

## EOR and the Expanding Field of Carbon Dioxide Flooding



Date: Sunday, September 16, 2007
Time: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Location: Lexington, Kentucky, with AAPG Eastern Section Meeting
Instructors: Steve Melzer (Melzer Consulting, Midland, TX); Bernie Miller (Miller Energy Technologies, Lexington, KY)
Tuition: \$50 (includes course notes and refreshments)
Limit: 50 persons
Content: .7 CEU

## Who should attend

Geoscientists, geophysicists and managers who are familiar with oil reservoirs but not necessarily conversant in enhanced recovery techniques. The instructors for the course are very familiar with the ongoing floods and will utilize case histories and current procedures at use at today's floods.

## **Course description**

This course will provide an overview of the modern day practices of carbon dioxide enhanced oil recovery.  $CO_2$  EOR is the leading EOR technique for light oils and has grown to 80 active projects worldwide with an estimated 30 in various planning stages today. New sources of  $CO_2$  are expected to become available around the world as energy demand grows and as concerns over  $CO_2$  emissions from new energy sources require capture of these emissions. Application of  $CO_2$  EOR techniques has been primarily limited in the past due to two factors: the lack of nearby  $CO_2$  sources and excessive volatility in oil prices. In

this new world environment wherein oil prices are high and  $CO_2$  EOR provides a home for large amounts of captured  $CO_2$ , an exciting growth environment should materialize as new power sources are developed.

Screening of candidate reservoirs will be covered in the course along with discussion of both the conventional sources used in the past and the coming new era of  $CO_2$  sources. The reservoir attributes of the existing 30-year database of  $CO_2$  floods will be reviewed. Oil recovery from beneath the conventional oil column will be addressed. These intervals of high water content and smaller percentages of oil, called transition or residual oil zones, produce only water on primary or secondary recovery, have become economic  $CO_2$  targets today, and can represent a huge potential resource in many parts of the country. Some of the tools to detect and quantify these residual oil zone targets will be addressed.

The  $CO_2 EOR$  experience in the eastern region of the U.S. has been limited to only a few projects due to the lack of high volume, reliable  $CO_2$  sources. Some very small-scale but recent  $CO_2 EOR$  experience in Kentucky is encouraging and will be reviewed.

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