

**Table 2. Considerations for the FFZ.** Fluxes that should be considered for each spatial regime in the FFZ and recommended direction.

Spatial Regime	Fluxes to consider in a comprehensive accounting	Recommended near-term path forward (minimum viable product)
Lower vadose zone and groundwater flow paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All the fluxes in the NFZ also apply in this region.</li> <li>It will be important to understand and identify permanent alkalinity sinks and changes to counterfactual alkalinity generation.</li> <li>Exchange with the atmosphere is limited or nonexistent.</li> </ul>	<p>Largely a priority area for research and development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not currently feasible to require monitoring or modeling of processes in the deep vadose zone and along groundwater flow paths in commercial ERW deployments.</li> <li>Undertaking deep vadose zone monitoring or installing groundwater monitoring wells in a select subset of commercial deployments, where applicable and feasible, is recommended.</li> </ul>
Surface water systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outgassing caused by DIC system equilibration.</li> <li>Carbonate mineral burial.</li> <li>Changes to organic matter respiration and metabolic activity in stream/river systems, including the influence on aquatic vegetation that directly takes up bicarbonate.</li> <li>Authigenic clay formation and reverse weathering.</li> <li>Bedrock interaction with solution and changes to counterfactual alkalinity generation.</li> <li>Changes to nutrient export and nitrogen cycling.</li> </ul>	<p>Focus primarily on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outgassing caused by DIC system equilibration.</li> <li>Carbonate mineral precipitation (assume it doesn't re-dissolve)</li> </ul> <p>It is recommended that practitioners assess the potential for net CO<sub>2</sub> loss due to these processes at a minimum in two spatial regimes: in the immediate discharge zone (i.e., the surface water system the weathering flux from a deployment is draining into), and in the major river system of the deployment catchment (i.e., the highest order segment in the deployment catchment).</p>
Ocean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CO<sub>2</sub> evasion due to <u>carbonic acid system equilibration</u> in the coastal ocean.</li> <li>Carbon and alkalinity feedbacks due to changes to surface ocean chemistry.</li> <li>Carbon and alkalinity feedbacks due to changes to diagenetic reactions in shallow marine sediments.</li> <li>Long timescale marine carbonate burial.</li> </ul>	<p>Focus primarily on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CO<sub>2</sub> evasion due to <u>carbonic acid system equilibration</u> in the coastal ocean.</li> </ul> <p>At a minimum, practitioners should derive a conservative assumption of evasion from carbonic acid system equilibration by considering the thermodynamic storage efficiency as a worst-case scenario, assuming complete equilibration with atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> at representative temperature, salinity, and current atmospheric pCO<sub>2</sub>.</p>