

# Process Based Feasible Geo-engineering Measure to Counter Global Warming

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## Abstract

A process developed for eradication of polluting gas namely carbon dioxide, which becomes killer gas under high concentration in open wells etc and patented. It is described here as one of its manifestation for application as *geo-engineering* measure to counter global warming. The process and product named *geoact ca-5*, is simple and feasible to organize and commission its application to eradicate without any risk of side adverse effect or after effects, the GHGs such as CO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>, which become main cause of global warming and acid rain, respectively, can be eradicated. This method overcomes all likely limitations associated with other geo-engineering measures mooted to counter global warming. The new method is supported by the research data. Delphi method for multiple attribute evaluation of different geo-engineering alternatives thought over to be applicable to counter global warming, fulfilment of requirements of an ideal innovation for is diffusion and fulfilment of role of patent etc go in strong favour of adoption of this method over the others. Another manifestation viz. entrap and eradicate devised in the study will go long way in automatic eradication of excess CO<sub>2</sub> without any foreseen danger of over eradication. Large scale application of *geoact ca-5* can be implemented by peoples' participation. Some research areas are identified.

**Keywords:** Acid rain; Eradication of polluting gas; Geo-engineering measures to counter global warming; Polluting gas; Peoples' participation; Tree plantation

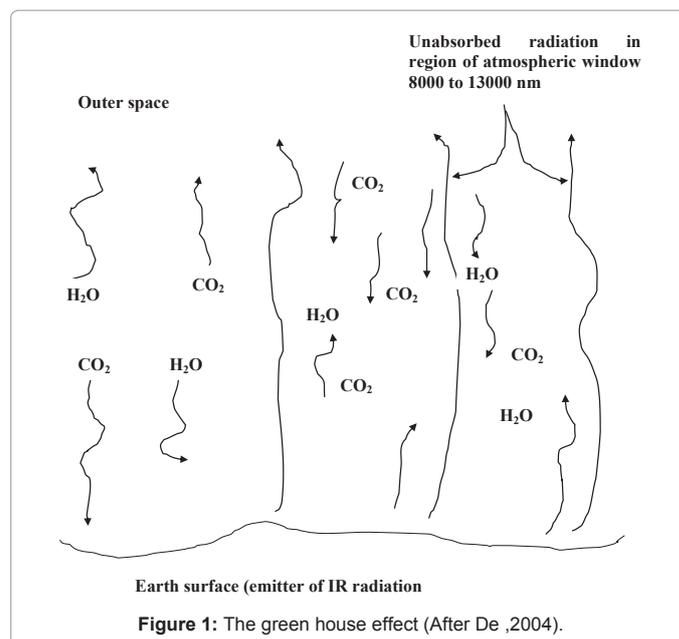
## Introduction

Global warming and climate change are topics of concern world over. The global warming potential is the warming impact of a green house gas (GHG). The green house gases are trace gases present in atmosphere that control energy flow in the atmosphere by absorbing infra-red radiation. Some GHGs occur naturally while others result from human activities called as anthropogenic GHG. There are six GHGs under the Kyoto Protocol i.e. carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), per fluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>). The CO<sub>2</sub> is the most important GHG released by human activities. The CO<sub>2</sub> is taken as reference case and hence it always has global warming potential (GWP) of 1. The GWP changes with time and IPCC has suggested using 100 year GWP for comparison purposes. The 100 year GWP for the six trace GHGs are: CO<sub>2</sub>, 1; CH<sub>4</sub>, 21; N<sub>2</sub>O, 310; HFCs, 150-11700; PFCs, 650-9200 and SF<sub>6</sub>, 23900.

Figure 1 shows the CO<sub>2</sub> releasing anthropogenic sources. Industries, power plants, marshy lands, paddy fields, lakes, ponds and animals are the major contributors. This pictorial view reveals occurrence of CO<sub>2</sub> in the bottom layers that provides an opportunity for easy eradication. CO<sub>2</sub> has maximum density among the gases and it tries to displace the other light gases up and settles in the bottom most layer of the space. The natural respiratory releases are not accounted for. Likewise, Figure 2 shows the CO<sub>2</sub> in sink terms i.e. used by plants and vegetation including forests and sea. The plants do not perform photosynthesis in absence of the Sun light that means the sink by plant becomes un functional and there occurs flooding of CO<sub>2</sub> on rainy, cloudy and Sun shine less days and during the nights. Largely the concentration of the CO<sub>2</sub> is the maximum during foggy and cloudy mornings that too near the ground.

Levels of heat trapping green house gas viz. Carbon dioxide has been increasing steadily since 1960 due to combustion of fossil fuels viz. coals, oils and natural gas. The net effects are noticed in alteration

of climate of regions; causing hydrologic extremes of floods and droughts, melting glaciers and rising of sea level etc. Several researchers have predicted by mathematical models, the rise in temperature and

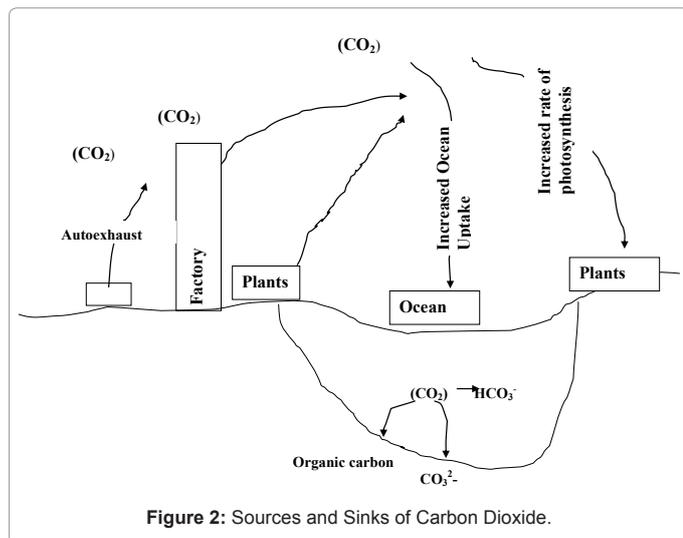


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indicated possibility of rise in sea-level leading to submergence of low-lying countries, rapid destruction of ozone layer above Antarctica in 1985 and chlorofluorocarbon (CFC's) free the chlorine bind with oxygen. Wide spread effects of global warming are noticed in form of extreme occurrence of floods and droughts. The severity of global warming in the Polar Regions and damage to the ozone layer are of pondering concern. Baskin [1] presented details of various geo-engineering approaches, their advantages and likely disadvantages, which need national and international backing for their applications and generation of research base. Although, among the referred geo-engineering measures viz. planting trees, fertilizing oceans, and other schemes, have research base, several other measures namely, placement of sun shield in to atmosphere, adding soot or dust to the atmosphere and adding sulphur particles above ocean are speculative on their effects and lack research base. The effectiveness and longevity of effects of the geo-engineering measures are not free from scientific debate. Further, the measures largely remain far from reach with respect to feasibility of application and cost.

The usual concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is 0.033 ppmv (Table 1) which is generally not noticed as it is non lethal, colourless and odourless. However, at its higher concentration, it becomes killer gas. In India many deaths in open wells that occurred due to this problem were reported by police stations frequently. In eradication of lethal concentration of this killer gas viz. CO<sub>2</sub>, a low cost process based method was developed. The method is free from scientific flaw, feasible to apply results conforming instant eradication and lends itself to various manifestations to eradicate carbon dioxide and sulphur dioxide, which are major polluting gases, both produced anthropological and that produced by non anthropological sources. The new eradicated process does not cause the after effects or any side effect or several disadvantages associated with other geo-engineering measures thought over to counter the global warming [1]. Yadav [2] presented utility and application of this manifestation for combating problem of acid rain. Pollution in open or enclosed columnar staking of polluting gases viz. CO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> exist on or off site that cause global warming. The objective of this study was to evaluate this manifestation to counter the global warming and compare in contrast with the known or mooted other geo-engineering measures for this purpose.

Presented here is the comparison with other feasible or non feasible geo-engineering measures thought over to counter global warming

and prevention of destruction of ozone layer. Analytical answer to the question for thought and discussion documented by Baskin [1] for example, "Suppose that scientists determine that global warming is occurring and that drought and storms from climate change in the next decade will likely devastate farmlands throughout Africa, Asia and the United States. The experts predict, however, that some areas such as Russia, Scandinavia and Canada may benefit from global warming as crop growing regions shift farther north. Under these circumstances would you favour attempting Geo-engineering Projects? If so which one? What group of individual should have the authority to decide whether to go forward with the project? How should disagreement on the issue between nations be handled?", are also presented.

## Materials and Method

### Chemical reactions

Polluting gas such as CO<sub>2</sub> causes green house effect that restricts reflected light from the Earth, which raises temperature of atmosphere above the Earth's surface. Another problem caused by the other polluting gas such as SO<sub>2</sub> is the acid rain [3]. Chemical reactions that cause acid rains are described in detail in [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acid\\_rain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acid_rain), [4], Seinfeld and Pandis [5] and Yadav [2].

### Experimental details

Research carried out from 1995 to 2006 for identifying the gas that becomes killer gas in open wells and finding its control measure, lead to development of the process for eradication of polluting gas and grant of patent. Nevertheless, brief description of the method is given here to make the subject of development of the manifestation comprehensible. The research was carried out in a well located close to the forest in deep gullies at Chhalesar, District Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India (78°-02' E, 27°-10' N and 169 m above mean sea level). The well was equipped with centrifugal pump installation and incidence presence of a poisonous gas was identified as CO<sub>2</sub> by testing it by lighting lantern method. A method was devised to eradicate toxic gas present in the well in Sept 1999.

The problem of occurrence of the killer gas was again noticed on August 23, 2001. These gases were again ascertained by the flaming method of testing. The gases in both the instances were found as the CO<sub>2</sub>. Continuous flaming essentially requires continuous supply of oxygen and flame will get extinguished in absence of oxygen and presence of carbon dioxide. The level of gas in the well was ascertained by hanging lighting lantern. The lighting lantern got extinguished after reaching some depth. After ascertaining the level of CO<sub>2</sub>, eradication of gas was carried out by preparing and applying the process. As an extra precaution, another round of the *Geoact-Ca5* application was performed to eradicate CO<sub>2</sub> emitted by the flaming lantern used for testing of presence of gas during the experimentation. The entire operation of application of the product and process was carried out for eradication of the polluting killer gas in the well in the presence of Scientists, Technical Officers, Technicians, skilled and unskilled

Types of gases	Composition, ppmv
Nitrogen	78.08
Oxygen	20.94
Argon	0.93
Carbon dioxide	0.033
Neon, helium, methane, krypton, xenon, hydrogen, nitrous oxide, water vapour, smoke and dust	Traces

**Table 1:** Composition of gases in the biosphere.

labourers working at the Research Centre (Table 2). Complete eradication of the gas was verified up to the full satisfaction of those present at the site. Next day the pump repairing work was completed and irrigation started without any trouble.

### Assessment of suitability by multiple attribute consideration of the geo-engineering measures

Delphi method is a progressive procedure to develop reasoned consensus from different perspective and opinions [6]. The factors listed in Table 3 were assigned weightage. Four factors viz. free from land need, feasibility, lowest cost, and no risk were assigned equal importance (weightage of 100). The other four factors namely, free from side effect, free from after effect, research base and scope for peoples' participation were assigned again equal weightage of 50 each.

The weightage factors were normalized as per the Delphi method. The sums of weighted performance for the attributes were evaluated. The highest sum of the weighted attributes was taken as choice for selecting measure for application.

### Results

Flaming lantern when lowered in the well got extinguished that confirmed presence and level of toxic and suffocating killer gas in the well. The lantern flamed only up to some depth in the well; it indicated type and level of existence of gas. Extinguishing of lantern confirmed that the gas was CO<sub>2</sub>. Table 2 contains details of well and various operations. Gas was almost full in the well as indicated by the flaming lantern and another strong flaming object lowered in the well that got extinguished.

S.No	Particulars	Units	Quantity
1	Diameter of well	m	2
2	Depth of well	m	20
3	Level of flaming lantern	m	5
4	Level of strong flame extinguished	m	8
5	Level of gas from the top	m	5
6	Level of gas after first round of application of Geoact-Ca5	m	16
7	Level of gas after second round of Geoact-Ca5 application	m	20
8	Gas eradication rate per round	m	7.5
9	Cost of gas eradication per instance of gas presence in well	Rs	5

1US \$=INR 48/ (Approximate)

Table 2: Details of particulars of well and eradication operation.

Proposal	Benefit	Drawbacks
Planting trees	Trees work as carbon sink. If grown, trees will provide fuel for electric powerplants that would otherwise use coal.	Massive area of land would be required. Many trees would require fertilizer and irrigation, which might deplete scarce water supply and increase pollution. Importing non native trees attract non native insect and other life that would disrupt the native ecosystem.  Though not visualized by many conservationists, the trees would cause temporary CO <sub>2</sub> flooding during prolonged rainy, cloudy and winter sunshine less days.
Stimulating phytoplankton growth by dumping iron in to ocean	More phytoplankton could help reduce global warming as some CO <sub>2</sub> from the earth's atmosphere is absorbed by plants, that eventually sink in the sea bed.	The plan would require fertilizing large area of ocean and effort would probably not last for long. Excess phytoplankton growth would likely disrupt ocean food chain or cause other harmful effect. Bacteria feeding on dead phytoplankton might remove large amount of oxygen from the water.  Such micro organisms will also emit more respiratory CO <sub>2</sub> , especially during sunshine less periods.
Adding soot or dust to the atmosphere	Soot and dust would help reduce global warming by blocking some sunlight.	The effect would not last long and dust would require constant supply. Dust particle in the atmosphere might provide additional surface for ozone destroying chemical reactions, leading to greater ozone depletion. The effect would not be uniform around globe.
Launching sunshield in the atmosphere.	The sunshield could help slow global warming as the new clouds block and reflect some sun lights.	To be effective the sunshield would be so large that they would be very expensive, difficult to launch, and difficult or impossible to control.
Adding sulphur particles to the air above ocean to make cloud formation there.	The particles could help slow global warming as new particles block and reflect some sunlight.	The sulphur particles might wash back to the earth in form of acid rain, killing marine life and harming plants. The effect would not be uniform around globe.
This method, " Process for eradication of polluting gas" **	It is simple, feasible, eradicates CO <sub>2</sub> instantly and converts in to inert materials. It is applicable for eradication both at site and off site polluting gases. It can be applied without use of extra power, electricity, and at remote sites. Various manifestations are devised to eradicate the polluting gas on land terrains forests, in lakes, ponds, marshy land, glaciers ecosystem which can be easily accessed. opensky and enclosures such as cave, wells, aero plane, cabins, basements rooms and cinema halls etc.	It has no foreseen limitations and side effects.  It can be applied as per need after noticing any occurrence of concentration becoming a killer gas.  Further, this method eliminates several limitations associated with other geo-engineering methods describe in this table.

• The source of information given in table for other than the last method are based on information given by Baskin, 1996.

\*\* The Process has been patented.

Table 3: Comparative benefits and drawbacks of geo-engineering proposal to counter global warming.

Rate of eradication of the gas was about 7 m/round of eradication process performed. It completely eradicated the CO<sub>2</sub> at the experimental site. The lantern kept flaming in the well that confirmed complete eradication of the CO<sub>2</sub> from the well. The cost of material used for eradication was just Rs 5 only (10 cent approximately)/event of complete eradication.

The first round of operation reduced level of CO<sub>2</sub> to almost half of the level it was present in the well. Second round completely eradicated CO<sub>2</sub> from the well. The CO<sub>2</sub> present in the well got converted into non reactive amorphous product and eradicated from the well. When the CO<sub>2</sub> got eradicated suffocation of persons when entered in the well did not occur and they were able to carry out repairing work as usual. Thus, pumping set could be brought in operation after the rainy season.

The particular gas again reoccurred on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2001 in the same well. The gas was noticed by workers who entered for repairing of pumping set as they got suffocated. This incidence was taken as an opportunity for validation of the simple method developed for eradication of the killer gas in the wells in the region. The basic material was again procured from the market. Entire operation was conducted again in presence of scientists, technical officers and workers at the farm to prove the functioning of the process so developed, beyond doubt and full satisfaction of different groups of people. Thus the process works very well to eradicate the gas CO<sub>2</sub>, which is almost 50% responsible for causing green house effect to cause global warming.

Although the process has been experimentally demonstrated to eradicate CO<sub>2</sub>, it is equally applicable for eradication of SO<sub>2</sub> leading to

formation of SO<sub>3</sub> and by converting it in to CaSO<sub>4</sub>. The CaSO<sub>4</sub> works as an amendment in the acid soil. Thus, air pollutant which causes acid rain is converted into a useful product by application of the process.

The new process of eradication of GHGs presented in this study which is manifested later as *geoact-ca5* was compared from different aspects as given in Table 3 and 4. [Http://en.wikipedia/](http://en.wikipedia/) diffusion of innovation [7] prescribed necessary characteristics *viz.* relative advantage, compatibility, complexity or simplicity, trial ability and observability as important inbuilt characteristics for diffusion of innovation. All these specific features are intrinsically built in the product and process presented in this study.

The weighted performance of the new process for eradication of polluting gas was the highest (93.76) followed by the tree planting (46.67) to counter global warming (Table 5). Other geo-engineering measures were almost on similar level of performance under the evaluation. Other geo-engineering measure lack on account of performance (under 30) of attributes namely feasibility, cost and involvement of risks.

## Discussion

### Discussion of results

From the chemical reactions involved in the process of air pollution it is clear that CO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> can be eradicated by application of the product and process *Geoact-Ca5* developed in this study. The web site [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acid\\_rain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acid_rain) [4] reported that 70Tg(S) per year in the form of SO<sub>2</sub> comes from fossil fuel combustion

Geo engineering proposals	Benefits	Drawbacks
Sending large electrified metal screen in to the upper atmosphere above Antarctica.	Electron released from the screen will combine with the chlorine atoms for CFC to prevent atoms from destroying ozone.	The screen might not vrelease enough electrons to be effective.
Adding propane gas to the upper atmosphere above Antarctica	Propane would react chemically with chlorine atoms and prevent atoms from destroying ozone.	Byproducts of bromine Chlorine reaction might produce other molecules that might free more chlorine atoms.
Destroying the CFC in the atmosphere by blasting them with beams from high power laser mounted on mountain tops.	The laser could eliminate CFC before the molecules begin to destroy ozone.	Laser technology to shoot CFC molecules out of sky does not exist as yet and will probably require vast amount of energy.
This process for eradication of polluting gas**	It will have neutral effect on preventing action of CFC. It will neutralize chlorine atom if suitable manifestation for application is developed.	Nothing is known.

• The source of information given in table for other than the last method are based on information given by Baskin, 1996.

\*\* The Process has been patented.

**Table 4:** Benefits and drawbacks of geo-engineering proposal to counter ozone depletion.

S.No.	Attributes	Weightage	Normalised weightage	Alternative geo-engineering measures to counter global warming					
				Forestry	Stimulating phytoplankton growth	Adding soot and dust	Launching sun shield	Adding sulphur particles	This method- Process of eradication of polluting gases
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
1	Free from 1and need	100	0.1667	0(0)	95(15.84)**	95(15.84)	95(15.84)	95(15.84)	95(15.84)
2	Feasibility	100	0.1667	85(14.17)	25(4.17)	25(4.17)	25(4.17)	30(5.00)	100(16.67)
3	Free from excessive cost	100	0.1667	50(8.34)	10(1.67)	10(1.67)	10(1.67)	10(1.67)	90(15.00)
4	Free from risk	100	0.1667	25(4.17)	20(1.67)	15(2.5)	10(1.67)	10(1.67)	90(15.00)
5	Free from side effect	50	0.0833	50(4.17)	10(0.83)	10(0.83)	10(0.83)	10(0.83)	90(7.50)
6	Free from after adverse effect	50	0.0833	80(6.66)	40(3.33)	30(2.50)	30(2.50)	20(1.67)	95(7.92)
7	Supported with research base	50	0.0833	100(8.33)	10(0.83)	10(0.83)	10(0.83)	10(0.83)	90(7.50)
8	Scope for peoples' participation	50	0.0833	60(5.00)	0	0	0	0	100(8.33)
	Total	600	1.00	(46.67)	(26.67)	(28.34)	(26.68)	(27.51)	<b>(93.76)</b>

59(15.84)\*\* Assigned performance score (weighted performance score)

**Table 5:** Evaluation of multi attribute factors for the geo-engineering alternatives to counter global warming by Delphi technique.

and industry, 2.8Tg(S) from wild fires and 7-8Tg(S) per year from volcanoes. While some efforts have been made to reduce emission of SO<sub>2</sub> from combustion of fossil fuels and development of green coal for use in the generation plants, the contribution of SO<sub>2</sub> emission by the wild fires and the volcanoes do pose the problem. There have been some ways to reduce the SO<sub>2</sub> released by the fossil fuel and combustions viz. wet scrubbing and other developments. There has been no method to reduce the risks of SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from natural/accidental causes, where the polluting gas cannot be brought to the controlled reaction chambers. The development of product and process *Geoact-Ca5* enables eradication of polluting gases present in the atmosphere *insitu* as and where is basis.

The cost of materials used is very low, it does not involve electrical energy for product processing and application and facilitates its large scale application. The cost and organizing of activity for coverage of any given area will be proportional to the size of area. For site specific small area eradication, the cost of material and application is very little. Since the problem of acid rain is a global, efforts on eradication when taken on global basis would be very effective.

Scientific reports indicate that lakes are strong contributors of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere [8]. The lakes can be treated to convert CO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>3</sub> in at suitable intervals to form CaCO<sub>3</sub> and CaSO<sub>4</sub>, which will improve the quality of water worsened by the acid rain that has already occurred or that may occur intermittently in the intervening period of eradication exercises. Further, set-up has been developed to entrap and eradicate [9] the CO<sub>2</sub> in the lake to control the contribution of CO<sub>2</sub> by the lakes to the atmosphere.

Methane and nitrous oxides are long lived natural trace gases that account for nearly 20% anticipated atmospheric global warming. Mosier et al. [10] reported the methane uptake and N<sub>2</sub>O emission by native grass and fertiliser application condition and Majumdar, et al. [11] that in fertilized wheat. The study revealed that nitrogenous fertilizer decrease uptake of methane and increase N<sub>2</sub>O flux to the atmosphere. Desert soils are significant contributors to global CH<sub>4</sub> soil sink term [12]. Study also suggested that the magnitude of CH<sub>4</sub> consumption by the desert soil could increase substantially if there is net increase in arid region moisture. The contribution of methane is not considered to cause the acid rain. However, it gets converted in to CO<sub>2</sub> in due course of time. There is no feasible method to eradicate the problem of methane concentration in the atmosphere, except to reduce its escapes from various ecosystem sources on the Earth to the atmosphere. Lima et al. [13], expressed serious concern about mixing of CO<sub>2</sub> in the recovered CH<sub>4</sub> from the large dams as an alternative power source that can curb global warming. Accompanying CO<sub>2</sub> reduces burning efficiency of CH<sub>4</sub>. They suggested that if CO<sub>2</sub> can be separated by any means from the CH<sub>4</sub> it can be released to the atmosphere because it is produced by biogenic sources and not from the fossil fuels. The simple method of eradication of polluting gas presented in the present study will eradicate the CO<sub>2</sub> and purify the CH<sub>4</sub> to acquire high fuel efficiency. The CO<sub>2</sub> eradication is possible, be it released from the fossil fuel or biogenic sources. It is well recognised that presence of CO<sub>2</sub> does cause warming. Hence new method for eradication of polluting gas will go long way in reducing global warming. Thus, increased efficiency of burning of methane will reduce its release from the water bodies, which are now known to cause global warming by adding CH<sub>4</sub> in the atmosphere.

Likewise similar is the situation of existence of no known method for eradication of nitrous oxide responsible for global warming, except to make mandatory control on reduction of emission from the vehicles. Green fuel (biodiesel) and use of hydroxyl to alter emission

characteristics and use of portable devices to collect and dispose of the pollutants have been invented, but all these methods work at the point source and not for the non-point source.

Limitation of sink theory to operate during rainy, cloudy and sunshine free days causing CO<sub>2</sub> flooding, not yet visualized by other conservationists, can be overcome by entrap and eradicate method [9]. The CO<sub>2</sub> is 1.53 times heavier than air and accumulates in bottom of excavation, normally produced by slow oxidation of coal and sometimes dissolution of lime stones [14]. The sources of generation of CO<sub>2</sub> may be any; the *Geoact Ca-5* is highly suitable for eradicating the CO<sub>2</sub>.

Baskin [1] commented for the earlier known or mooted geo-engineering control measures as the solution worst than the problem. The fear of over cooling, to plunge new ice age, spotty cooling and warming leading to development of climate extreme and formation of acid rain comprise the risk factors. However, there is no such likely danger with the new process of eradication of polluting gas presented under this study. NAS [1] accepted, the methods of geo-engineering which have not been the optimum solution as risk hedger, to try to come-up with back door in case worst it happens, they kept hope that in next 50 years development to come to counter the problem of global warming and come to the set expectations. The new process for eradication of polluting gas has data base and merit in its application.

Further, the process of eradication of polluting gas and its manifestation can be implemented by peoples' participation. The eradication of the polluting gas by method of entrap and eradicate will remove the excess CO<sub>2</sub>, which otherwise is problem and there is no risk of over eradication. People living in different ecosystem or in the adjacent area can be prepared help operate the entrap and eradicate the CO<sub>2</sub> [9] at sites that can be selected in consideration of air current movement and the emitting sources of polluting gases. Hall and Helmens [15] in their study entitled, "Innovation and diffusion of clean green technology", indicated, on the basis of indirect evidences, the role that patent plays in development and diffusion of green technology; more generally the paper sheds light on performance of hybrid forms of knowledge management that combine open innovation and patenting. Robinson and Smith [16] indicated that for adoption of innovation, moderation in health care spending must be sought in new products and process that use lower cost and materials, staff, equipment and sites of care. Air pollution is known to cause varieties of bad health problems and Governments spend lot of money in the social welfare programs. Thus, the product and process presented here fulfils both the aspects of patent and reduction in cost, material, equipment, staff and selective sites of care, which go in strong favour of diffusion of this innovation.

The Delphi method of evaluation of attributes for decision making revealed the best score of the process for eradication of polluting gas for adoption to counter global warming. There is contrast difference between the weighted magnitudes of performance attributes of this geo-engineering measure and other geo-engineering methods applicable to counter global warming. Although, there can be some variations in assigning the attribute performance scores by different opinions, the margin of total score is so large that there will not be any change in the inferences and conclusion arrived at in this study.

#### Answer to the question/discussion set by Baskin

The global warming has resulted noticeable extremes of occurrence of hydrologic droughts and floods, change in the usual growing seasons of crops and fruiting trees etc. The flowering and fruiting season gets upset and crop yields get reduced considerably. Likewise, the

agricultural crop yields suffer due to alteration of setting of monsoonal rainfall, delaying sowing and many times rains spoil standing crops ready for harvesting. Thus, it can be said that global warming has caused reduction in yield of grain and pulse crops and fruit trees leading to universal rise of price of foods and fruits etc. Many oil rich countries have suffered the crunch of food shortage and price rise leading to political unrest [1].

Now the question that countries namely, Russia, Scandinavia and Canada may benefit by way of shift in the cropping areas to the North is to be seen. Assuming that these countries have benefited by shift in their cropping area, a question does arise that why the global warming has really occurred due to increased release of GHGs since 1960 [1]. More agricultural activities have been blamed to promote global warming. Further, it is known fact that global warming is severe in the polar regions. That means more agriculture towards polar region is going to intensify further the global warming that may lead to quick disruption of the ecological balance, which may lead to unforeseen consequences. Thus, it is clear that those countries may benefit little for while, but rest of world will be forced to bear the advanced adverse impact of global warming.

Now the question is that which geo - engineering method should be attempted to counter the global warming? A suitable geo-engineering method should bring visible, quick impact and should be free from the after effect or side effect after implementation. It should not cause excessive cooling that might revert the ice age. This study has shown that eradication of polluting gas by application of *Geoact Ca-5* fulfils all the aspects required for making an ideal scheme which can be applied to counter the global warming by peoples' participation. The selective areas suffering the adverse effects of global warming may be attempted first. The experiences so gained will guide about how to go in the best interest of world to extend application of the *geoact ca-5*. Inter governmental panel on global warming should consider application of *Geoact Ca- 5* by peoples' participation, which involves very low budget and that too can be derived from the carbon trading. The opinion decision followed by collective decision and authoritative decision [7] should be taken at every country level that will bring positive cumulative effect worldwide. As the problem of global warming is caused by individuals, their collective contribution should be enforced to counter the global warming.

## Conclusion

A new geo-engineering measure named application of *Geoact Ca-5* is presented here in this study, which is free from many limitations associated with different geo-engineering methods thought over to be applied to counter global warming. The method is free from scientific flaw, it is feasible, involves very low cost and lends itself for various manifestation for application in different ecosystems which are known to emit the GHGs leading to cause global warming. Delphi method for evaluation of attributes associated with different alternatives geo-engineering measures to counter global warming, grant of patent and low cost, low requirement of materials, equipment, staff and opportunity for peoples' participation go in strong favour for application of *Geoact Ca-5* to counter the global warming. As

concentration of the CO<sub>2</sub> is maximum close to ground and in lower elevations it offers an opportunity to eradicate by application of *Geoact Ca-5*. Several manifestations can be devised to eradicate the CO<sub>2</sub> in enclosures etc. to eradicate pollutions. Large scale applications can be exercised by people's participation.

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