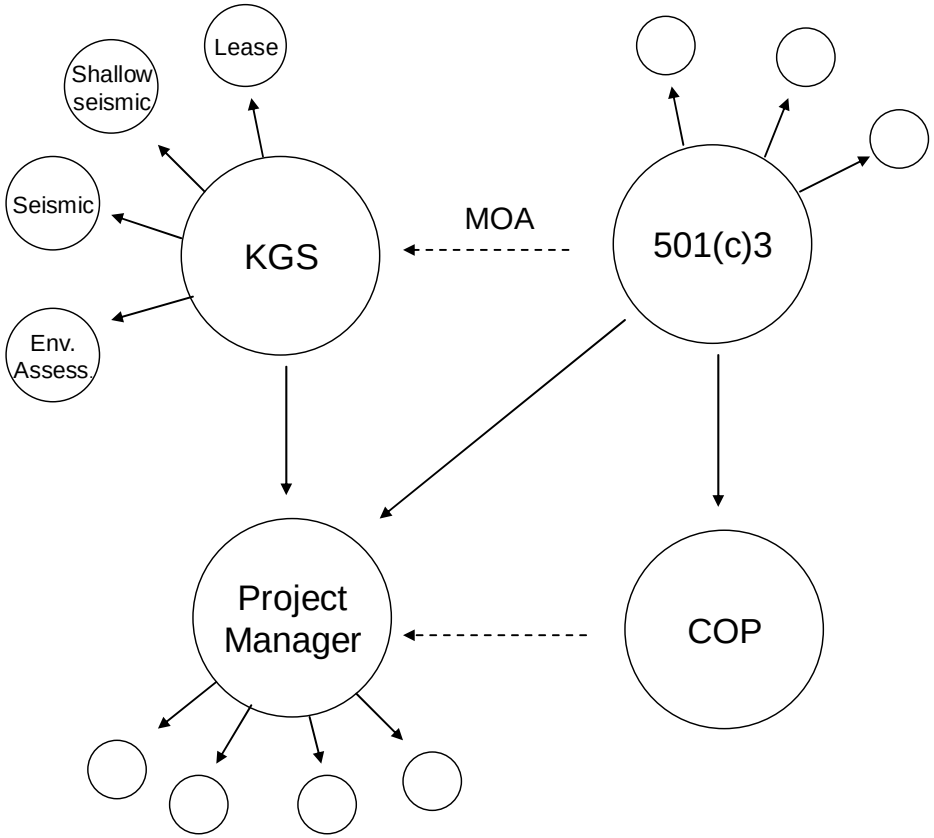
Testing Program

- Testing will proceed from the deepest interval to the shallowest below casing
- Test intervals will be isolated from deeper and shallower intervals
- All intervals will be first tested by injection of an artificial brine
- The most favorable interval will be tested by injection of a small volume of CO_2
- At the completion of testing the well will be plugged and abandoned to Kentucky and EPA standards

Project Status: Organization

- **Project agreements are in final legal review for execution**
  - 501(c)3 industry partners' foundation
  - Memorandum of Agreement between KGS and the foundation
  - Right of Way and Injection Test Agreement with the landowners
  - Data Sharing Agreement with the oil and gas leaseholder
- **Estimated project budget is ~$7 Million**
- **KGS has discussed the project in public meetings with Hancock County officials and residents**

Project Management Structure



RELATIONSHIPS OF PARTNERS AND DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

(Dashed lines indicate oversight; solid lines indicate payment for services)

Project Status: Operations

- **Bids for services have been solicited or are under review**
  - Title search
  - Phase 1 environmental survey
  - Seismic acquisition
  - Project manager
- **Well design and testing program is under review by ConocoPhillips engineering and drilling staff in consultation with KGS**
- **Wellsite construction evaluation is in progress by ConocoPhillips drilling staff**

KGS #1 Wellsite Construction Program

Proposed Wellsite
(1.75 Ac)

Proposed Drilling Pad
reserve pits
pumps-rig
trailers
275' x 275'

culverts for drainage

hill

slope

pond

Total of 0.75 km (0.47 mile) gravel road needed
- first 1/3 needs slight upgrade
- second 1/3 needs simple blading, compacting & gravel
- last 1/3 is new through woods with elevation changes

Barns

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culvert for drainage

existing hard packed dirt road

wide turn

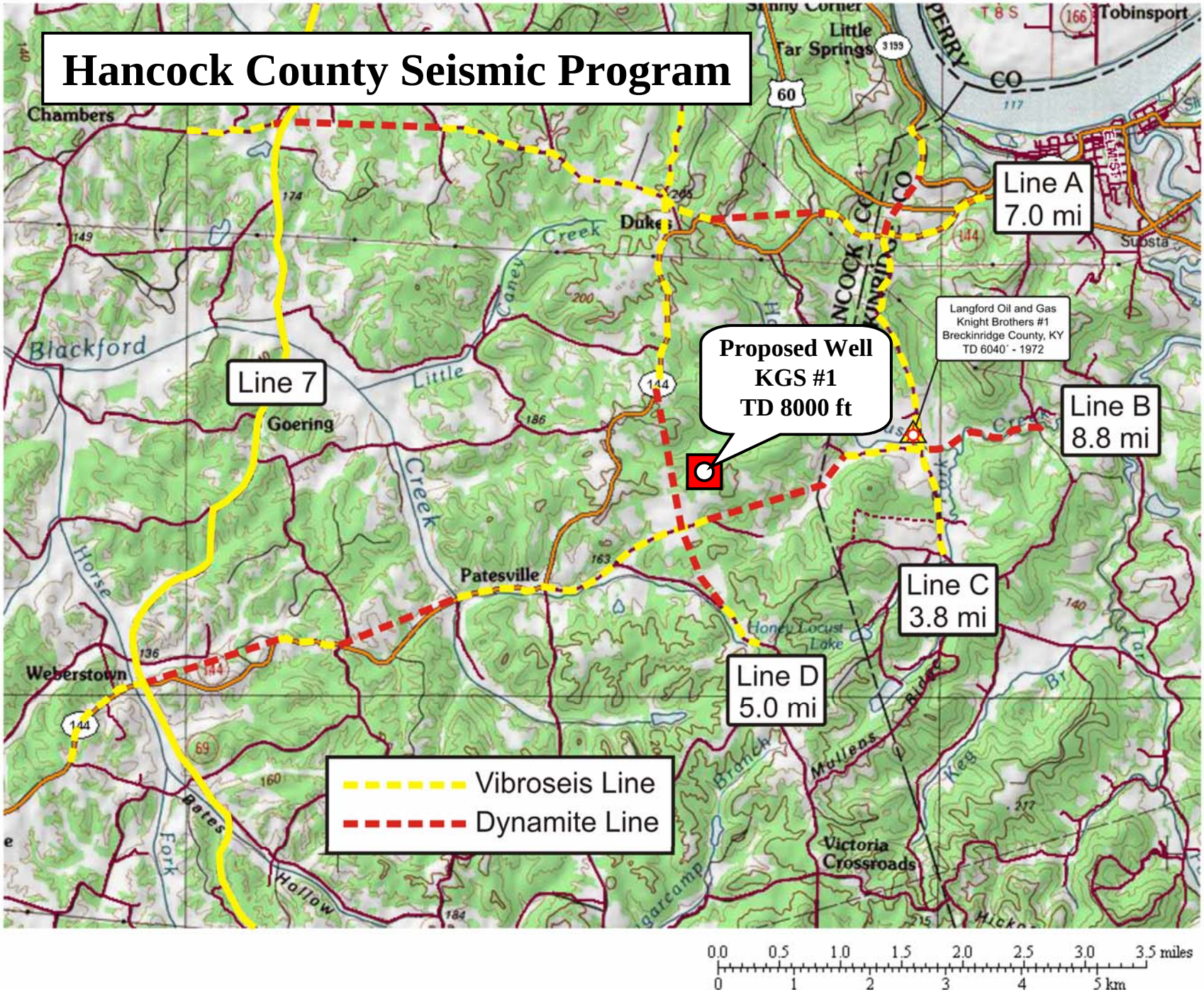
Historic Cemetery

cemetery

wide cattle guard w/ gate

paved road

Landowner Residence


Hancock County Seismic Program
Chambers
Blackford
Goering
Patesville
Weberstown
Tobinsport
Little Tar Springs
Duke
Line 7
Line A
7.0 mi
Line B
8.8 mi
Line C
3.8 mi
Line D
5.0 mi
Proposed Well
KGS #1
TD 8000 ft
Langford Oil and Gas
Knight Brothers #1
Breckinridge County, KY
TD 6040' - 1972
Vibroseis Line
Dynamite Line
Victoria Crossroads
Honey Locust Lake
0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 miles
0 1 2 3 4 5 km

Western Kentucky Project Timeline

- **Characterize the background surface conditions for follow-on environmental monitoring**
  - Shallow seismic program at the wellsite to define karsting
  - Soil gas surveys of the area surrounding the wellsite
- **Acquire ~25 mi of new seismic lines in east-central Hancock County to characterize the subsurface structure**
- **Permit the well for CO_2 injection with EPA Region 4**
- **Drill an 8250 ft well to Precambrian basement rocks**
  - Collect subsurface reservoir characterization data for Knox Group dolomites and other reservoirs
  - Complete an extensive reservoir evaluation program of geologic and geochemical testing and petrophysical, geomechanical, and reservoir engineering modeling
- **Conduct an extensive program of fluid injection and pressure testing including both brine and CO_2**
- **Conduct long-term surface environmental monitoring**

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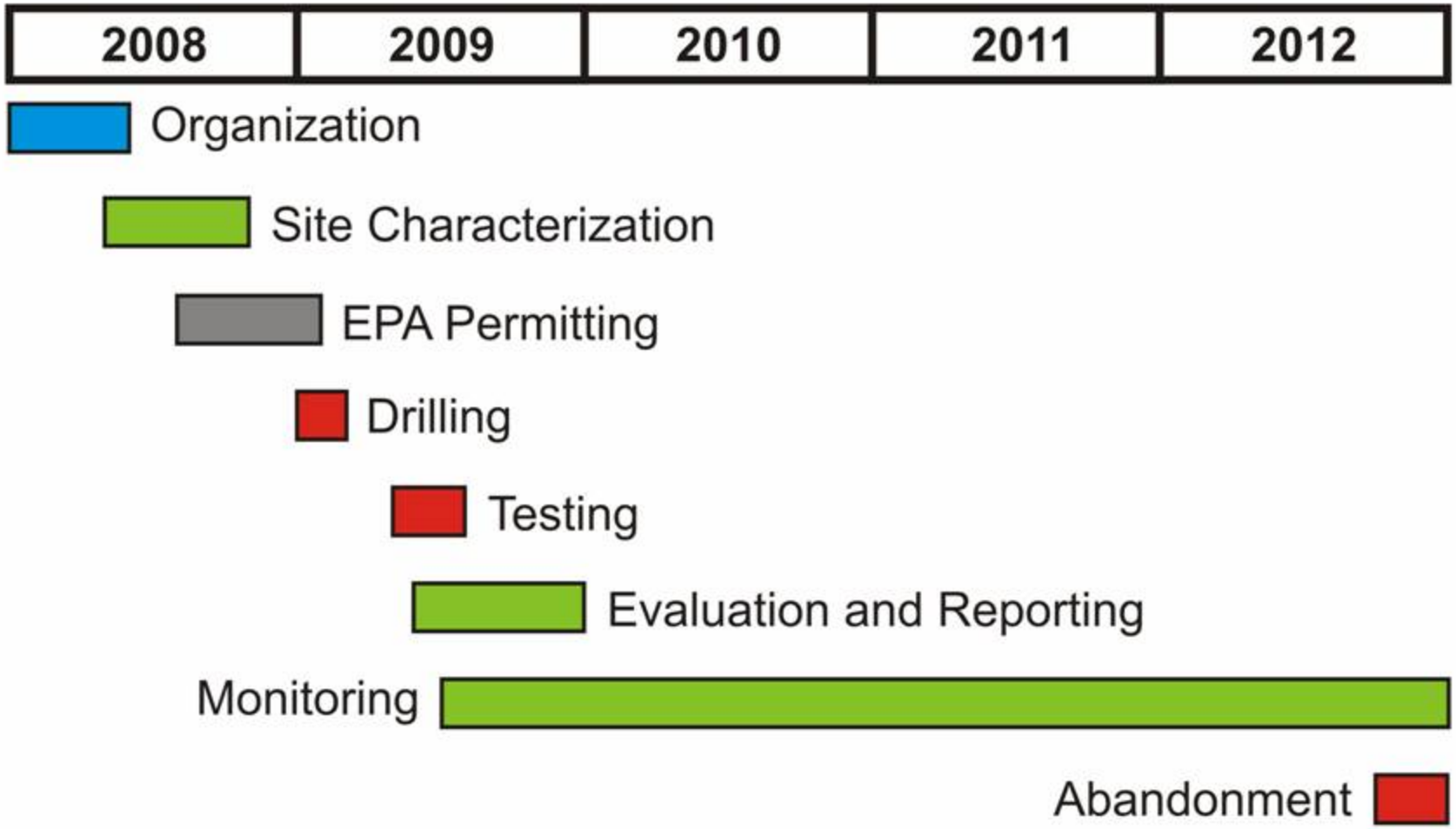

Project Status: Review

- **The western Kentucky CO_2 storage demonstration project has progressed quickly**
  - A consortium of KGS and energy industry partners has been organized
  - The project funding vehicle has been established
  - A drillsite has been identified and lease terms negotiated with the landowner and oil and gas leaseholder
  - Initial contractor service bids are under review
  - Drillsite construction is being evaluated
- **Estimated commencement of operations is during the 4th Quarter of 2008 with well testing, reservoir evaluation, and final reports completed by yearend 2009**
- **Surface monitoring will continue through year-end 2012 until the abandonment of the well and dissolution of the consortium**

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