



**Risk Assessment Task Force**  
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## ***Task Force Phase I Complete***

### ***Phase I Charter (Initiated CSLF London 2006)***

- **Examine risk-assessment standards, procedures, and research activities relevant to unique risks associated with the injection and long-term storage of CO<sub>2</sub>**
  - **Risks associated with CO<sub>2</sub> near-term (injection) processes (including fracturing, fault re-activation, induced seismicity)**
  - **Risk associated with long-term processes related to impacts of CO<sub>2</sub> storage, including:**
    - **health, safety, and environmental risks**
    - **potential impact on natural resources (such as groundwater, mineral resources, etc.)**
    - **return to the atmosphere**



## ***Phase I Summary***

- **Initiated at London (Nov 2006)**
- **Recommendations finalized at Oslo (Apr 2009)**
- **Final draft to Secretariat (May 2009);  
circulated to TG for review/comments (summer 2009)**
- **Phase I report complete (fall 2009) (CSLF-T-2009-04)**
  - Overview of risk assessment methodologies for engineered geologic systems
  - Literature review of risk assessment for CO<sub>2</sub> storage
  - Identification of key potential risks
  - Overview of monitoring & mitigation options that support risk assessment
  - Summary of ongoing and emerging activities in CSLF countries
  - Proposed next steps



## ***Recommendations from the Phase I Report***

***(section 4.1)***

- ***Risk assessment should be considered in the context of stakeholder outreach and communication.***
  - *Recommendation passed to PG;*  
*Communication Task Force produced 5 outreach documents*
- ***The link between risk assessment and liability should be recognized and considered.***
  - *Recommendation passed to PG;*  
*Joint task force formed at Warsaw meeting*
- ***Storage integrity goals (e.g., acceptable risk levels) for sites should be discussed***
  - *Draft white paper prepared on “Performance based standard site safety and integrity”*

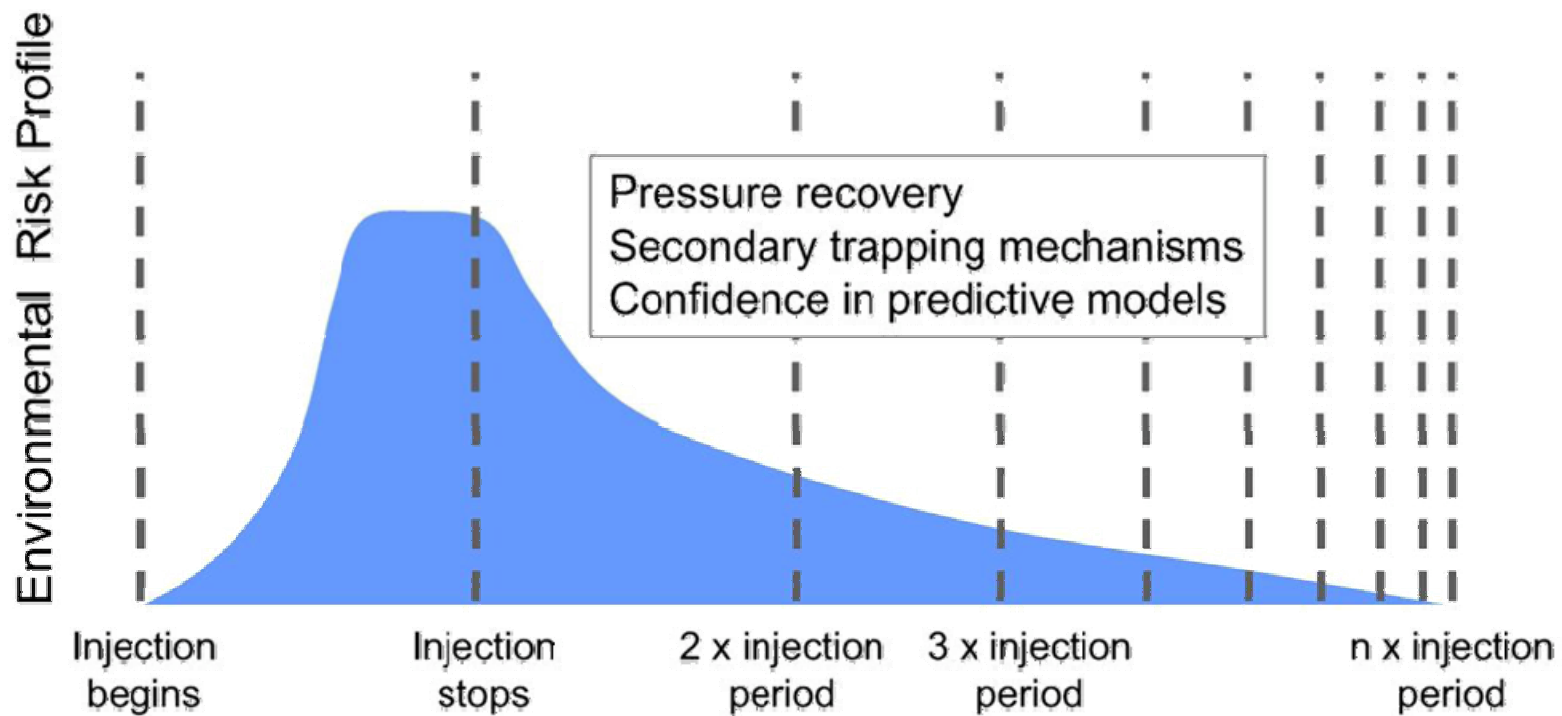


## ***Proposed Path for Completion of Task Force Phase II Activities***

- ***Assessing the feasibility of developing general technical guidelines for risk assessment practices that could be adapted to specific sites and local needs***
  - Complete reviews of white paper on “Performance based standard site safety and integrity”
  
- ***A gap assessment to identify CCS-specific tools and methodologies that will be needed to support risk assessment.***
  - Develop short overview of technical risk-assessment considerations related to various phases of a project (development, injection, post-injection, long-term)
  - Develop short overview of potential gaps relative to CO<sub>2</sub> storage relative to EOR operation



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*after Benson (2007)*