



California Resources Corporation Achieves First CO₂ Injection at Carbon TerraVault I, a Major Milestone for Carbon Management in California

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Project Paves the Way for a Carbon Capture Industry in the Golden State

KERN COUNTY, Calif., May 26, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- California Resources Corporation (NYSE: CRC) has achieved the first landmark carbon dioxide (CO₂) injection at Carbon TerraVault I (CTV I), a first-of-its-kind carbon capture and storage (CCS) project that will help advance California's progress toward carbon neutrality.

Located at CRC's Elk Hills Field in Kern County, CTV I is California's first operational CCS project, establishing a market for storing CO₂ from industrial sources and placing CRC among a small group of operators globally that have advanced CCS projects from concept to operation. The project sources CO₂ from CRC's cryogenic gas plant and leverages existing infrastructure at a depleted oil and natural gas reservoir designed to safely and permanently store captured CO₂ more than one mile underground.

"First injection at CTV I demonstrates that California can lead on climate solutions that are practical, scalable and cost-effective," said CRC President and CEO Francisco Leon. "This project reflects years of technical work, rigorous regulatory review, and collaboration with state and federal agencies to deliver real emissions reductions while strengthening California's energy resilience."

CTV I is composed of two depleted oil and natural gas reservoirs – "26R" and "A1-A2". At its maximum capacity, CTV I – 26R will be capable of storing up to 1.46 million metric tons of CO₂ annually – equivalent to taking nearly 350,000 cars off the road each year – with total storage potential of 38 million metric tons.

"The Golden State is building the full suite of tools needed to meet our climate goals, and Carbon TerraVault I is proof that innovation and ambition are the California way," said California Governor Gavin Newsom. "This first-of-its-kind project in Kern County will permanently store carbon pollution underground for the first time in California's history. These are the kind of climate solutions that spur the industries and infrastructure needed to power a cleaner future and create good-paying jobs right here in our communities."

As part of the CTV I Community Benefits Plan, CRC committed over \$1 million to support local communities across Kern County. Over the course of 2026, a Community Advisory Council, comprised of local stakeholders, will be established to evaluate and respond to the region's needs.

CTV I – 26R, part of the Carbon TerraVault Joint Venture between CRC and Brookfield, is the first reservoir in California to [receive final Class VI permits from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) (EPA).

"Carbon capture, utilization, and storage is a critical piece of California's climate solutions puzzle and an important tool we're counting on to help achieve carbon neutrality," said California Air Resources Board Chair Lauren Sanchez. "Reaching our climate goals requires both reducing and sequestering emissions, and this milestone demonstrates how we're moving every viable solution forward to get there."

Beyond CTV I – 26R, CRC has submitted eight additional CTV storage reservoirs for U.S. EPA Class VI permitting, representing approximately 352 million metric tons of total potential CO₂ storage capacity that will be built around California in the years ahead.

"The first CO₂ injection at CTV I marks an exciting milestone for carbon management in California," said Craig Frenette, Senior Vice President at Brookfield. "It represents the start of a scalable new chapter for climate solutions, with significant opportunity for growth for CTV. We're proud to be part of a project helping lay the foundation for long-term impact."

Chris Gould, Managing Director of CTV, said the project made use of a known reservoir that stored hydrocarbons for millions of years. "First injection at CTV I is the result of years of dedication from our CTV team, capturing and permanently storing CO₂ from our operations. It demonstrates our ability to safely deliver complex, first-of-its-kind projects that reduce CRC's net operational emissions and lowering the carbon intensity of the power we deliver to Californians."

About California Resources Corporation

California Resources Corporation (CRC) is an independent energy and carbon management company advancing the energy transition. CRC is committed to environmental stewardship while safely providing local, responsibly sourced energy. CRC is also focused on maximizing the value of its land, mineral ownership, and energy expertise for decarbonization by developing CCS and other emissions reducing projects. For more information about CRC, please visit www.crc.com.

About Carbon TerraVault

Carbon TerraVault (CTV), CRC's carbon management business, develops services to capture, transport and permanently store CO₂ for its customers. CTV is advancing a portfolio of CCS projects, including CTV I, which is now operational and injecting CO₂ for permanent sequestration in a depleted reservoir deep underground. For more information, visit carbonterravault.com.

About Carbon TerraVault Joint Venture

Carbon TerraVault Joint Venture (CTV JV) is a carbon management partnership focused on CCS development formed between CRC and Brookfield to develop both infrastructure and storage assets required for CCS development in California. CRC owns 51% of CTV JV with Brookfield owning the remaining 49% interest.

About Brookfield

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