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Dr. John M. Dunn  
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We are pleased to welcome Assistant Secretary McConnell and Robert Mannes, President of Core Energy, to Western Michigan University this morning.

By **reducing CO2 emissions AND producing more domestic energy**, the science and proven technology that WMU's researchers and Core Energy have demonstrated here in Michigan is truly remarkable.

Drs. Barnes, Harrison and Hampton have been analyzing Michigan's subsurface rocks archived here at MGRRE for several years. They tell me they are ideal candidates to store green house gases. AND, when these compressed gases are injected deep underground in depleted oil fields, that can result in recovering as much additional domestic oil as the wells produced originally. That's domestic energy that would not otherwise have been produced from those old plugged wells.

I'm told that Core Energy has recovered more than one million barrels of this "stranded" oil in the past 15 years, using this technology. That's a fair market value of about \$50 million dollars during that time. They expect to recover at least 4 times that amount in the next 10 years. At today's oil price of \$100/barrel, that represents \$400 million dollars.

We at WMU are proud of the research that the Department of Geosciences here at MGRRE is conducting with industry partners. The results of this applied research are a definite win-win: an improved environment and a very positive impact on Michigan's economy. All good things for the quality of life for all our citizens.