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Technical report describing the design of monitoring systems, and remediation

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1 Executive Summary (restricted)

CATO-2 program's mission is to facilitate and enable the integrated development of CCS demonstration sites in the Netherlands. Work Package 4.5 aims to develop and test risk management methods and tools supporting the qualification and certification procedures for long-term safe and effective CO₂ storage during all storage phases. Risk management which acts as the central driver for all safety related activities, consists of Risk Assessment, Risk-based Monitoring and Preventive and Corrective Measures. This deliverable focuses on developing a Risk-based Monitoring Plan which is a legal requirement as stipulated by the EU guidelines and required by the CCS directive.

This report lists the requirements for developing a monitoring plan as formulated in the Directive and the relevant Annex. Monitoring is brought into connection with the phases during the storage process (pre-injection, injection and post-injection phase). So are the different categories of the monitoring (mandatory, required and optional contingency monitoring). Even so, monitoring of CO_2 storage is by its nature site-specific, the existing (and any future) guidelines and regulations can never prescribe a fit-for-purpose monitoring plan for any concrete storage site. The construction of a Monitoring Plan must depend on the Risk Assessment, according to the Directives mentioned .

Risk Assessment is obviously site-dependent and has to be conducted by a team of experts. The results of this work will consist of the definitions of relevant (HSE linked) risks and scenario's which should be avoided. We assume this as a starting point, input for a supporting tool which can facilitate the development of a risk-based monitoring plan. The focus of this deliverable is development of such a tool.

This tool is built around two databases, one containing risk factors and associated parameters and another one containing monitoring techniques and the parameters they measure. The database with the risk factors is the product of a TNO risk assessment methodology referred to as CASSIF. The tool has been designed as a logical continuation of the risk and safety assessment performed by experts using the CASSIF process. The tool is meant to be part of a risk management framework which enables communication between the risk analysis results and the monitoring strategy.

The tool is driven by the user-selection of site-specific characteristics and scenarios which contain risk factors. The selection of the scenarios leads to a number of risk factors which are then matched with the monitoring techniques. Information about the monitoring techniques can be displayed, depending on the demands of the user. The resulting list provides insight into the suitability of certain monitoring techniques for particular risks. This list aids the user in creating a risk based monitoring plan. The tool was tested by applying it to the Barendrecht project and comparing the outcome of the tool with the original Barendrecht monitoring plan.

In the future, additional functionality, such as information about the risk level and the time and space frames of the scenarios and FEPs will be taken into account. It will be also possible in the future to design different monitoring plans (required and contingency) and mandatory monitoring will be separately displayed. Also, In the next step the tool will be developed as a web interface.



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2 Applicable/Reference documents and Abbreviations

2.1 Applicable Documents

(Applicable Documents, including their version, are documents that are the "legal" basis to the work performed)

	Title	Doc nr	Version
AD-01a	Beschikking (Subsidieverlening CATO-2 programma verplichtingnummer 1 6843	ET/ED/9078040	2009.07.09
AD-01b	Wijzigingsaanvraag op- subsidieverlening CATO-2- programma verplichtingennr. 1- 6843	CCS/10066253	2010.05.11
AD-01c	Aanvraag uitstel CATO-2a- verplichtingennr. 1-6843	ETM/10128722	2010.09.02
AD-01d	Toezegging CATO-2b	FES10036GXDU	2010.08.05
AD-01f	Besluit wijziging project CATO2b	FES1003AQ1FU	2010.09.21
AD-02a	Consortium Agreement	CATO-2-CA	2009.09.07
AD-02b	CATO-2 Consortium Agreement	CATO-2-CA	2010.09.09
AD-03a	Program Plan 2009	CATO2-WP0.A-D.03	2009.09.17
AD-03b	Program Plan 2010	CATO2-WP0.A-D.03	2010.09.30
AD-03c	Program Plan 2011	CATO2-WP0.A-D.03	2010.12.07
AD-03d	Program Plan 2012	CATO2-WP0.A-D.03	2011.12.12
AD-03e	Program Plan 2012b	CATO2-WP0.A-D.03	2012.06.08

2.2 Reference Documents

(Reference Documents are referred to in the document)

	Title	Doc nr	Issue/version	date
R.01	Progress Report on Risk Management of	CATO2-	2011.12.16	16.12.2011
	CO ₂ Storage	WP4.5-		
		D4.5.03		
R.02	Assessment of Risks and Uncertainties	CATO2-	2012.10.18	
		WP4.1-		
		D4.1.08		

2.3 Abbreviations

(this refers to abbreviations used in this document)

FEP	Features Events Processes					
HSE	Health Safety Environment					
CASSIF	Carbon Sequestration Scenario Identification Framework					

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3 Introduction

CATO-2 program's mission is to facilitate and enable the integrated development of CCS demonstration sites in the Netherlands. The program's ambition is to support the realization of two or more demonstration sites where the complete integration of CO₂ capture, transport and storage will be demonstrated in the Netherlands before 2015. With this, CATO-2 will help build an internationally leading strong knowledge and technology position for CCS in the Netherlands (AD03: CATO2A Plan).

One of the CATO2 Sub Programmes is SP 4: Regulation and Safety, which addresses regulation, operational practices, environmental impacts, and the safety of CO₂ transport and geological storage.

This WP aims to develop and test risk management methods and tools supporting the qualification and certification procedures for long-term safe and effective CO₂ storage. They should be reliable, adequate, practical and flexible. The three main components of risk management are:

- 1. Risk assessment;
- 2. Risk-based monitoring;
- 3. Preventive and corrective measures.

This report focus on a protocol for designing the risk based monitoring plan and on a practical tool which can support the process.

The methods and tools are adjusted to the current industrial upstream HSE practice in the Netherlands. The level of detail and type of tools will be adapted to the specific conditions at a particular site (gas field or aquifer) and to regulatory (EIA/Storage Plan) or public needs (e.g. comparison with other man-induced or natural risks).

Deliverable D4.5.04

The workflow for the risk based monitoring has been drafted in the previous deliverable D.4.5.03 (R.01). The concept of the tool and a first simple prototype has been also described in R.01(D.4.5.03). This report introduces the updated and improved version of the tool and the underlying databases. Chapter 4 reviews legal requirements and the procedure for developing a monitoring plan. Chapter 5 provides the updated concept for a monitoring planning tool, a description of the new version of the tool and the results of a test example, the Barendrecht case.

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4 Requirements for developing a monitoring plan

In this chapter we describe how an operator of a prospective CO₂ storage site arrives at a suitable monitoring plan. We will describe the legal basis, and the legal requirements, relevant issues of monitoring as such, and then describe the road towards a monitoring plan.

4.1 The legal basis

The basis for a monitoring plan related to CO_2 storage is the 2009 EC Storage Directive [1]. Monitoring is addressed in Articles 13. and 17.of the Storage Directive. Article 13 sub 1. informs us that "Member States shall ensure that the operator carries out monitoring of the injection facilities, the storage complex (including where possible the CO_2 plume), and where appropriate the surrounding environment for the purpose of ..." and then the many purposes are henceforth mentioned. We will deal with them later on.

Article 13 sub 2. informs us that monitoring shall be based upon a monitoring plan by the operator, the requirements of which are given in the Annex II. At this point it is important to mention that the plan must be based upon risk assessment, which is site specific.

Article 17 details closure and post-closure obligations and continuing monitoring activities are among these obligations. They are to be in accordance to Annex II also.

4.2 Monitoring plan: the requirements

For reference, we lay down the requirements as formulated in the Directive and the relevant Annex. The Storage Directive requires a monitoring plan, drawn up by the operator, and approved by the competent authorities. A monitoring plan should meet the following requirements:

4.2.1 Initial plan

The monitoring plan shall provide details of the monitoring to be deployed at the main stages of the project, including baseline, operational and post-closure monitoring.

The following shall be specified for each phase:

- a. Parameters monitored;
- b. Monitoring technology employed and justification for technology choice;
- c. Monitoring locations and spatial sampling rationale;
- d. Frequency of application and temporal sampling rationale.

The parameters to be monitored are identified so as to fulfil the purposes of monitoring. However, the plan shall in any case include continuous or intermittent monitoring of the following items:

- e. Fugitive emissions of CO₂ at the injection facility;
- f. CO₂ volumetric flow at injection wellheads;
- g. CO₂ pressure and temperature at injection wellheads (to determine mass flow);
- h. Chemical analysis of the injected material;

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i. Reservoir temperature and pressure (to determine CO₂ phase behaviour and state).

The choice of monitoring technology shall be based on best practice available at the time of design.

The following options shall be considered and used as appropriate:

- j. Technologies that can detect the presence, location and migration paths of CO₂ in the subsurface and at surface:
- k. Technologies that provide information about pressure-volume behaviour and areal/vertical saturation distribution of CO₂-plume to refine numerical 3D-simulation to the 3-D-geological models of the storage formation established pursuant to Article 4 and Annex I:
- I. Technologies that can provide a wide areal spread in order to capture information on any previously undetected potential leakage pathways across the areal dimensions of the complete storage complex and beyond, in the event of significant irregularities or migration of CO₂ out of the storage complex.

[Note: The yearly report to the competent authorities should encompass the above. If needed it comments on site-specific monitoring problems.]

4.2.2 Updated plan

The initially installed monitoring system and related procedures need to be updated on the basis of the evaluation and modelling activity, or the verification results. Monitoring plans must be *updated, at least every five years*, to take into account changes to assessed risk of leakage, changes to assessed risks to environment and human health, new scientific knowledge, and improvements in the best available technology. The national authorities may set a more stringent frequency.

According to Annex II of the Storage Directive one has the following updating requirements:

- The data collected from the monitoring shall be collated and interpreted. The observed results shall be compared with the behaviour predicted in dynamic simulation of the 3Dpressure-volume and saturation behaviour undertaken in the context of the security characterisation.
- 2. Where there is a significant deviation between the observed and the predicted behaviour, the 3D-model shall be recalibrated to reflect the observed behaviour. The recalibration shall be based on the data observations from the monitoring plan, and where necessary provide confidence in the recalibration assumptions, additional data shall be obtained. Steps 2 and 3 of Annex I shall be repeated using the recalibrated 3D model so as to generate new hazard scenarios and flux rates and to revise and update the risk assessment. Where new CO₂ sources, pathways and flux rates or observed significant deviations from previous assessments are identified as a result of history matching and model recalibration, the monitoring plan shall be updated accordingly.
- 3. Post-closure monitoring shall be based on the information collected and modelled as in step 2. The plan must now also provide information needed for the transfer of responsibilities to the competent authority (long-term stewardship). Especially the site's permanent containment should be confirmed, based *on all available evidence*.

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4.3 Monitoring: additional explanations and categorisations

In this section we bring together a number of monitoring-related issues that are helpful on the road to a monitoring protocol

The most important aspects of monitoring are confirming the containment of CO₂, alerting for corrective measures in case of increased leakage risk and gathering evidence for the long-term containment of CO₂.

Monitoring can be achieved either by measuring the absence of any leakage through direct detection methods, or by verifying indirectly that the CO_2 is behaving as expected in the reservoir based on modelling and comparison with monitoring data. A large part of the monitoring techniques depends on advanced (geo)physical theory, e.g. seismic monitoring. Static and dynamic models of the subsurface are necessary also for the interpretation of the measured results. However to properly assess uncertainties usually more than one model is needed (see R.02).

The challenge for measuring the absence of any leakage resides in the question: "Where and when do we need to monitor in order to be sure that no leakage occurs". The monitoring strategy should therefore be based on identified risks. This is an explicit requisite in the Annex II to the Directive, and it is scientifically cogent as well.

For the indirect model-based monitoring the emphasis is on scenario confirmation. As long as predictive models are behaving in agreement with monitoring data, the understanding of both the processes occurring and the behaviour of the storage complex are considered sufficient. In case of deviations, one should find the causes of the deviations and where necessary recalibrate the models. If, however, the deviations fall well beyond the uncertainty ranges of the predictive models, then additional monitoring and possibly contingency measures need to be taken.

4.3.1 Categories

As to the different monitoring categories we make the following distinction:

1. Mandatory (for all sites) monitoring

A number of parameters to be monitored is mandatory based on the Storage Directive (see Chapter 4.2.1).

2. Required (site specific) monitoring

This monitoring group is required to gather evidence for containment in the reservoir and to demonstrate the integrity of the seal, the fault and the wells in case of regular development.

3. Optional contingency monitoring

The third group refers to a contingency monitoring system which will only be called in action if irregularities show up. In the Storage Directive a "significant irregularity" is defined as '...any irregularity in the injection or storage operations or in the condition of the storage complex itself, which implies the risk of a leakage or risk to the environment or human health'. (Art.3.17) Contingency monitoring needs to be taken into account already at the very early pre-injection stage based on the risk analysis of "What can go wrong".

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4.3.2 Monitoring in different stages of a CCS-project

Monitoring during the pre-injection phase, the injection phase or the post-injection phase always serves the same goal as detecting and preventing undesired events. Particular risks may be deemed higher in (parts of) the injection phase, notably the beginning of the injection activities. The monitoring plan deals with these higher degrees of risk through requiring more frequent monitoring. The monitoring plan details requirements as laid down in the Storage Directive, and conforms to good scientific practice as described in guidelines issued by the IPCC [2] and the OSPAR [3].

Baseline and repeat measurement acquisition, processing and interpretation should be detailed in the monitoring plan. The relation with risk assessment and preventive / corrective measures should be borne out. At all times, the operator has the obligation to take appropriate corrective measures if and when needed; he operates on the basis of a corrective measures plan, agreed by the competent authorities.

In the pre-injection phase the main issue consists of *gathering baseline data*. At this stage it is of the utmost importance to identify all possible baseline data that might be needed later during the injection and post-injection phases both for required monitoring as well as for contingency monitoring. More precisely, the risk assessment and connected scenario definitions are crucial in this phase. It is crucial to predict what can go wrong and where in order to monitor the relevant parameters. Subsurface modelling is indispensable for the correct interpretation of monitoring results.

The Storage Directive requires the operator to provide a provisional plan with corrective measures. This plan must be produced before any operations have begun. The basis therefore depends largely on modelling exercises performed in the context of site characterization and risk assessment. The operator should comment on how models plus forthcoming data lead him to a diagnosis of the problem and, if the suspicion of a problem exists, which corrective measures will be taken. This will be largely a *site-specific* exercise, based on the aforementioned risk assessment.

4.4 Outline of a Monitoring Protocol

A storage plan has to fit situations as they present themselves in practice. It is important as a guide to go/no go decision making, for permit issuing, and possibly in preparing the qualification statements [4].

There are generally five aspects which play a role in the development of a monitoring plan. They are:

- 1) Legislation
- 2) The different phases of the storage process
- 3) Risk types
- 4) Available monitoring systems
- 5) Geological storage container type

In *structuring* the protocol we will typically follow these aspects as much as we can. The rationale for doing so is simple.

Legislation (EU directives) describes a "must do". Choices do not exist here, at least not regarding the activities that are mandatory per work phase.



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The phases during the storage process are mentioned in this legislation. Now science and technology take over in defining, or rather detailing, risk types and monitoring systems that can be used for monitoring, verification (and accounting).

Geological storage container types, if suitably defined, further aid in making relevant choices.

4.4.1 Pre-injection phase

It is required that potential storage sites must be assessed with regards to their suitability for CCS purposes. This first requires the collection of relevant data, as specified in ANNEX I. This concerns data regarding Geology and Geophysics, Geomechanics, Geochemistry, Hydrogeology and Reservoir Engineering. These data are required for defining a **baseline set** of observations, once screening, characterisation, risk assessment, and documentation have been performed, and the "green light" has been given for the potential site to become an actual storage site. These data also aid the compulsory **static and dynamic modelling.**

Since the monitoring must be **risk-based** (EU Directive) it has to be decided which the prominent risks are for the site at hand **in the pre-injection phase**. This will generally depend on the type of storage complex and the site-specific details. Only these can give an indication of the nature of the risks involved and as such tell which technologies will likely deliver the required information. A rather important fact is that the effectiveness of all kinds of technological methods is at least in part *site-specific*. **This makes it difficult to prescribe technologies in a protocol.**

4.4.2 Injection phase

The EU Directive demands that during the **injection phase**, at least every year monitoring results must be reported. Any changes with respect to the baseline set must be monitored, at least in the injection phase. One should keep in mind the monitoring goals:

- 1) monitoring of performance confirmation
- 2) monitoring to detect possible leakages
- 3) monitoring of local environmental impacts on eco-systems

Using the OSPAR Guidelines [3], this amounts to monitoring of

- 1) injection rates
- 2) pressures
- 3) injectivity and fall-off testing
- 4) properties of the injected fluid (including temperature, phase, solid contents, incidental associated substances)
- 5) mechanical integrity seals
- 6) containment CO₂ stream

Finally, proxies must be defined that give information on the possible influence of CO₂ on the marine environment.

Since modelling of the storage complex must be a "continuous" activity, based on updated input, the modelling results will tell whether problems with 5) and 6) are present. If so, additional monitoring may be required.

Testing on items 1)- 4) must be performed on a daily-monthly-yearly basis, depending on the precise parameters involved..

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During this phase any "irregularities" must be immediately reported to the competent authorities. They shall order remediation activities deemed necessary.

The EU-Directive specifies a minimum reporting frequency of once per year. Testing the other items "semi-continuously" calls for specifying the sampling frequency in time. Any remediation activities ordered will give rise to special monitoring activities. The operator will probably have to revise the monitoring plan, which will in turn have to be approved by the competent authorities.

4.4.3 Post-Injection phase

At the start of the **post-injection phase** the same suite of variables must be obtained as with establishing the baseline in the pre-injection phase. Those data will then be regarded as reference data and any **differences** with subsequent monitoring data from the post-injection phase must be explained and reported; it must be made clear that no "irregularities" or CO_2 leakage has occurred. When, finally, steps are taken to hand over responsibilities from the operator to the authorities (in accordance with the Storage Directive), the procedure must be repeated.

Monitoring must continue at a level that enables any (sizable) CO₂ leakage, migration and "irregularities" to be discovered.

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5 Monitoring planning tool

5.1 Introduction

CCS project operators will have to supply a monitoring plan as part of the regulatory requirements for licence applications and approvals, for instance as given in the EU Directives on CCS (April 2009). Because monitoring of CO₂ storage is by its nature site-specific, the existing (and any future) guidelines and regulations can never prescribe a fit-for-purpose monitoring plan. The construction of a Monitoring Plan must depend on the Risk Assessment, according to the Directives mentioned. This Risk Assessment is obviously site-dependent and has to be conducted by a team of experts. The results of this work will consist of the definitions of relevant (HSE linked) risks and scenario's which should be avoided. All this should be the basis of the Monitoring Plan as presented to the competent authorities.

During the first year of the CATO-2 project (Work Package 4.5) the basis of risk management and the overall workflow were described (ECN) [5]. The procedure for developing a monitoring plan was elaborated and the concept for a monitoring planning tool was developed including the evaluation of the tool concept on the basis of the Barendrecht monitoring plan (TNO) [5]. In R0.1 progress report (TNO)[6] a new chapter "Monitoring planning tool" provided a first insight into the preliminary setup of this tool, (henceforth 'monitoring tool').

In this chapter a new updated version of a preliminary monitoring tool is presented. While the concept stayed pretty much the same as before, the user interface has changed, some new features have been added and the data base has been extended. This chapter reviews the concept, goals and risk assessment protocol of the tool, especially elaborating on updated aspects of the tool.

5.2 The goal and the concept of the Tool

Risk management is considered to be essential in building the confidence that CO_2 storage will be effective and safe. The purpose of the monitoring tool is to support the development of a risk-based monitoring plan. The tool is built around a database containing risk factors and parameters and a database containing monitoring techniques and parameters. The tool is driven by the selection of site-specific characteristics and scenarios which contain risk factors referred to as FEPs (features events and processes). Through these FEPs or main risk attributes a link is made with a monitoring technique with the appropriate detection limits and costs. The chosen FEPs are based on a Risk Assessment based on expert analysis.

The tool should help to check, or audit, the monitoring solutions of the site operator against the risks identified and the regulatory monitoring requirements. The tool is designed to be an integral part of the Risk Management flow. The input comes from the Risk Assessment results, in particular the highest risks and the associated scenarios.

The tool is built up as a decision tree with control points allowing user choices. It guides the user from the Risk Assessment results to a set of monitor tool suggestions that are fit-for-purpose for the particular site. User input and options (selection or rejection) can be changed at any stage (also backwards).



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The concept of the risk based monitoring tool as described is parametric, meaning that there are at one side parameters associated with the risk factors, or FEPs, and at the other side monitoring parameters, which are connected with the monitoring techniques.

This is the basic set-up that we will now detail below.

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5.3 Risk Assessment

Because of the uncertainties related to CCS, assessing the safety of a carbon sequestration storage site can be a tedious job. Moreover, every aspect of the site requires a different expertise and the discussion of the factors playing a role in sequestration performance of the site is often a complex process.

In order to facilitate a thorough and complete risk assessment, CASSIF has been developed. CASSIF (**Carbon Sequestration Scenario Identification Framework** [7]) utilizes Features, Events and Processes (FEP) for the purpose of qualitative risk assessments in CO₂ storage projects. The framework assists in describing and clarifying potential CO₂ release scenarios. CASSIF is designed to perform a *hazard analysis*. This hazard analysis focuses on performing a comprehensive inventory of risk factors (or FEPs) and a subsequent selection of the most critical factors. Those are grouped into discrete CO₂ leakage scenarios. The three major general leakage scenarios which form the basis for the relevant risk factors are well, fault and seal leakage.

A web interface has been created (http://edison.nitg.tno.nl/fep/dev/index.php/) to enable the hazard analysis in an interactive way. Every participant of an expert group meeting is invited to log on to the interface and connect to a workshop case. Every participant will make use of his/her own login so that later on, during the workshop, the results can be compared and discussed. One advantage of CASSIF is that it enables the experts to run through the complete list of risk factors, deciding to include or exclude them from being used in the scenario analysis. It is recommended to select a maximum total of 15 FEPs from the list which are thought to be most important for the site at hand by the experts. The results from every participant will be summarized on the workshop and used in discussions.

The workshop has several objectives, the most relevant one being to build consensus on the selected FEPs. When consensus is reached, the selected FEPs are combined using cause-consequence relations in order to build sub-scenarios for each major migration scenario. Based on the scenarios, the time frames for the operational phases can be selected (pre-injection, injection, post-injection).

The workshop is also a relevant step as it helps to identify the gaps in (mainly site-specific) knowledge, to gain confidence on *prima facie* suitability and feasibility of the site, and to bring traceability and transparency into the decision making process.

The monitoring planning tool should use this knowledge to suggest which tools are appropriate to monitoring identified risks. As such, this tool allows the user to gain insight into which monitoring techniques are applicable for a specific situation. Therefore, risk assessment analysis *must* be performed prior to using the tool, and preferably using the CASSIF scenario approach(Figure 1.)

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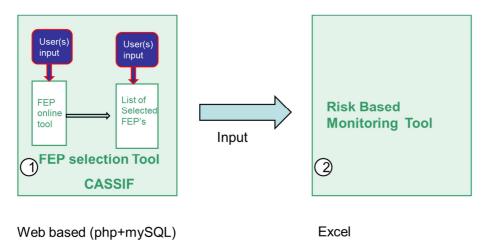


Figure 1: Appropriate work flow for designing risk based monitoring plan.

In addition to selecting appropriate monitoring techniques, the tool provides details for each of these monitoring techniques, listing the parameters which are measured and explaining which information they provide. Other important features such as the monitoring area (well level, reservoir level, storage site level), the timing (for example pre-operational or operational), the frequency of measurements and the costs of the monitoring techniques can also be listed. In addition, an extra column with remarks has been added, where various things can be displayed such as the limitations of the techniques, information in connection with the EU regulative framework and other relevant method specific information (for example, for the DTS monitoring method it will be noted in the remarks column that DTS systems can locate the temperature to a spatial resolution of 1 m with accuracy to within ±1°C with a temperature resolution of 0.01°C. From the location managers we got advice to incorporate in a separate column all info about law and regulations since that is operationally very important; the user must know what he is obliged to do, etc.

The tool has initially been developed in Excel but can be easily converted to an online risk based monitoring tool. In that case, the workflow of the Excel tool can be used as a blueprint for the online tool.

The following table in Figure 2 shows an example of the output of the tool, containing the monitoring techniques, the parameters measured and the additional information such as monitoring area and timing.

Monitoring technique	Physical parameter measured	Informs about	Monitoring area	Timing	Monitoring frequency	cost indication	Maturity	Remarks
Differential pressure flow meters	injection pressure	flow rates	Local - well	operational phase	continuous	low to moderate		Mandatory monitoring

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Temperature sensors		injected gas temperature		operational phase	low to moderate	Standard	Mandatory monitoring
Distributed temperature sensing	temperature	temperature profiles	Local - well	phase (in preoperational phase only	 low to		DTS systems can locate the temperature to a spatial resolution of 1 m with accuracy to within ±1°C at a resolution of 0.01°C
SPTG (Static P & T gradient)		reservoir pressure and temperature		pre- operational, operational and verification phase	low to moderate	Standard	

Figure 2: An example of the type of information available for a resulting monitoring tool.

5.4 Detailed description of the Tool

The next paragraphs describe in further detail the updated version of the previously defined [5] and developed [6] monitoring tool. Although not yet complete and fit for practical use, the fundamentals of the tool are in place and functional. The following sections describe how the tool works and the data flow. We also provide an example of how the tool functions when compared to the Barendrecht case [8,9]. Finally we discuss the improvements that should be made both on the short and long term and any additional functionality that might be included.

5.5 What Does the Tool Do?

As mentioned in the previous chapter, the tool consists of two databases; the first database contains a list of FEPs, each of them linked to one or more parameters which can be measured to monitor the FEP. The second database consists of the monitoring techniques and the parameters which they measure plus the additional info as shown in Figure 1. After the user has selected the relevant FEPs, the tool connects the parameters of the FEPs and the monitoring techniques. Although this concept seems straight forward it is not at all easy to implement it. The actual



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physical parameter measured with a certain monitoring technique is often not a direct parameter describing the FEP, but indirectly the results of that monitoring technique are relevant for monitoring that selected FEP. Often a selected parameter can be found with different monitoring techniques, not all of which are feasible for the site and the FEP at hand. To overcome these problems it is often more appropriate to use key words instead of parameters to smartly connect FEPs with the appropriate monitoring techniques. In any case the outcome of the tool is a scenario with a number of selected FEPs (i.e., risk factors), their corresponding parameters (and/or key words) and a list of monitoring techniques with all additional info if desired (as explained earlier) which can be used to monitor those risk factors.

5.5.1 The Source of the FEPs

The FEPs represent situations which could threaten the integrity of the CO₂ storage site and cause leakage. The TNO FEP data base consists of 667 FEPs, while the online tool CASSIF makes use of the 83 most relevant FEPs. There are two main groups: Specific level FEPs and System level FEPs. Specific level FEPs are the ones affecting well, seal and fault integrity directly, while system level FEPs are of a more general nature, influencing a number of other issues (like geochemical processes, geomechanical processes, thermal processes etc.). At this stage of development the monitoring tool has a list of 44 FEPs taken from CASSIF. All specific level FEPs (21) are included and a number of other general FEPs. The current FEP database is sufficient to cover all identified risk scenarios from the Barendrecht and de Lier fields. For consistency the list of FEPs imported from the CASSIF database contains the same ID numbers.

To start using Monitoring Planning Tool, it is required that a proper Risk assessment has been done, where all risk scenarios have been identified. Standardized input from the Risk Assessment is necessary for the Monitoring Planning Tool.

At this stage of development of monitoring tool, by the "scenario" we mean a list of FEPs which are a part of the scenario. Although we must add that a scenario is strictly speaking more than just a list of FEPs (it contains information such as intra-connections of FEPs, time frames, spatial estimation etc.).

In this version of the tool, it is possible to analyse several scenarios in parallel and compare the outcome. We assume that It should be possible to create all relevant scenarios from the list of selected FEPs.

In the future, it will be made possible that in addition to the list of FEPs, additional information related to the selected FEPs and scenarios will be available (see Figure 3), such as:

- a) FEP type
- b) Risk level of scenario
- c) Time and space frames of the selected FEPs

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Scenarios and FEPs	characteristics		
Risk level of scenario	Spatial resolution	Timing	Time scale
INISK level of Scenario			
	Well	pre-operational	Seconds
negligible	reservoir	operational	Hours
low	storage complex	post-operational	Days
medium	FEP type		Months
	initiating FEP		Years
	impact FEP		100 years
	specific level		
	system level		

Figure 3: Table displaying additional information and constrains on selected FEPs with the suggested classification from.

Characteristics of the FEPs in c) Time and space frames of the selected FEPs are already available in the Tool, but only as a drop-box for additional input user can select. In the next stage of the development those inputs will be used in the selection process of a suitable monitoring technique.

Also, all characteristics of the site used for the previous Risk Assessment (and FEP identification) are assumed to be known and in the future will be used for the selection of the appropriate monitoring tool.

5.5.2 The Source of the Monitoring Techniques

There are three main catalogues (databases) of monitoring techniques that are currently in use or in a developmental/experimental phase which are to be used for CCS monitoring:

- BGS/IEA-GHG monitoring techniques catalogue [10]
- NETL report: Monitoring, Verification and Accounting of CO2 Stored in Deep Geological Formations [11]
- NSBTF Catalogue of Monitoring tools [12]

Although each catalogue has a maximum of about 40 monitoring techniques, all together there are around 60 different methods that are potentially useful for detecting undesired scenario's. Our database so far contains 37 monitoring techniques coming from all three sources.

5.6 User Interface of the Monitoring Planning Tool

The tool consists of several Excel sheets. The first sheet is an introductory sheet and is called Introductory Screen. The user is required here to enter some administrative information such as the name of the user, the name of the organisation he is representing, date and number of scenarios (maximum 10) he wishes to analyse and their names.

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The number of sheets following Introductory Screen depends on the number of analysed scenarios. If the user indicated in the Introductory Screen that he wishes to analyse 3 different scenarios, then there will be 3 sheets after the introductory one, called Scenario 1, Scenario 2, and Scenario 3 (See Figure 4). After the scenario analysis sheets there is one sheet showing in a concise way output of the tool (Figure 4).



Figure 4: Different Excel sheets of the monitoring tool.

The Monitoring Techniques sheet allows the user to browse through available techniques in the tool if so desired. Otherwise, this sheet does not require any action from the user and as such can be omitted from the analysis. The same holds for the Change requests sheet, which is intended for developers to track changes and improvements of the tool. If desired, the user can here also add his comments and wishes for the further developments of the tool .

In designing the tool, providing accurate information while at the same time keeping it user friendly was a top priority. Using the tool therefore requires only few actions from the user, where two main ones are here listed:

- <u>FEP Selection:</u> The user thinks of a scenario and selects the corresponding FEPs using the checkboxes on the left side of the FEP. Clicking the checkbox activates or deactivates the FEP, marking it green when active and grey when inactive.
- Scenario Analysis: The user has to press the "Refresh scenario" button in the top left corner of the Scenario. When pressing the refresh button, the tool compares the hidden parameters connected to the FEPs with the parameters related to the monitoring techniques and lists the resulting available techniques on the right side of the sheet.

5.6.1 The Introduction Screen Sheet

The Introduction Screen as previously explained, contains all basic information relevant for the documentation such as names and dates. The screen shot of the Introduction Screen is presented in Figure 5.

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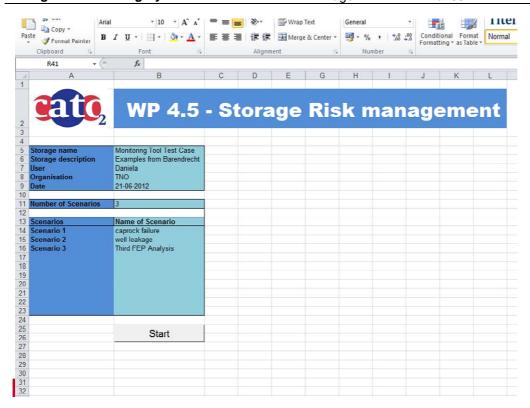


Figure 5. Screen shot of the Introduction Screen sheet of the Tool.

As can be seen in Figure 5 it is required to enter the name of the storage site, storage description, user name, organisation and date. Furthermore there is a drop-box where the number of scenarios one wishes to analyse can be selected. In the next step, the name of those scenarios can be entered (but it is not necessary).

The Introduction Screen sheet also contains one button "Start" linked to a Macro which sets the correct number of Scenario sheets in the Tool (depending of selected Number of Scenarios). It is to be noted that at least one scenario needs to be analysed. If the user first selects, for example, 4 scenarios for the analysis, but later wants to compare only two relevant scenarios, two sheets need to be deleted manually.

5.6.2 The Scenario Sheet(s)

The Scenario Sheet contains the same heading as the Introduction Screen sheet: the logo of the CATO2 project and the name of the work package within which is the tool developed. The Scenario sheet also displays the name of the particular scenario as entered in the Introduction Screen sheet.

The FEP Selection activity previously explained is part of the Scenario sheet. The Scenario sheet includes a list of the FEPs with checkboxes on the left side. Between the checkboxes and the Selected FEPs table/column is a hidden column which changes to TRUE if the checkbox is checked and FALSE if the checkbox is unchecked. Conditional formatting makes the FEPs which are TRUE green and the FEPs which are FALSE grey.

On the right side of the Selected FEPs table are 5 hidden columns (H - L) containing the parameters connected to the FEPs. That is, one FEP can be maximally connected to 5 parameters, although usually 1 or 2 will suffice.

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On the right side of the Selected FEPs table is the Monitoring Techniques table, shown in blue. This table contains a list of the monitoring techniques that match the selected FEPs i.e., the scenario under investigation. It is refreshed by using the "Refresh Scenario" button.

The Scenario Sheet also contains the "Refresh Scenario" button, which should be used as soon as the FEPs are selected. (The workings of the button are explained later in this chapter.) When no FEPs are selected, the cell below the "Refresh Scenario" button shows the warning message "Please select FEP!".

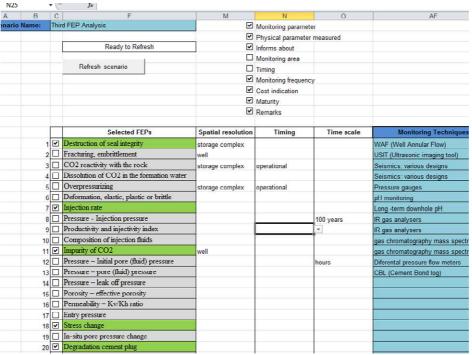


Figure 6. Screen shot of part of the Scenario sheet (here the Scenario 3, called Third FEP Analysis).

The screen shot of part of the Scenario sheet is presented in Figure 6. Between the Selected FEP column and the resulting blue Monitoring Techniques column there are three more columns: Spatial resolution, Timing and Time scale.. At this stage of the tool development those attributes are not used in the decision algorithm for the selection of appropriate monitoring techniques, but in the future they will be added to the equation.



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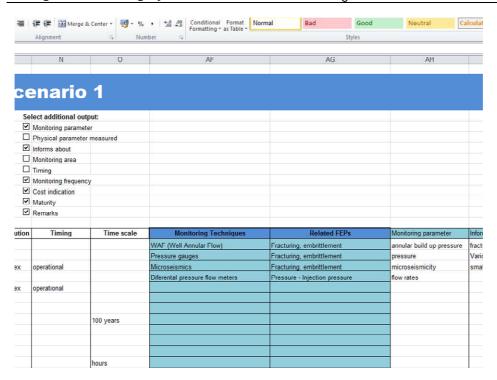


Figure 7. Alternative view of the Scenario sheet with the emphasis on the (selected) additional output.

Figure 7 shows what else, besides the resulting monitoring technique and the Related FEPs, can be printed. At this stage of the development the user can select whether he wants any additional output next to the default output marked by the blue table. Additional output gives information on the monitoring parameter, the exact physical parameter measured, what the monitoring techniques actually informs you about, what is the monitoring area, the timing, monitoring frequency, the cost indication for employing the certain technique, its maturity and it furnishes some general remarks if needed.

The inner working of the Scenario sheets can be the best understood looking at the hidden columns Q – AE (see Figure 8).

Columns S and T are just another lay out of the FEP/parameter table hidden in table H - L. Column Q is counting this layout which is Number of FEPs x 5 (since for each FEP there is maximum 5 parameters and always 5 reserved spots).

Column S is the list of FEPs where each FEP is listed 5 times according to this layout. All parameters are now listed in only one column T.

Column R indicates if those parameters are active (weather or not FEPs they belong to have been selected by the user). Active parameters are copied then into column U. Now it is easy to match active parameters from the column U to exactly the same parameters from Monitoring Techniques sheet (using functions IF, IFERROR, SMALL).

The "Refresh Scenario" button activates a Macro which is called RefreshScenario. This Macro refreshes the scenario by looking for active FEPs and parameters, prints them separately as explained and matches them to the appropriate parameters from the Monitoring Techniques sheet.

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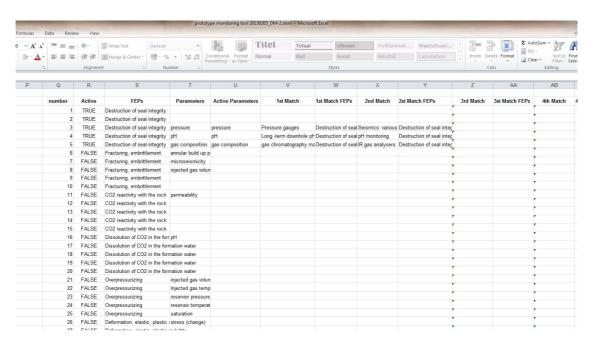


Figure 8. Hidden columns of the tool hiding the inner structure and functioning.

5.6.3 The Output Sheet

The screen shot of the output screen is presented in Figure 9. The main purpose of the sheet is to display a clean overview of results. It reviews the documentation information from the Introduction Screen sheet, and enables the user to compare resulting monitoring plans for different scenarios. In addition it is possible to hide or show FEPs related to monitoring techniques.

The Output sheet contains a button "Show Output" which is linked to the Macro under the same name. This Macro basically copies the relevant output from Scenario sheets and displays them next to each other in different shades of blue colour. Also, it copies administrative information from the Introduction screen sheet to output sheet.

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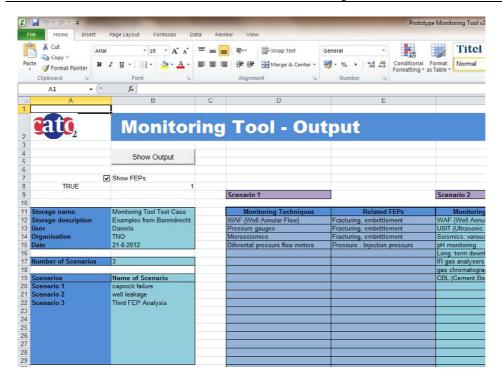


Figure 9. Screen shot of the Output sheet. Clear presentation of results.

5.6.4 The Monitoring Techniques Sheet

The sheet located on the right of the last Scenario sheet, is called Monitoring Techniques. This sheet represents data base for monitoring techniques. It contains one column listing all the monitoring techniques and one column listing the corresponding monitoring parameters. This means that if more parameters are connected to the same monitoring techniques, these monitoring techniques will be listed more than once in the corresponding column (C). Next to this two columns, a monitoring techniques table contains also additional information as explained in chapter 5.3. Part of the data base is displayed in Figure 2.

5.7 Graph of the Tool

Figure 10 shows a simple graphical overview of the Tool. Start Process implies entering documentation information. The two steps of the user input, both on the Scenario(s) sheet, are shown in purple. The databases containing the FEPs and the monitoring techniques and their parameters are shown in dark blue. The processes of matching the FEPs and the monitoring techniques and showing the output are shown in light blue.

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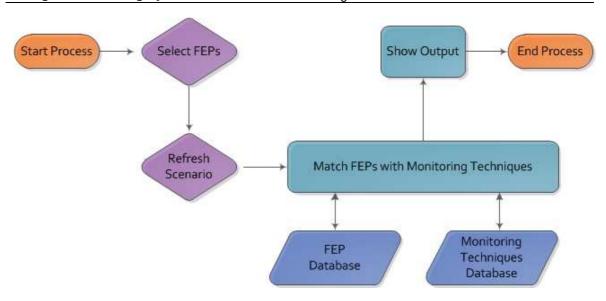


Figure 10: Graphical representation of the Tool. The start and the end of the process are shown in orange. User input is shown in purple. The processes are shown in light blue and the two databases are shown in dark blue.

5.8 Tool Demonstration – The Barendrecht Case

Although the Barendrecht project was cancelled at an early stage, the risk analysis and monitoring plan were already completed beforehand [7 and 8]. The Barendrecht monitoring plan is, at the moment, the most comprehensive monitoring plan for CO₂ injection in the Netherlands available (Environmental Impact Assessment: Underground storage of CO2 in Barendrecht & Concept Mornitoringsplan voor CO₂-emissiehandel). It was developed by Shell for intended geological CO₂ storage near Barendrecht. Many of the FEPs included in this version of the tool have been derived from the Barendrecht project.

The extensive information about the Barendrecht project has been used to demonstrate the effectiveness of the monitoring planning tool. We will not concentrate on the entire monitoring plan for Barendrecht, but only at a specific scenario with the aim of checking if our monitoring tool handles the scenario correctly.

For this purpose, a scenario from the Barendrecht monitoring plan has been analysed and recreated in the monitoring planning tool. By looking at the output of the tool and comparing it to the monitoring plan from Barendrecht, we can see whether our results match the outcomes of the Barendrecht case. In the following sections we first briefly describe the chosen scenario and the Barendrecht monitoring plan for the scenario.

5.8.1 Scenario Description

The scenario from the Barendrecht monitoring plan that we used to test the monitoring planning tool is a caprock failure due to a mechanical or chemical threat. This mechanical and chemical threat is defined as following:



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Mechanical threat

A huge pressure change in the reservoir (due to gas production and CO_2 injection) can lead to an attack on the seal integrity. Furthermore, over-pressurization of the reservoir (due to too high injection rate or the overfilling of the reservoir) can do the same thing. Local over-pressuring due to reservoir inhomogeneity, density change or phase change can also lead to failure of seal integrity.

Chemical threat

The geochemical reaction of CO₂ (also CO₂ dissolved in water) with minerals from the caprock can change permeability leading to a leakage of the caprock and hence a caprock failure.

5.8.2 The Barendrecht Monitoring Plan

This paragraph contains an excerpt from the Barendrecht monitoring plan relevant for a caprock failure of a mechanical or chemical nature.

In order to make sure that injecting of CO_2 is not causing fracturing of the seal continuous monitoring and control of injection pressure and flow is required. Yearly measurements of in-situ pressure for correlation and calibration of surface pressure and regular testing of injectivity are needed.

In order to make sure that the injected CO_2 is pure and dry, the continuous measurement of CO_2 (gas) components and analysis is needed. In addition, monitoring the injected CO_2 is required to be sure that pressure during and after CO_2 injection stays lower than initial reservoir pressure. Yearly measurements of the downhole (bottom hole) pressure are needed.

Furthermore, the monitoring plan should be designed in such a way to be able to detect leakage via the caprock by using mass balance techniques and following the CO_2 (and brine) migration via seismic measurements (if needed – when the mass balance technique is showing irregularities). If CO_2 is leaking, impact zones should be determined and CO_2 measurements in water and atmosphere should be applied.

5.8.3 List of FEPs

The following list contains the first 19 from total 53 FEPs which are included in the current version of the tool. According the the caprock failure scenario these FEPs will be selected as input for the monitoring planning tool.

- 66 Destruction of seal integrity
- 4 Fracturing, embrittlement
- 291 CO2 reactivity with the rock
- 620 Dissolution of CO2 in the formation water
- 79 Overpressurizing
- 425 Deformation, elastic, plastic or brittle
- 174 Injection rate
- 377 Pressure Injection pressure
- 560 productivity and injectivity index
- 672 Composition of injection fluids
- 299 Impurity of CO2
- 282 Pressure Initial pore (fluid) pressure
- 287 Pressure pore (fluid) pressure
- 545 Pressure leak off pressure

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362 Porosity – effective porosity360 Permeability – Kv/Kh ratio

666 Entry pressure

2 Stress change

32 In-situ pore pressure change

Formation of scenarios using FEPs (and/or grouping FEPs)

The following combinations of FEPs can lead to a caprock failure and hence CO_2 leakage. The first two situations, fracturing and overfilling/overpressurizing, are examples of mechanical threats. The last situation, dealing with CO_2 reactivity with rock and the composition of injection fluid are examples of a chemical threat.

 $32 + 4 + 66 = CO_2$ leakage $32 + 2 + 287 + 282 + 4 + 545 + 66 = CO_2$ leakage

} Fracturing

174 + 79 + 66 = CO2 leakage 174 + 377 + 560 + 79 + 66 = CO₂ leakage } Overfilling, overpressurizing

291 + 66 + CO2 leakage 672 + 299 + 291 + 360 + 66 = CO₂ leakage 291 + (299) + 620 + 360 + 66 = CO₂ leakage

} Chemical threat

5.8.4 Results of the Tool

The following screenshots of the tool in Figure 11 are representing the results for a caprock failure scenario due to a chemical threat. At the first sheet (Scenario) one can see (part of) the list of FEPs and selected FEPs for caprock failure scenario due to a chemical threat and on the right one can see among the other things the monitoring techniques associated with these FEPs. The Output sheet presents the same result in a comprehensive way. In the previous version of the tool, the result was just a list of the monitoring techniques. Since this time we have chosen to show next to the monitoring technique also all the FEPs associated to it, the resulting list contains some duplicates (because different FEPs can be associated to the same parameter). Also if two different parameters lead to same monitoring method, it will be displayed in two separate times. This tool gives the same result as the previous tool, only that here FEPs parameters that were not matched to any monitoring techniques' parameter were shown as well (at the end of table, marked by red colour).

The resulting techniques are routine analytical techniques for gas measurements and standard pH monitoring techniques. These are also mentioned in the Barendrecht monitoring plan, albeit worded differently.

It can also be seen that the complex FEP "destruction of seal integrity" brings with it the suggestion to use seismic methods and pressure monitoring. It is true that these techniques can be used to measure the destruction of seal integrity, although this might not necessarily be caused by a chemical threat but rather as a result of a mechanical threat. Chemical threat is basically going to be monitored only by gas measurements and pH monitoring.

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			₹	Monitoring frequency	v				
				Cost indication					
			₹	Maturity					
				Remarks					
	FEP nr	Selected FEPs	Spatial resolution	Timing	Time scale	Monitoring Techniques	Related FEPs	Monitoring parameter	Informs about
1 🗹	66	Destruction of seal integrity	reservoir			Seismics: various designs	Destruction of seal integrity	pressure	geological structure, faults, cap rock thickness, fracture
2 🗆	4	Fracturing, embrittlement	well			Pressure gauges	Destruction of seal integrity	pressure	Various pressure values (in the reservoir, well, entery pre
3 🗹	291	CO2 reactivity with the rock	storage complex	operational		pH monitoring	Destruction of seal integrity	pH	formation water pH correlates to amount of disolved CO
4 🗹	620	Dissolution of CO2 in the formation water				pH monitoring	Dissolution of CO2 in the formation water	pH	formation water pH correlates to amount of disolved CO
5 🗆	79	Overpressurizing	storage complex	operational		Long -term downhole pH	Destruction of seal integrity	pH	formation water pH correlates to amount of disolved CO
6 🗆	425	Deformation, elastic, plastic or brittle				Long -term downhole pH	Dissolution of CO2 in the formation water	pH	formation water pH correlates to amount of disolved CO2
7 🗆	174	Injection rate				IR gas analysers	Destruction of seal integrity	gas composition	gas composition
8 🗆	377	Pressure - Injection pressure			months	IR gas analysers	Composition of injection fluids	gas composition	gas composition
9 🗆	560	Productivity and injectivity index				IR gas analysers	Impurity of CO2	gas composition	gas composition
10 🗹	672	Composition of injection fluids				gas chromatography mass spectroscopy	Destruction of seal integrity	gas composition	gas composition
11 🗹	299	Impurity of CO2	storage complex			gas chromatography mass spectroscopy	Composition of injection fluids	gas composition	gas composition
12 🗆	282	Pressure - Initial pore (fluid) pressure			hours	gas chromatography mass spectroscopy	Impurity of CO2	gas composition	gas composition
13 🗆	287	Pressure - pore (fluid) pressure	I .			No Match: Permeability - KwKh ratio	Permeability – KwKh ratio		
14 🗆	545	Pressure – leak off pressure				No Match: permeability	CO2 reactivity with the rock		
15 🗆	362	Porosity - effective porosity							
16 🗹	360	Permeability - Kv/Kh ratio							
17 🗆	666	Entry pressure							
18 🗆	2	Stress change							
19 🗆	32	In-situ pore pressure change							
20 🗆	263	Degradation cement plug							
21 🗆	268	Cement degradation							
22 🗆	269	Corrosion							
23 🗆	308	Well integrity attack (fracture)							

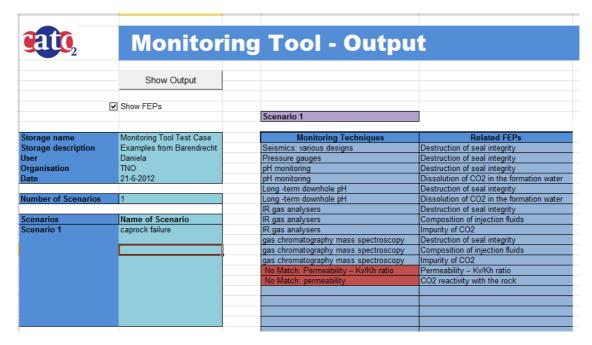


Figure 11. Result of the test case of the monitoring tool of Barendrecht seal failure scenario. Scenario and Output sheets.

5.9 Work in Progress

5.9.1 Quality check of indirect connections FEPs – Monitoring techniques

The novelty and complexity of the CO2 sequestration process brings up the question to which extent it is possible to account for all relevant scenarios, sub-scenarios, FEPs interconnections and how to monitor that. The additional experience and insight in CCS with its practical implementation can result in new FEPs and/or new monitoring techniques. For the tool to remain



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useful, it is therefore important that the quality control of underlying information is regularly performed. Also it is important that the tool can be easily updated. Regular updates of the database for the monitoring techniques and updates of FEP connections monitoring parameters are expected. This can be done by the designer of the tool, but possibly also by the user itself, making sure that the workings of the tool are not negatively affected in the process. The creation of a user friendly process of updating the tool will be part of the next update. At this version there is a space for the user to leave his comments in the last sheet Change Request. Here the user can also request developing of new features or installing certain updates.

5.9.2 Using (and providing) extra Information

The detailed information included in the monitoring techniques database can be used to make a more specific selection based on the spatial distribution, the timing and the costs associated with the monitoring techniques. Selections could be made using drop boxes and filters. Also the possibility of additional questionnaires for some specific issues might be implemented (such as questions to determine what is a best design for a seismic acquisition).

5.9.3 Emphasising Mandatory monitoring according to the EU Directive

The EU Directive on CCS contains specifications about the monitoring plan, which should be based on a risk assessment. The parameters to be monitored are identified so as to fulfil the purposes of monitoring. According to the EU Storage Directive the plan shall in any case include continuous or intermittent monitoring of the following items (see Section 4.2.1):

- a) fugitive emissions of CO₂ at the injection facility;
- b) CO₂ volumetric flow at injection wellheads:
- c) CO₂ pressure and temperature at injection wellheads (to determine mass flow);
- d) chemical analysis of the injected material;
- e) reservoir temperature and pressure (to determine CO₂ phase behaviour and state).

Each of these items can be connected to monitoring parameters. So far, in the final output of the tool under the column 'remarks' it is only indicated whether the chosen monitoring method is mandatory according to EU directive. We assume now that risk assessment will identify parameters that are obligatory according to EU storage directive, but in the future the tool will display always all mandatory parameters and monitoring methods in compliance with the EU storage Directive.

5.9.4 Introducing Required and/or Contingency monitoring plan

In Chapter 4.3.1 three monitoring categories have been introduced (Mandatory, Required and Contingency). Accordingly, the tool should specify which type of monitoring plan it suggests. In order to do that, we need to introduce additional rules. The risk level of the scenario's is the criterion to decide whether the suggested monitoring techniques belong to a Required or Contingency monitoring plan. In general risk based monitoring is concerned only with the scenarios perceived as low and medium-risks. If scenarios were identified as a high risk, it is a show stopper and therefore there is no need for a monitoring plan. In practice, negligible-risk scenarios can be omitted from the monitoring plan. For the low-risk scenarios it is required that either consequences of the leakage are monitored or migration from the containment. For the scenarios with the risk level medium, rules are different: required monitoring includes monitoring of causes, barriers and consequences of a leakage while migration is part of the contingency plan. In order to include this classifications and criteria (deduced from [8]) into the tool, we need

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to introduce additional characterisation of FEPs and also to include risk level of scenarios. We need to classify either FEPs or parameters as initiating, impact or migration ones.

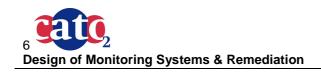
5.9.5 Generating the list of Tools and displaying the results

Compared to the previous version of the tool, generating the list of Tools and displaying the results has been improved but it is still not satisfactory. Although displaying one monitoring method several times in the list of results can be useful to get the overview of the risks it can monitor, it is not an elegant solution. The user should be able to view the list of tools without duplicates. Also, displaying additional information is sometimes in a sub-optimal format. That needs to be corrected.

In the next stage of development of the tool, these improvements must be taken into account and the final monitoring plan should be concise and without redundancies. The final output could be in a form of clickable table with links to detailed explanation and some technical details.

5.9.6 Developing online web interface

For user convenience and as a continuation of the CASSIF risk assessment, it has been decided to enable online use of the Monitoring Tool. For that purpose, a new source code (either php or java) needs to be developed using the Excel tool as a blue print.



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6 Conclusion

In a broad sense *Risk management* acts as the central driver for all safety related activities, just as stipulated by the EU guidelines. Although developing a risk management plan in itself is not a legal requirement, most of the components (site characterisation, risk assessment, monitoring and preventive and corrective measures) are required by the CCS Directive.

To facilitate this process, a monitoring planning tool has been developed which results in a list of possible monitoring techniques based on user (experts) defined scenarios and risk factors. The tool has been designed as a logical continuation of the risk and safety assessment performed by experts using the CASSIF process. The tool can be part of a risk management framework which enables communication between the risk analysis results and the monitoring strategy.

The Tool has been built in Excel and consists of several Excel sheets. It has been designed as a supporting tool helping and advising the users on how to design a reliable and cost effective monitoring plan. The tool has been built around a database with risk factors and parameters and a database with monitoring techniques and parameters. The tool is driven by site-specific characteristics and selected scenarios with risk factors (FEPs). A test run "mimicking" the Barendrecht monitoring plan shows that the monitoring tool developed here is a feasible development..

In the future, additional functionality, such as information about the risk level and the time and space frames of the scenarios and FEPs will be taken into account. It will be also possible to design different monitoring plans (required and contingency) and mandatory monitoring will be separately displayed. In the next step, the tool will be developed as a web application.

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