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Meeting with local residents in Lacq

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On screen:

Succession of images showing posters and diagrams of the Lacq project. Arrival of participants to the meeting.

Off voice:

Discussions at the meeting covered the issues and challenges associated with our pilot CO2 Capture and Sequestration project in the Lacq basin, from climate change and risk management to Total's commitment.

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PAU

Palais Beaumont – 20H

Off voice:

Over 100 people turned out. Some were anxious.

A local resident:

Of course I'm worried. This technology is just being introduced.

Off voice:

Many were poorly informed.

Une riveraine :

I think CO2 will be put back in the ground, but I don't know anything about this field.

Off voice:

But most were confident and engaged.

A local resident:

I studied chemistry, so I know that CO2 isn't that bad. But I'm here to get a few more details.

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Jean-Michel Gires

Directeur du développement durable et de l'environnement

Jean-Michel Gires :

We're here to explain, to listen to people's questions, to dialogue and hear different viewpoints, so we can effectively take them into account when we make our decisions later.

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20H30

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Jean-Michel Gires, at the lectern of the amphitheatre, begins his presentation in front of participants and community residents. Several participants are given a microphone to ask questions.

Jean-Michel Gires :

Good evening, everybody.

I'm pleased to be here at this outreach meeting, which gives us an opportunity to describe our project, and explain what inspired it and why we're deploying it.

A local resident:

I'd like to know why the Lacq site was selected.

A local resident:

Will you give detectors to local residents, people living nearby, if they ask for them?

A local resident:

Bringing out scientists to reassure us by saying, "It will be fine," may not be enough. People and their representatives are entitled to ask for more.

A local resident:

First, I'd like to congratulate Total for this dialogue, which is often lacking in major projects. And it's taking place well ahead of time, so congratulations on this initiative.

Off voice:

Dozens of questions were asked. They were answered by Total, but also, more surprisingly, by environmental association France Nature Environnement, and the French Environment and Energy Management Agency.

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François Moisan

A.D.E.M.E.

Agence de l'Environnement et de la maîtrise de l'Energie

François Moisan :

People really got involved. That's important. It's a first indicator of this undertaking's success, and part of the project itself.

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00H15

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Several comments by participants when leaving at the end of the meeting.

Une riveraine :

I didn't know what it would involve, I liked it. It was interesting, and I feel reassured.

A local resident:

I think the meeting did what it was supposed to. It enabled the people directly affected to learn more. And I hope Total will take us into account.

Jean-Michel Gires :

I think the meeting lived up to our initial expectations. We could explain our intentions, describe the project's deployment, open lines of communication to hear what people had to say, and listen to their questions and responses. We left the meeting feeling stronger, more part of the community, of society, in our role as an industrial operator.

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