

## What happens to the injected CO<sub>2</sub> after the project has finished?

Generally, CO<sub>2</sub> storage site closure needs approval by the responsible operating agent. The liability thereof for the storage site, including specific legal obligations, will be negotiated between the government and the operating agent. Once a consensus has been reached on who assumes liability after abandonment process. The storage site will be transferred to the competent authority.

After the CO<sub>2</sub> storage project has finished, the wells will be closed which will be monitored timeously. In nature, over long time periods, the CO<sub>2</sub> stored slowly reacts with mineral matter to form stable compounds and can be retained for up to millions of years. Once this mineral carbonation has occurred, the CO<sub>2</sub> stored would not be released to the atmosphere.