

Mesaba Energy Project, PUC Docket No. E6472/GS-06-668

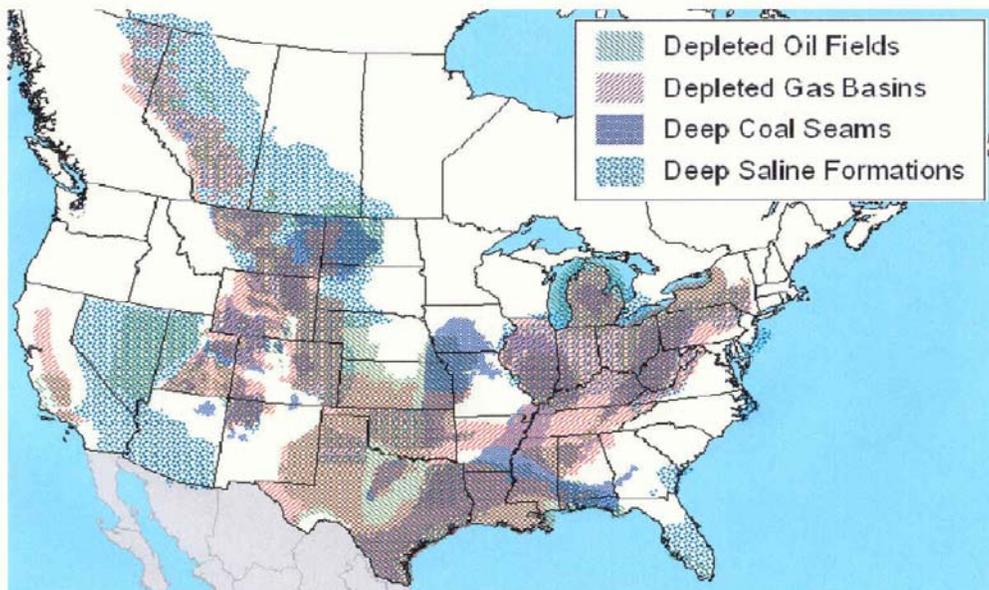
Comments on Draft EIS

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As you can see, Minnesota is about as far away as you can get from a potential CO₂ reservoir. Excelsior states they have been participating in the Plains CO₂ Reduction Partnership, yet PCORP has found a desired distance of less than 125 miles from carbon source to geologic sink for CO₂ sequestration. It is approximately 400 miles from Excelsior's proposed West Site to the nearest reservoir in North Dakota, and much further to actual sites of enhanced oil recovery in Canada.

The DEIS is accurate in that there is no viable way for the Mesaba Project to sequester CO₂, and there is no economic way to capture the CO₂. If the DOE really desires an IGCC project as part of its Clean Coal Initiative, CCS needs to be in the design. Without CO₂ capture and sequestration, the Mesaba Project is without merit and should not be allowed to continue forward.

Potential CO₂ reservoirs: not a constraint most places.



Source: J. Dooley et al, "A CO₂ Storage Supply Curve For North America and its Implications for the Deployment of Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage Systems," GHGT-7, September 8, 2004

