

ADM Statement

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ADM has been working closely with the U.S. EPA regarding issues discovered with our carbon capture and storage (CCS) deep monitoring wells approximately 5,000 feet underground. Given the extreme depth and the multiple layers of shale and other confining rock up to the surface, at no time was there an impact to the surface or groundwater sources, nor any threat to public health.

In September 2024, we paused CO₂ injections while we conducted in-depth diagnostic tests of those wells in close consultation with U.S. EPA and third parties. Based on that testing and further analysis, we developed and implemented a plan to recompleteness our two existing deep monitoring wells. We are pleased to announce that work is complete, and we restarted CO₂ injections in Decatur today. Key features of that deep monitoring well recompleteness project included:

- Replacement of certain subsurface equipment with new, redesigned equipment, instrumentation, and materials.
- Switching to a single zone design to prevent the potential for fluid migration between multiple zones within the well infrastructure.
- Use of 25 chrome steel in major components for enhanced corrosion resistance.

We also recently entered into an updated Administrative Order of Consent with U.S. EPA. ADM has already initiated steps to complete the compliance requirements described in Section III of that order. The full agreement is linked [here](#) for reference.

ADM continues to be a pioneer in the CCS industry. We are playing a critical role in the advancement and evolution of this technology, utilizing the input and guidance of numerous third-party experts, including the U.S. EPA. We take very seriously our responsibility to operate this technology safely, capture our learnings along the way, and make adjustments as needed. We remain confident in the safety, security, and effectiveness of CCS as a greenhouse gas mitigation technology and its potential to bring new industries and economic opportunities to the entire state of Illinois.