Based on a decade of research, Jilin Oilfield has achieved significant progress in CCS-EOR technology, including natural gas decarburization, miscible mechanism of CO₂ and oil, CO₂ flooding monitoring and dynamic, zonal CO₂ injection, well-bore corrosion control, high-efficiency lifting, long-distance transportation and injection, cyclic re-injection of post-flooded CO₂, analysis and evaluation of CO₂ storage as well as CO₂ flood potential.

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Since 2005, China has initiated comprehensive planning and deployment of CCUS (CCS-EOR) and has listed the technology into its “National Program” as 973 and 863 respectively. CNPC launched research and pilot test of CCS-EOR in Jilin Oilfield in 2007 and has put CCS-EOR into industrial application at 69 well groups. CNPC has also established the State-level CCS-EOR Technology R&D Center and Demonstration Base.

The CCS-EOR project of Jilin Oilfield boasts its unique advantage of CO₂ source about 50 kilometers far from Changling Gas Field, where the CO₂ content of produced gas is 22.5%. Some additional CO₂ is those captured from flue gas of chemical plants such as methanol and fertilizer plants.

- CO₂ reserves in Changling Gas Field is 12.56 billion cubic meters.
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