DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DIVISION OF GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

U. S.

STATE COUPLED PROGRAM



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Future Execusting



STATE COUPLED PROGRAM

PURPOSE

• TO COLLECT AND PUBLISH REGIONAL AND AREAL GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE DATA

JUSTIFICATION

• TO FACILITATE SELECTION OF HIGH-QUALITY SITES FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION BY USERS AND DEVELOPERS



STATE COUPLED PROGRAM

BASIC COMPONENT OF HYDROTHERMAL DIRECT APPLICATIONS PROGRAM



GOAL OF DIRECT APPLICATIONS PROGRAM

TO STIMULATE COMMERCIAL USE OF A VERY LARGE ENERGY RESERVE



Today's Energy Picture in the U.S.

- 1) The U.S. Produces Only 3/4 of the Energy it Consumes.
- 2) Approximately 1/2 of our Oil comes from Foreign Sources. Many of these Sources have Unstable Governments.
- 3) The Amount of Money being Spent in Foreign Markets has a Detrimental Effect on U.S. Economy.
- 4) Capital Costs Required to Develop and Utilize Alternate Energy Sources are Very High.
- 5) Energy Use Forecasts for the Year 2000 and Beyond Indicate that all Feasible Alternative Energy Sources Plus Conservation Measures will be Needed.

DOE GOAL FOR COMMERCIALIZATION OF GEOTHERMAL DIRECT HEAT

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198520002020GOAL0.1 Q/yr1.0 Q/yr6.0 Q/yrPETROLEUM18 Million180 Million1080 millionSAVEDbbl/yrbbl/yrbbl/yr

Today's U.S. Energy Use ≅80 Quads/yr





Stimulate Commercial Use of A Very Large Energy Reserve

Thermal Energy available at the Wellhead 2400 Quads (USGS Circular 790) Energy Use 80,Quads DOE Direct Applications Year 2020 Goal

6 Quads

Today's U.S.



COMMERCIALIZATION SEQUENCE





MAJOR BARRIERS TO COMMERCIALIZATION

- Lack of defined resources
- Lack of an established industry
- Limited technical and economic data
- Policy and regulatory confusion
- Environmental impact uncertainties





PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT MATRIX

Barriers Program Elements	Lack of Defined Resources	Lack of an Established Industry	Limited Technical Data	Policy and Regulatory Confusion	Environmental Impact Uncertainties
• Reservoir Confirmation	XX	XX	XX	X	X
• Market Development		XX	X		
 State Planning and Development 	X	XX	X	XX	X
 Technology Demonstrations 		XX	XX	X	X
 Environmental Assessment 		X	X	XX	XX
 Policy and Regulatory Issues Assessment 		H X	X	XX	X
• Progress Monitoring	X	X	X	X	X

XX Primary Impact X Secondary Impact

BUDGET ALLOCATION (FY 81 PROPOSED)



A GOAL ORIENTED PROGRAM TO

COLLECT AND PUBLISH REGIONAL AND AREAL GEOTHERMAL DATA

- TO ASSIST USGS IN RESOURCE INVENTORY (Circular 790 Update)
- TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT BY PROSPECTIVE USERS



RESERVOIR CONFIRMATION



WHAT IS A GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE

FLUIDS ABOVE MEAN SHALLOW GROUNDWATER TEMPERATURE

- FLUIDS DOWN TO GROUNDWATER TEMPERATURE ARE USEFUL
- THE HOTTER THE BETTER







add planning teams

STATE COUPLED PROGRAM



EXPLORATION STAGES

- STATEWIDE INVENTORY
- RECONNAISSANCE 1,000- STATE
 LARGE REGIONS 10,000 Sq. mi. COUPLED
- AREA EXPLORATION SELECTED AREAS

1,000-5,000 Sq. mi. 100-1,000 Sq. mi. STATE COUPLED PROGRAM

• SITE EXPLORATION less than SELECTED SITES 10 Sq. mi.

USER COUPLED DRILLING PROGRAM

• TEST AND PRODUCTION WELL DRILLING

STATEWIDE INVENTORY

PURPOSE - TO OBTAIN AN OVERVIEW OF RESOURCES

- **RECONNAISSANCE AREA SELECTION**
- SETTING PRIORTIES

METHODS - COMPILATION AND ANALYSIS OF AVAILABLE DATA

- WELL AND SPRING TEMPERATURES
- HEAT FLOW
- CHEMICAL GEOTHERMOMETRY
- GEOLOGY

PRODUCTS - RECONNAISSANCE REGIONS DEFINED AND PRIORITIZED



RECONNAISSANCE

PURPOSE - TO SELECT AREAS FOR MORE DETAILED STUDY

METHODS – MEASUREMENT OF TEMPERATURE, WATER QUALITY, PRODUCTIVITY IN WELLS & SPRINGS (PRIORITY 1)

> - ANALYSIS OF ALL DATA TO LOCATE GOOD GEOTHERMAL ENVIRONMENTS

PRODUCTS – PRELIMINARY STATE MAP & REPORT – STUDY AREAS DEFINED & PRIORITIZED

AREA EXPLORATION

<u>PURPOSE</u> - TO ENABLE USERS AND DEVELOPERS TO SELECT SITES FOR DETAILED EXPLORATION AND DRILLING

METHODS - DIRECT TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENT IN ALL WELLS AND SPRINGS

(PRIORITY 1)

- APPLICATION OF INDIRECT EXPLORATION METHODS
- GENERAL GEOLOGICAL & HYDROLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF RESOURCES
- **PRODUCTS STATEWIDE MAP AND REPORT**
 - AREA MAPS AND REPORTS

- SITES LOCATED

DIRECT VS INDIRECT DETECTION

DIRECT METHOD - TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENT SPRINGS AND WELLS

INDIRECT METHODS - HEAT FLOW STUDIES

- GRADIENT EXTRAPOLATION
- CHEMICAL GEOTHERMOMETRY
- GEOLOGIC MAPPING
- GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS
- GEOCHEMICAL SURVEYS
- HYDROLOGIC STUDIES



DIRECT DETECTION OF THERMAL WATERS

(HIGH PRIORITY)

- NO COMPLETE DATA COMPILATION EXISTS
- MANY REPORTED TEMPERATURES ARE INACCURATE
- MANY WELLS LACK MEASURED TEMPERATURES
- DIRECT DETECTION IS A QUICK AND INEXPENSIVE WAY TO LOCATE RESOURCE AREAS



FINDING WELLS



TEMPERATURE VS HEAT FLOW

- GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES = ELEVATED TEMPERATURES
- HIGH HEAT FLOW DOES NOT ALWAYS MEAN HIGH TEMPERATURE
- HIGH TEMPERATURE DOES NOT ALWAYS MEAN HIGH HEAT FLOW

Heat Flow = Thermal Conductivity x Temperature Gradient $Q = K \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta T}$

- THEREFORE IN GEOTHERMAL EXPLORATION
 - TEMPERATURE DATA ARE OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE
 - HEAT FLOW DATA ARE OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE
- SIMPLE TEMPERATURE DATA ARE QUICK AND INEXPENSIVE
 HEAT FLOW DATA ARE SLOW AND EXPENSIVE



TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENT

- BOTTOM HOLE TEMPERATURE TO NEAREST 1°C
 0. 1°C FOR GRADIENTS
- INSTRUMENTS MUST BE CALIBRATED
- PORTABILITY AND SIMPLICITY NECESSARY
- CAN BE DONE BY TECHNICIANS, STUDENTS
- GOOD FIELD NOTES A MUST



PUBLIC MAPS

BASE DATA

♦ SPRING

O WELL

RED > 50 °C

BLUE < 50 °C

TEMP FLOW TDS DEPTH TOPO., DRAINAGE CULTURE, POLITICAL BOUND., TOWNSHIP, RANGE, SECTION, FOREST, WILDERNESS, INDIAN, MILITARY

GEOTHERMAL DATA

THERMAL SPRINGS AND WELLS TEMP., FLOW, DEPTH, TDS FAVORABLE AREAS FEDERAL, STATE KGRAS SQUIBS



SCIENTIFIC MAP DATA

BASE DATA - AS ON PUBLIC MAP

GEOTHERMAL DATA - AS ON PUBLIC MAP

OTHER DATA SETS: (SHOPPING LIST)

HEAT FLOW

SPRING DEPOSITS

FAULTS/LINEMENTS

EARTHQUAKE EPICENTERS

Hg, As, U, S DEPOSITS/PROSPECTS

WATER QUALITY

AQUIFER PRODUCTIVITY

GEOCHEMICAL THERMOMETRY

AREAS AND INTERPRETATIONS (INCLUDE BUT DISTINGUISH POTENTIAL AREAS)

IGNEOUS SYSTEMS

VOLCANIC CENTERS AND FLOWS (YOUNG)

THERMAL GRADIENTS

OTHER SELECTED GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS

AREAS OF PRESENT USE

HEAT CONTENTS

DEPTH TO RESOURCES

SQUIBS

HIGH T

LOW T

MODERATE T



MAP PRODUCTION

NOAA WILL HELP PREPARE MAPS



MAPS WILL BE PART OF STATE PUBLICATIONS



NOAA CAN HELP WITH

- COMPUTER PLOTTING
 - LIMITED DIGITIZING
- MAP STANDARDIZATION
 - MAP PRODUCTION
- EDITORIAL ASSISTANCE

PLAN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NOAA'S EXPERTISE IT'S FREE



NEEDS OF PROSPECTIVE USERS ARE PARAMOUNT

• **RESOURCE DESCRIPTION**

LOCATION, TEMPERATURE, DEPTH, WATER QUALITY, PRODUCTIVITY

- GEOLOGIC CHARACTERIZATION
- DISCOVERY POTENTIAL
- SOURCES OF FURTHER INFORMATION
- SUPPORTING SCIENTIFIC DATA

PERIODIC REPORTS ALSO REQUIRED BY DOE



PROPOSALS (SUGGESTED % EFFORT)

STATEWIDE INVENTORY **REGIONAL RECONAISSANCE AREA EXPLORATION** MAP PRODUCTION REPORTING **USER ASSISTANCE USGS INTERFACE COMMERCIALIZATION PLANNING SUPPORT** DOE REQUESTS FOR DATA

	OUT-		
1	2	3	YEARS
30	5	5	5
25	25	10	5
 5	20	20	25 0%
10	10	10	5
5	5	10	5
5	10	25	35
10	10	5	5
5	10	10	10
5	5	5	5

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

DOE - HEADQUARTERS (WASHINGTON) Program Planning, Guidance, Priorities

DOE - OPERATIONS OFFICES Program Implementation, Contracting, Management

STATE CONTRACTORS Performance of State Project

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH RESEARCH INSTITUTE (UURI)

LOS ALAMOS SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY (LASL)

GRUY FEDERAL

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY (VPI) Management Assist. to DOE, Exploration, and Tech. Dev.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) Publishing State Resource Maps

U.S. GEOLOGIC SURVEY (USGS)

U.S. Resource Assessment and Computer Storage



COMPANION PROGRAMS

COMMERCIALIZATION PLANNING

• USER COUPLED DRILLING

PONS+PRDAS

• USER ASSISTANCE

• USGS REGIONAL ASSESSMENT



GEOTHERMAL COMMERCIALIZATION PLANNING

PURPOSE

TO ASSIST STATES IN DEVELOPMENT OF

INDIGENOUS GEOTHERMAL PLANNING AND

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

STATE CP TEAMS

- COMMERCIALIZATION PLANNING TEAM IN EACH STATE -STATE EMPLOYEES, FEDERAL FUNDS
- DOE FUNDING REMOVED IN STAGES AS STATE FUNDING TAKES OVER
- TEAMS DEVELOP AND COMMUNICATE:
 - STATEWIDE DEVELOPMENT PLANS
 - SITE SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS
 - ECONOMIC PLANNING CAPABILITY
 - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CAPABILITY
 - INFORMATION PROGRAMS



SUPPORT FOR COMMERCIALIZATION PLANNING

- STATE RESOURCE TEAM
 - FURNISHES DATA TO CP TEAM
- NEW MEXICO ENERGY INSTITUTE (NMEI)
 - ECONOMIC MODELS, AGGREGATE REGIONAL DATA BASE
- EG&G, OREG. INSTITUTE TECH. (OIT), WESTERN ENERGY PLANNERS
 - ENGINEERING SUPPORT, MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE



USER COUPLED DRILLING PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES - TO DEVELOP INFRASTRUCTURE IN PRIVATE SECTOR

- TO DEMONSTRATE VIABILITY OF DIRECT HEAT

JUSTIFICATION - DEVELOPMENT LAGS BECAUSE OF:

LACK OF RESOURCE KNOWLEDGE: RESERVOIR LIMITS, DEPTH, TEMPERATURE, PRODUCTIVITY, LONGEVITY

INABILITY OF SMALL DEVELOPERS TO SPREAD HIGH RISKS AND COSTS

GOAL - TO FOSTER INFRASTRUCTURE CAPABLE OF DEVELOPING 2300 MWt-YR/YR



GEOTHERMAL COMMERCIALIZATION

- EXPLORATION NEEDED AT 500 SITES PER YEAR TO REACH YEAR 2000 GOAL OF 1 QUAD
- DEVELOPMENT OF THIS MAGNITUDE REQUIRES
 PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION
- WIDESPREAD DIRECT APPLICATION REQUIRES FAVORABLE ECONOMICS



USGS

GEOTHERMAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

(FY 80)

- NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RESOURCE INVENTORY
- EXPLORATION AND ASSESSMENT TECHNOLOGY
- **RESOURCE CHARACTERIZATION**
- GEOLOGIC CONTROLS OF SUBSURFACE POROSITY AND PERMEABILITY
- GEOENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF PRODUCTION

PROGRAM COORDINATOR -- WENDELL A. DUFFIELD



USGS REGIONAL ASSESSMENT

USGS BEARS RESPONSIBILITY FOR US RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

- CIRC. 726, CIRC. 790

STATE COUPLED TEAMS COOPERATE WITH USGS

- DATA GOES TO FILE GEOTHERM
- STATE-LEVEL CONTACTS

USGS

LOW TEMPERATURE INVENTORY

- WILL INVOLVE STATE COUPLED RESOURCE TEAMS AND WATER RESOURCES DIVISION
- TO BE COMPLETED IN SEPT. 81
- SYSTEMS OF INTEREST 20°C (where applicable) to 100°C
- WILL DETERMINE
 - GRADIENTS
 - TEMPERATURES AT 1 km DEPTH RECOVERABLE HEAT
- NOAA WILL PRINT MAPS
- COORDINATED BY MARSHALL REED

USER ASSISTANCE

PURPOSES

TO STIMULATE COMMERCIAL GEOTHERMAL DEVELOPMENT BY PROVIDING USERS WITH:

-Technical Information

-Preliminary Resource Assessment

-Preliminary Engineering & Economic Analyses

-institutional Analysis

TO ACT AS KINDLING TO GET USER STARTED IN RIGHT DIRECTION

USER ASISTANCE PROGRAM WORK FLOW



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INTERFACING

STATE COUPLED AND USER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- STATE COUPLED TEAM RESOURCE DATA
- COORDINATION OF USER SPECIFIC STUDIES
- TRANSFER OF REQUESTS AS DESIRED

STATE COUPLED TEAMS

USER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



USER PROBLEMS

- INABILITY TO SPREAD RISK AND COST
 - Large Resource Companies Spread Risk and Cost

Over Many Projects

- INABILITY TO COLLECT REGIONAL AND AREAL DATA NEEDED FOR SITE SELECTION
- LACK OF ENOUGH EXPERIENCED CONSULTANTS, CONTRACTORS
- LACK OF ECONOMIC DATA ON EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, OPERATION

RESPONSIBILITIES

STATE COUPLED RESOURCE PROGRAM

USER COUPLED DRILLING PROGRAM

- 1. REGIONAL GEOTHERMAL DATA COMPILATION
- 2. IDENTIFICATION OF RESOURCE AREAS
- 3. PUBLICATION OF MAPS AND REPORTS
- 4. AREA SPECIFIC EXPLORATION

- **1. SITE SPECIFIC EXPLORATION**
 - GEOLOGICAL, GEOCHEMICAL, GEOPHYSICAL, HYDROLOGICAL
- 2. DRILLING AND TESTING
- **3. ENGINEERING STUDIES**

IMPLEMENTATION

• DOE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT

PROPOSALS FROM PRIVATE SECTOR, STATE AND LOCAL GVTS.

• COST-SHARE CONTRACT WITH USER OR DEVELOPER

SPECIFIES - EXPLORATION PROGRAM

- CRITERIA TO DEFINE SUCCESS
- COST-SHARE BASIS
- LOAN FROM BANK

TO FINANCE PROJECT

- WHEN WELL IS DRILLED AND TESTED
 - DEGREE OF SUCCESS DETERMINED
 - DOE PAYS COST SHARE

STATE RESOURCE TEAMS INVOLVEMENT IN USER COUPLED DRILLING

OPTIONS (UNDER DISCUSSION)

- 1. MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TO DOE PROPOSAL REVIEW, CONTRACT MONITORING
- 2. SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR SITE-SPECIFIC EXPLORATION AND DRILLING

COMMENTS INVITED

