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Capitol Crude gets a crash course in geology to understand the potential for Permian Basin operators to use recycled water when drilling wells.

Pioneer Natural Resources is building a pipeline network to haul produced water that comes up from the drilling process to frack new wells. It hopes to eventually save $500,000 per well by using produced water and other wastewaters in the drilling process instead of fresh water.

Senior oil editors Meghan Gordon and Brian Scheid speak with Bridget Scanlon, senior research scientist at University of Texas at Austin’s Bureau of Economic Geology, about her study that looked at the broader potential for water reuse in the Permian.

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