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RESEARCH CORING IN THE CASCADES  
A STATUS REPORT

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ABSTRACT

The High Cascades volcanic province has long been suspected to contain considerable geothermal potential. However, few deep wells have been drilled, and much of the data that have been accumulated are proprietary. In response to the need to obtain a better understanding of the Cascades region, the U.S. Department of Energy, Geothermal Technology Division, sponsored a cooperative research program with industry based around obtaining data from research coreholes. This paper is a progress report on the three coreholes completed to date, including a summary of drilling histories, ~~and~~ a description of the scientific studies underway, and ~~of~~ the open file data available.

INTRODUCTION

The Cascades is an area with high geothermal potential, but with few surface manifestations. The lack of widespread surface geothermal activity is generally believed to result from the masking of systems by downward and lateral movement of cold meteoric water. In 1986, the U.S. Department of Energy, Geothermal Technology Division, initiated the Caldera Reservoir Investigation Program to evaluate the effects of the near-surface hydrologic regime and to obtain lithologic, hydrologic, and structural data on the Cascades.

The DOE program has four main elements: 1) cost sharing with industry in coring research holes; 2) acquisition of lithologic, geophysical, and hydrologic data within and below the shallow hydrologic regime; 3) data interpretation and integration; and, 4) open file release of data and core, as well as publication of technical reports and case histories.

Summaries of drilling histories and descriptions of the available data and scientific studies are presented in this paper for three holes drilled under the DOE program: Clackamas Thermal Gradient Hole #1 (CTGH-1), drilled by Thermal Power Co.; and GeoNewberry holes # 1 and # 3 (GEO N-1 and GEO N-3), drilled by GEO Operator Corporation. CTGH-1 is located approximately 10 miles north of Mt. Jefferson, while GEO N-1 and GEO N-3 are located on the southern and northern flanks, respectively, of the Newberry volcano. Figure 1 shows the location of these holes.

How close to the Volcanos?

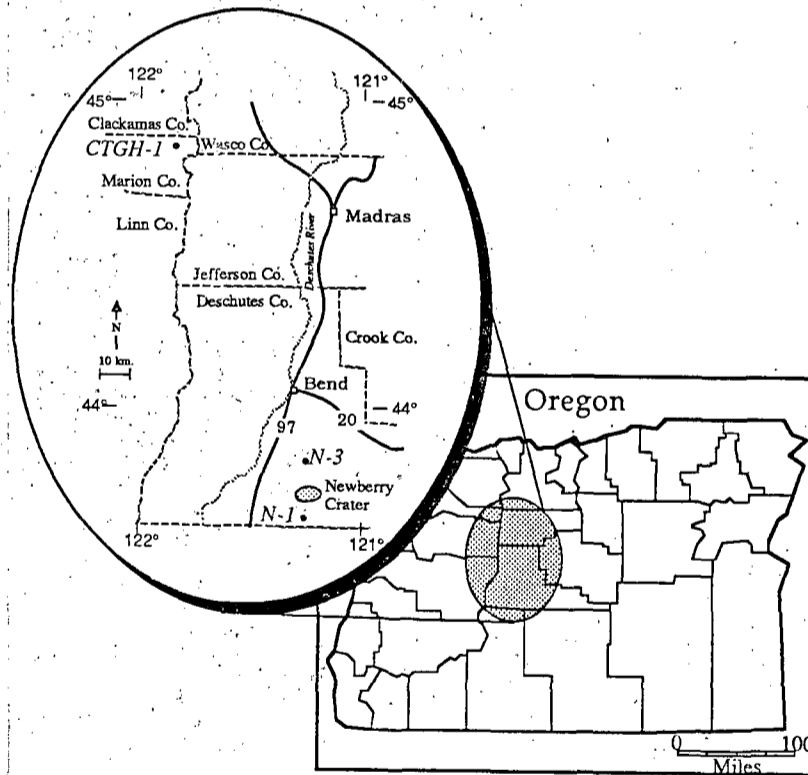


Figure 1. Location map of core holes.

CORING SUMMARY

CTGH-1

CTGH-1 was rotary drilled to a depth of 527 feet, and then diamond cored to a total depth of 4,800 feet. The hole

required 93 days to complete; however, only 58 days were spent drilling. CTGH-1 has not been plugged and abandoned at this point. The hole condition is believed to be good so that deepening may be possible.

There were several unanticipated delays during the drilling of CTGH-1. First, the attempt to run a conductor into the top 40 feet of glacial boulders and till was not initially successful. Later, during the change-over from rotary drilling to wireline coring, there were problems setting the casing to the bottom of the hole. In addition, the initial test of the BOP detected a leak, requiring a new flange. Another significant delay occurred during coring at a depth of 4,203 feet, when the HX rods parted at 823 feet. After unsuccessful attempts at retrieval, coring was continued with NX rods, and the HX rods were left in the hole as casing. This precluded the collection of a full suite of geophysical logs, since some logs can not be run in a cased hole. Finally, at a depth of 4,800 feet, the U.S. Forest Service shut down rig operations because of a Class E fire risk. The results of a temperature survey run nine days after the shutdown, in which the bottom-hole temperature was found to be 99°C (210°F), led to a decision not to drill.

#### GEO N-1

GEO N-1 was rotary drilled to a depth of 487 feet, and then diamond cored to a total depth of 4,550 feet (Swanberg and Combs, 1986). Data and core obtained to a depth of 4,000 feet are in the public domain. Drilling progressed smoothly; out of the 59 days required to reach a depth of 4,000 feet, 54 days were spent drilling. GEO N-1 has been scheduled to be plugged and permanently abandoned before September of 1988.

There were only a few minor problems in the drilling of GEO N-1. During rotary drilling, the rods parted, leaving the rods, sub and bit in the hole, and requiring removal with a tap. An additional delay occurred during the change-over from rotary drilling to wireline coring, when leaks were detected in the BOP.

#### GEO N-3

GEO N-3 was rotary drilled to a depth of 454 feet and then diamond cored to the total depth of 4,002 feet. Of the 60 days on site, 46 were spent drilling. GEO N-3 is scheduled to be plugged and abandoned before September, 1988.

There were several technical problems encountered in the drilling of GEO N-3. During the change-over from rotary drilling to wireline coring, the initial attempts at cementing the casing were not successful. In addition, the BOP tested negative due to faulty equipment. One significant problem the other two holes did not have was consistent caving in the cinder/ash units. This was particularly a problem when pulling out of the hole to change bits. In one instance, the caving caused the HQ rods to stick. After futile attempts at retrieval, as well as a loss of 138 feet of previously drilled hole, the HQ rods were cemented in place and the hole was reentered with NQ rods. Once again, this limited geophysical logging.

#### Comparison of Drilling Histories

Depth penetration profiles are shown in Figure 2 for the three holes. The overall daily penetration rate for CTGH-1 was 88 feet/day. For GEO N-1, the overall daily penetration rate to 4,000 feet was 69 feet/day. Finally, for GEO N-3, the overall penetration rate was 68 feet/day. According to Thermal Power Co. (1987), no systematic relationship between penetration rate, rock type and/or degree of fracturing was discerned. This seems to apply to the Newberry volcano holes as well.

Core recovery was excellent in CTGH-1 and GEO N-1, averaging nearly 100%. In GEO N-3, core recovery was equally good in the basaltic-andesite flows. However, GEO N-3 had several thick sections of cinders and ash where core recovery was significantly lower. During rotary drilling of the upper portions of the hole, cuttings were collected only in CTGH-1. There was continual loss of circulation during rotary drilling of the Newberry holes, with no returns.

A detailed itemization of project expenditures for CTGH-1 is given in Table 1a. Approximate expenditures for GEO N-1 and GEO N-3 are given in Table 1b. The overall unit cost for CTGH-1 was \$95/foot; for GEO N-1 the overall cost was \$72/foot (not including logging and demobilization); and for GEO N-3 the cost was \$90/foot.

#### DATA ACQUISITION AND AVAILABILITY

A significant amount of data has been obtained on the lithologies, temperature gradients, and hydrologic regimes of the areas penetrated by the coreholes. Simplified lithologic columns for CTGH-1, GEO N-1 and GEO N-3 are given in Figure 3. For more detailed information, refered

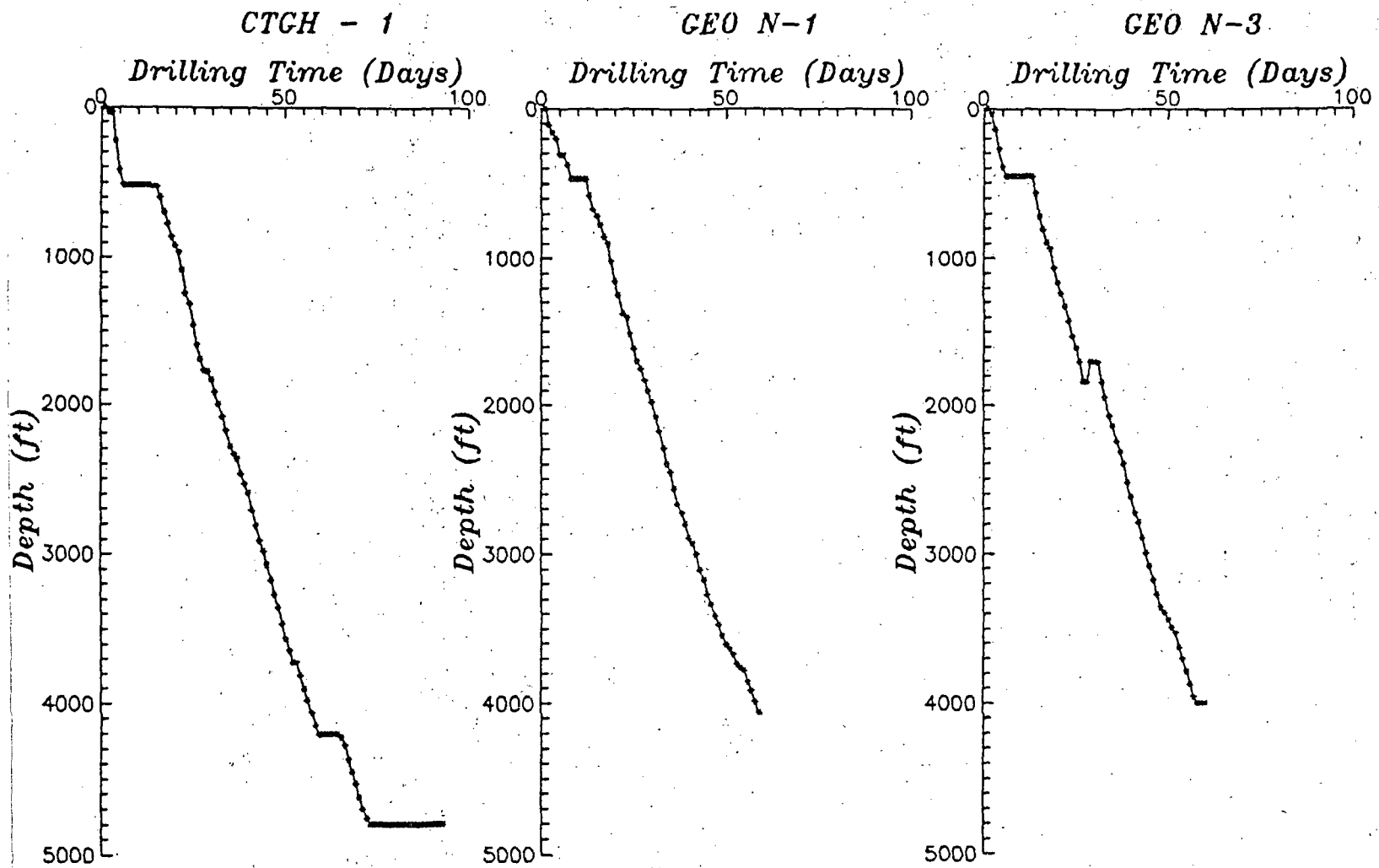


Figure 2. Depth penetration profile for CTGH-1, GEO N-1, and GEO N-3. Information based on daily drilling reports in open file data.

TABLE 1a.

Detailed Itemization of Expenditures for CTGH-1 (based on CTGH-1 Final Technical Report by Thermal Power Co., 1987).

ROAD, SITE AND LOCATION	\$11,544.00
RIG MOB/DEMOB	\$10,000.00
RIG	\$296,807.00
TRUCKING & HAULING	\$3,890.00
DRILL SITE GEOLOGISTS	\$26,560.00
MUD & CHEMICALS	\$24,618.00
CEMENT MATERIALS	\$9,141.00
GEOPHYSICAL LOGGING	\$10,032.00
DRILL BITS & TOOLS	\$23,493.00
OUTSIDE LABOR	\$1,424.00
OTHER EVALUTATION	\$6,954.00
OTHER	\$14,125.00
CONDUCTOR CASING	\$419.00
SURFACE CASING	\$10,589.00
WELLHEAD EQUIPMENT	\$2,589.00
CAMP & CATERING	\$4,271.00

TOTAL: \$456,456.00  
 OVERALL COST/FT = \$456,456/4,000 ft  
 = \$95/ft

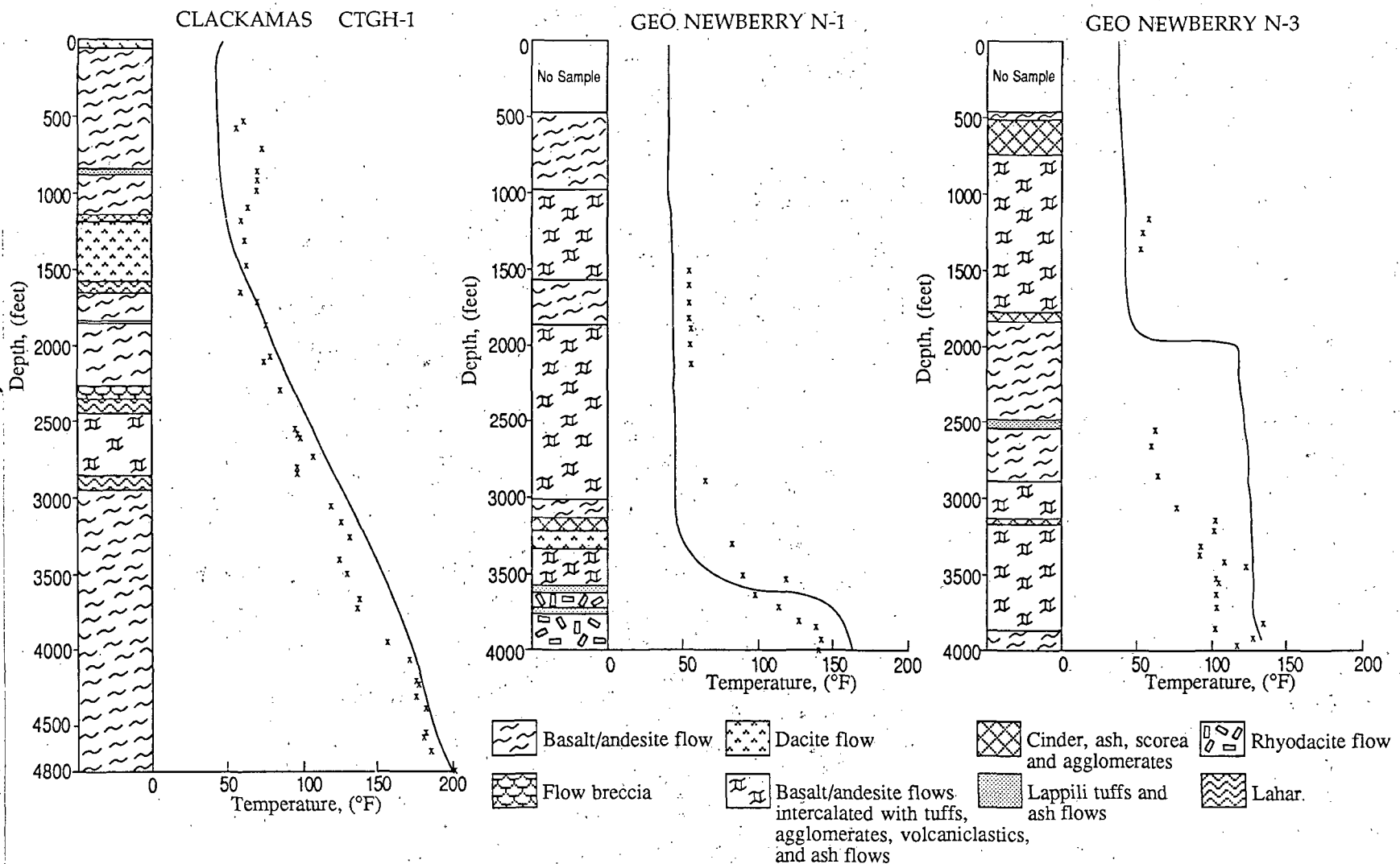
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TABLE 1b.

Estimate of Expenditure for GEO N-1 and GEO N-3 (based on daily drilling reports by GEO Operator Corp.)

	GEO N-1	GEO N-3
RIG MOBILIZATION	\$3,000	\$8,723
ROTARY DRILLING	\$31,953	\$24,957
CEMENTING CASING®		
INSTALLING BOP	\$17,830	\$33,682
WIRELINE CORING	\$233,776	\$255,462
LOGGING AND DEMOBILIZATION	?	\$37,619
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TOTAL COST	\$286,559	\$360,443
	(to 4000')	
OVERALL COST/FT	\$72/FT	\$90/FT

to the open file reports. In general, the lithologies are similar, consisting of basalt/basaltic-andesite flows. All of the holes have interbedded pyroclastic and volcanoclastic units. In GEO N-3, these units are thicker than in the other holes, and since they are poorly consolidated as well, caving occurs before



**Figure 3.** Generalized lithologic columns and temperature-depth profiles for CTGH-1, GEO N-1, and GEO N-3. Temperature-depth curves based on Blackwell and Steele (1987); MRT data, shown by "x"s, from open file reports. CTGH-1 and GEO N-1 lithologic columns modified from Sibbett, unpublished data.

the drilling of N-3 that was not present in GEO N-1 and CTGH-1.

Figure 3 also compares the temperatures measured by Blackwell and Steele (1987), with those recorded using a maximum recording thermometer (MRT) during drilling. The temperature profiles for GEO N-1 and GEO N-3, after allowing the wells to stabilize, appears to reflect intra-hole fluid flow (Blackwell and Steele, 1987). In GEO N-3, they suggest that the temperature distribution results from upward movement of water in the wellbore. Similarly, the thermal profile of GEO N-1 could be produced by downward flow of water within the wellbore.

Since temperatures measured during drilling may be recorded before any significant intra-hole fluid flow had begun, MRT data should provide an indication of the depth to the base of the cold-water hydrologic regime. Figure 3 shows that the MRT temperatures are nearly constant with depth in the upper portions of all three holes. Below this zone, the

gradients increase and higher temperature are recorded. We suggest, based on these measurements, that the lower boundary of the cold water regime is located at depths of about 3,600 feet in GEO N-1, GEO N-3, and at 1,600 feet in CTGH-1.

Comparison of the thermal profiles with the lithologic logs demonstrates that fluid movement may be influenced by rock type. For example, in GEO N-3, flow out of the wellbore occurs around 1,800 to 1,900 feet in an unconsolidated cinder and ash unit. The water appears to enter this well in interbedded pyroclastics and basalts. Additional information on GEO N-1 and GEO N-3 is given by Blackwell and Steele (1987). GEO N-1 has also been summarized by Swanberg and Combs (1986).

Geophysical well logs were run in all three holes shortly after hole completion. In both CTGH-1 and GEO N-3, it was not possible to obtain complete logs due to the casing. Table 2 lists the logs available, and the corresponding depth intervals.

TABLE 2.

Geophysical Well Logs Available. For copies contact: Rocky Mountain Well Log Service; P.O. Box 3150; Denver, Colorado 80201.

	CTGH-1	GEO N-1	GEO N - 3
TEMPERATURE	16 - 516.5 ft; 0 - 4785 ft	0 - 4000 ft	50 - 4002 ft
CALIPER	10 - 514 ft; 4100 - 4800 ft	0 - 4000 ft	1690 - 3999 ft
GAMMA RAY	0 - 4800 ft	0 - 4000 ft	50 - 1692 ft
SPONTANEOUS POTENTIAL	35 - 516 ft; 4200 - 4798 ft	0 - 4000 ft	--
RESISTIVITY 16" - 64"	35 - 515.5 ft; 4200 - 4799 ft	0 - 4000 ft	--
INDUCTION	--	0 - 4000 ft	--
ACOUSTIC	4225 - 4425 ft	0 - 4000 ft	--
ACOUSTIC FRACLOG	--	0 - 4000 ft	1700 - 4001 ft
NEUTRON	0 - 4800 ft	--	50 - 4000 ft
GAMMA - GAMMA DENSITY	0 - 510 ft; 775 - 900 ft	--	--
INDUCED POLARIZATION	4200 - 4799 ft	--	--
LATERALOG	4200 - 4798 ft	--	--
DENSILOG, NEUTRON	--	--	50 - 1692 ft
GUARD RESISTIVITY	20 - 514 ft	--	--

Analysis of the well logs is presently being conducted. There are several other scientific studies underway on the three coreholes. Table 3 lists these studies as well as the entities that are conducting the studies. In addition, an attempt will be made to obtain a fluid sample from GEO N-3 before the hole is plugged and abandoned.

A summary of open-file data is given in Table 4. Core from the three holes is also available for inspection at the University of Utah Research Institute sample library by appointment.

An additional core hole has been drilled along the east side of Crater Lake National Park, Oregon by California Energy as part of the DOE/Industry cost-share program (located south of area shown in Figure 1). The hole has been

drilled to approximately 1,500 feet, with a temperature at TD of 107°C (Blackwell and Steele, 1987). However, drilling has been halted while possible effects of geothermal development on Crater Lake are evaluated. Some of the issues surrounding this evaluation are discussed by La Fleur (1987) and Sammel and Benson (1987). If continued drilling is approved, studies and data similar to acquired on the other holes under the DOE cost-share program will become available for the Crater Lake hole.

#### SUMMARY

As part of a DOE-industry cooperative research program, three deep holes were cored in the Cascades to depths of 4,000 to 5,000 feet. The main objective of the program was to penetrate the near-surface hydrologic regime and obtain lithologic,

hydrologic and structural data on the Cascades that would be available to the public. The near-surface hydrologic regime was penetrated by all three holes, and the appropriate data collected. At the present, studies on these three holes are still underway.

Table 3.

Scientific Studies Underway or Reported

	CTGH -1	GEO N-1	GEO N-3
HEAT FLOW	SMU	SMU GEO	SMU GEO
DOWNHOLE Hg	--	GEO	GEO
ALTERATION	USGS	USGS GEO	USGS GEO
VOLCANIC STRATIGRAPHY	DOGAMI	Univ. of Wyo	Univ. of Wyo
CORRELATION OF ELECTRIC LOGS WITH ALTERATION ANALYSIS OF WELL LOGS	UURI	UURI	UURI
GEOCHEMISTRY OF FLUIDS AND ROCKS	--	GEO	GEO
AGE DATA	--	GEO	GEO
PETROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS	--	GEO	GEO
SYNTHESIS OF DATA TO DEVELOP MODEL	DOGAMI	--	--
CORE STUDIES	UURI	UURI	UURI

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SMU - Southern Methodist University  
 GEO - GEO Operator Corp.  
 USGS - United States Geological Survey  
 DOGAMI - Oregon Dept. of Geology and  
 and Mineral Industries  
 Univ of WYO - University of Wyoming  
 Dept. of Geology  
 UURI - University of Utah Research  
 Institute - Earth Science Laboratory

Table 4.

Open File data available. For copies contact the authors.

	CTGH -1	GEO N-1	GEO N-3
DAILY DRILLING REPORT	X	X	X
DRILLING AND COMPLETION HISTORY	X		
LITHOLOGIC LOG	X	X	X
CORE RECOVERY LOG	X	X	X
CORE PHOTOS		X	X
TEMPERATURE DURING DRILLING	X	X	X
STANDING FLUID LEVEL	X	X	X
TEMPERATURE LOG		X	X
GRAPHIC DRILLING LOG (lithology, temp. from MRT, penetration rate, water level, lost circulation zones)	X		
SECONDARY MINERALOGY DESCRIPTION	X	X	X
HOLE COMPLETION SCHEMATIC	X	X	X
TABLE OF MEASURED THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY		X	
FINAL REPORTS	X	X	

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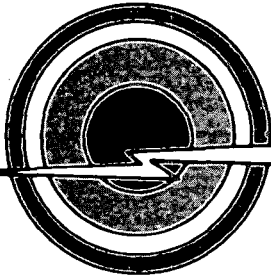
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Use of Figures, Tables, etc. will aid Viewer Comprehension: yes

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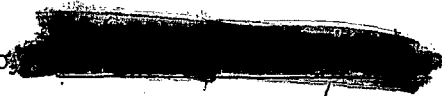
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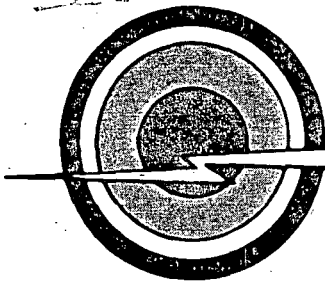
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HYDROLOGY ALTERATION

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Short Cut To Economical  
Geothermal Power Generation  
with Wide Range Portable  
Turbines  
Hibara, Y., M.  
Ikegami and K.  
Obinata

88-045  
The Dynamics of Silica  
Deposition in Fractures:  
Oxygen Isotope Ratios in  
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Sturchio, N.C., T.  
Keith, and K.  
Muehlenbachs

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Report on the October 1987  
Hawaiian HGP-A Power Plant  
Overhaul and Production  
Bell, D., and D.  
Thomas

88-049  
Clay Mineralogy and Zoning in  
CSDP Corehole VC-2A: Further  
Evidence For Collapse of  
Isotherms in the Valles  
Caldera  
Hulen, J.B. and D.L.  
Nielson

2:20 pm 88-063  
Optimized H<sub>2</sub>S Treatment at  
Pacific Gas and Electric  
Company's Geysers Geothermal  
Project Unit 11  
Dorigi, G.P., W.A.  
Conner and L.H. Kirby

88-050  
Secondary Mineralogy of Core  
from Geothermal Drill Hole  
CTGH-1, High Cascade Range,  
Oregon  
Bargar, K.E.

2:45 pm 88-022  
Geothermal Heat Cycle Research  
- Supercritical Cycle with  
Counterflow in Different  
Orientations  
Bliem, C.J., and G.L.  
Mines

88-060  
Hydrothermal Alteration  
Patterns in the Breitenbush  
Hot Springs Area, Cascade  
Range, Oregon  
Keith, T.E.C.

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3:35 pm 88-030  
Evaluation of a Site-Specific  
Commercial Hot Dry Rock  
Geothermal Power Plant  
Cochrane, F., C.A.  
Tosaya, and J.L. Owen

88-007  
Alteration Age Mapping of some  
Japanese Geothermal Fields  
with Improved  
Thermoluminescence Dating  
Method  
Takashima, I. and  
Sakur Honda

4:00 pm 88-013  
Achievable Improvements in  
Geothermal Power Generation  
Cycle  
Saulson, S.H. and  
J.H. Rosenblatt

4:25 pm 88-062  
Site Specific Needs Affect  
Process Choices for H<sub>2</sub>S  
Abatement in Geothermal Power  
Plants  
Kenny, K., T.R. Bacon  
and L. Kirby

## GEOCHEMISTRY

ECONOMIC, FINANCING AND  
MARKETING

- 8:00 am ?  
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Elders, W.A.
- 8:25 am 88-041  
Fluid Chemistry and Hydrology  
of the Heber Geothermal System,  
California  
Adams, M.C., M.M.  
Lemieux, J.N. Moore  
and S.D. Johnson
- 8:50 am 88-065  
 $^{10}\text{Be}$ - $^9\text{Be}$  in the Salton Sea  
Geothermal Systems (U.S.A.)  
Valette-Silver, N.J.,  
F. Tera, M.G. Pavich,  
J. Klein and R.  
Middleton
- 9:15 am 88-073  
Salinity Stabilization for Non-  
Advecting Brine in a  
Temperature Gradient with  
Application to the Salton Sea  
Geothermal System  
Michels, D.E.
- 9:40 am 88-018  
Delineation of a Brine  
Interface in the Salton Sea  
Geothermal Field, California  
Williams, A.E.
- 10:05 am BREAK
- 10:20 am 88-019  
Sulfur and Base Metal Transport  
in the Salton Sea Geothermal  
System  
McKibben, M.S., C.S.  
Eldridge, A.E.  
Williams
- 10:45 am 88-072  
Probable Occurrence of the  
Bishop Tuff in the Salton Sea  
Scientific Drilling Project  
Borehole, Salton Sea Geothermal  
System, California  
Herzing, C.T. and W.A.  
Elders
- 11:10 am 88-025  
Geochemical Evidence of a  
Thermal Component in the  
Groundwater of the San Juan  
Londo Valley, Baja California  
Sur, Mexico  
Prol-Ledesma, R.M.,  
and A. Ortega
- 88-040  
Western States' Market for  
Geothermal Power in the 1980s  
Sifford, A.
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Economic Effects of Geothermal  
Development  
Geyer, J.D.
- 88-014  
Estimating the Cost-Of-Power  
Impacts of Federal Geothermal  
R&D  
Entingh, D.J., R.K.  
Traeger, S. Petty and  
B. Livesay
- DIRECT USE
- 88-067  
Status and Trends of  
Geothermal Direct Use Projects  
in the United States  
Lunis, B.C. and P.J.  
Lienau
- 88-039  
Direct Heat Debuts in Hawaii:  
The Community Geothermal  
Technology Program  
Beck, A.G.
- 88-058  
Absorption Heat Pumps by using  
Geothermal Energy for a  
Application to Rural Area  
Heating  
Gu, C. and Z. Qi
- 11:30 am LUNCHEON (Buffet Luncheon Exhibit Area)/POSTER PRESENTATION

GEOLOGY/HYDROLOGY SESSION

2:35 pm

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Exploration for Geothermal  
Energy Resources at Mt. Spurr,  
Alaska

Wescott, E.M., D.L.  
Turner, C.J. Nye,  
R.J. Motyka and P.  
Moore R

3:00 pm

88-035  
A Mixing-Cell Model Of The  
Hydrothermal Flow System,  
Northern Dixie Valley, Nevada  
Karst, G.B., M.E.  
Campana, and R.L.  
Jacobson

3:25 pm

88-057  
Zunil, Guatemala Geothermal  
Project (overview and update)  
Mink, L., L. Merida  
and A. Caicedo

3:50 pm

BREAK

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Mexico, Geothermal Field  
Guitierrez-Negrin,  
L.C.A.

4:30 pm

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Fluid Inclusion Analysis in  
Core Samples from the Los  
Humeros Geothermal Field,  
Mexico

Prol-Ledesma, R.M.,  
and P.R.L. Browne

4:55 pm

88-047  
Hawaiian Program for the  
Confirmation and Stimulation of  
Geothermal Resources  
Development  
Olson, H.J.

GEOPHYSICS

DRILLING TECHNOLOGY

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Design of a Borehole-to-surface Resistivity Survey for the Magma Energy Dept., Exploration Well  
LaBrecque, D.

8:25 am 88-043  
Detection of a Target in a Rock Formation Using the Radar Fracture Mapping Tool  
Duda, L.E., J.E. Uhl, J. Gabaldon, and H.T. Chang

8:50 am 88-028  
Induced-Polarization Response of Selected Cascades Core Samples  
Tripp, A.C., M.M. LeMieux, P.M. Wright and J.N. Moore

9:15 am 88-074  
Thermal Analysis of The Breitenbush Geothermal System  
Blackwell, D.D. and S.L. Baker

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Analysis of Heat Flow and Groundwater Flow in the South Dakota Geothermal Anomaly  
Gosnold, W.D., Jr.

10:05 am BREAK

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Coldwater Creek Automated Microseismic Systems, The Geysers, CA  
Ziagos, J. and J. Combs

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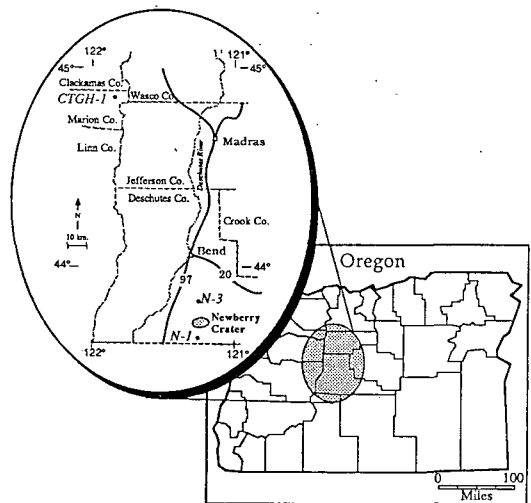


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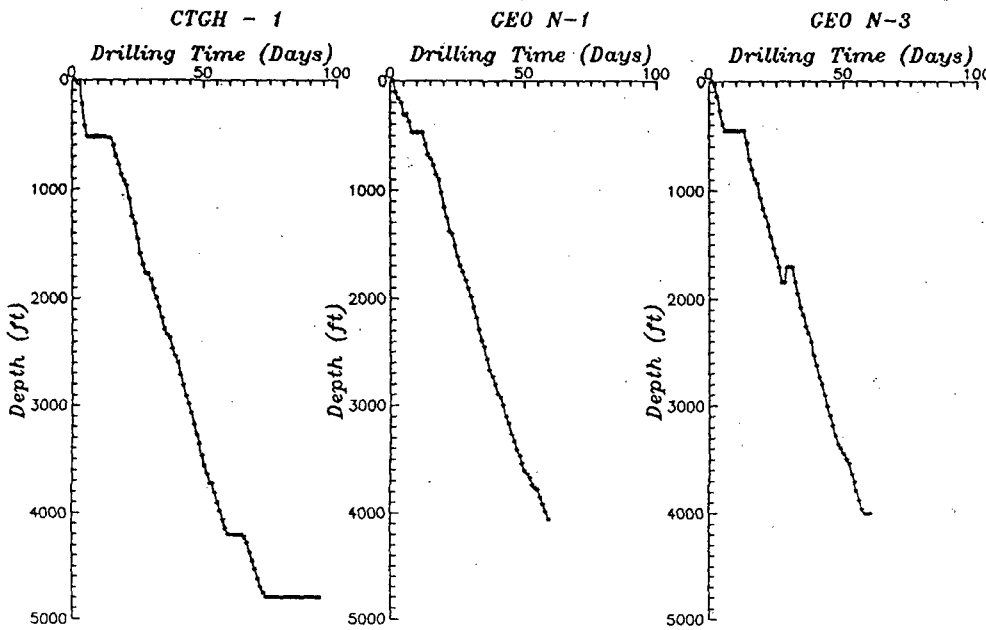


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RIG	\$296,807.00
TRUCKING & HAULING	\$3,890.00
DRILL SITE GEOLOGISTS	\$26,560.00
MUD & CHEMICALS	\$24,618.00
CEMENT MATERIALS	\$9,141.00
GEO PHYSICAL LOGGING	\$10,032.00
DRILL BITS & TOOLS	\$23,493.00
OUTSIDE LABOR	\$1,424.00
OTHER EVALUTATION	\$6,954.00
OTHER	\$14,125.00
CONDUCTOR CASING	\$419.00
SURFACE CASING	\$10,589.00
WELLHEAD EQUIPMENT	\$2,589.00
CAMP & CATERING	\$4,271.00
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TOTAL:	\$456,456.00
OVERALL COST/FT =	\$456,456/4,800 ft
=	\$95/ft

TABLE 1b.

Estimate of Expenditure for GEO N-1 and GEO N-3 (based on daily drilling reports by GEO Operator Corp.)

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RIG MOBILIZATION	\$3,000	\$8,723
ROTARY DRILLING	\$31,953	\$24,957
CEMENTING CASING		
INSTALLING BOP	\$17,830	\$23,500
WIRELINE CORING	\$233,776	\$265,644
LOGGING AND		
DEMobilIZATION	?	\$37,619
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TOTAL COST	\$286,559	\$360,443
	(to 4000')	
OVERALL COST/FT	\$72/FT	\$90/FT

to the open file reports. In general, the lithologies are similar, consisting of basalt/basaltic-andesite flows. All of the holes have interbedded pyroclastic and volcaniclastic units. In GEO N-3, these units are thicker than in the other holes, and since they are poorly consolidated as well, caving occurred in

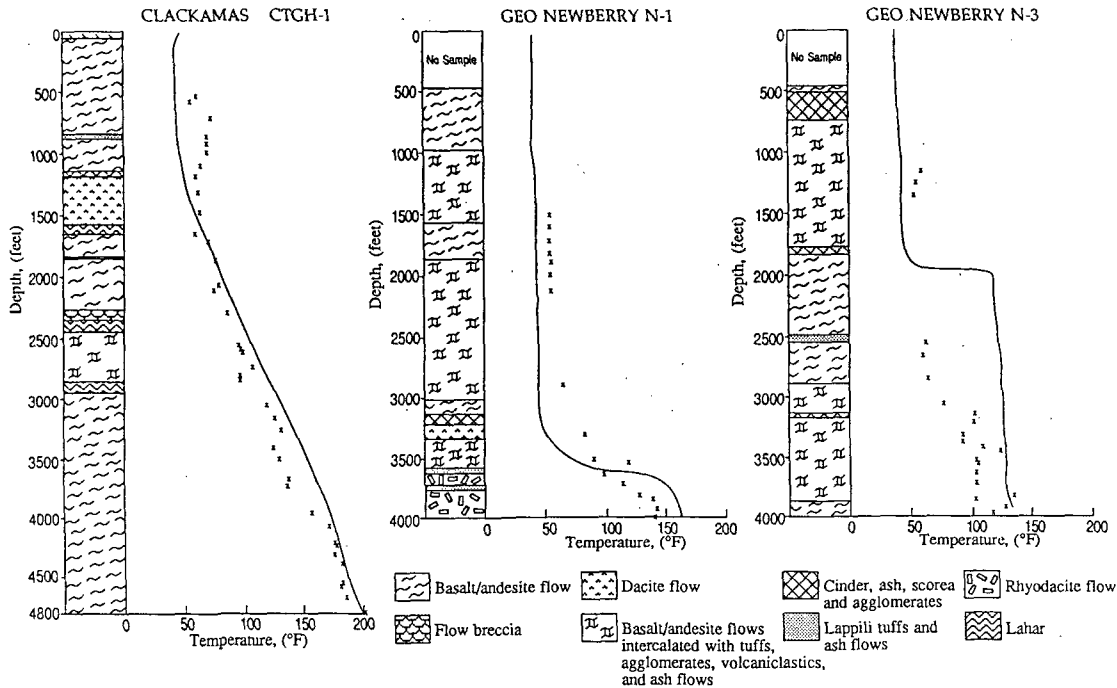


Figure 3. Generalized lithologic columns and temperature-depth profiles for CTGH-1, GEO N-1, and GEO N-3. Temperature-depth curves based on Blackwell and Steele (1987); MRT data, shown by "x"s, from open file reports. CTGH-1 and GEO N-1 lithologic columns modified from Sibbett, unpublished data.

the drilling of GEO N-3 that was not present in GEO N-1 and CTGH-1.

Figure 3 also compares the temperatures measured by Blackwell and Steele (1987), with those recorded using a maximum recording thermometer (MRT) during drilling. The temperature profiles for GEO N-1 and GEO N-3, after allowing the wells to stabilize, appears to reflect intra-hole fluid flow (Blackwell and Steele, 1987). In GEO N-3, they suggest that the temperature distribution results from upward movement of water in the wellbore. Similarly, the thermal profile of GEO N-1 could be produced by downward flow of water within the wellbore.

Since temperatures measured during drilling may be recorded before any significant intra-hole fluid flow had begun, MRT data should provide an indication of the depth to the base of the cold-water hydrologic regime. Figure 3 shows that the MRT temperatures are nearly constant with depth in the upper portions of all three holes. Below this zone, the

gradients increase and higher temperature are recorded. We suggest, based on these measurements, that the lower boundary of the cold water regime is located at depths of about 3,600 feet in GEO N-1, GEO N-3, and at 1,600 feet in CTGH-1.

Comparison of the thermal profiles with the lithologic logs demonstrates that fluid movement may be influenced by rock type. For example, in GEO N-3, flow out of the wellbore occurs around 1,800 to 1,900 feet in an unconsolidated cinder and ash unit. The water appears to enter this well in interbedded pyroclastics and basalts. Additional information on GEO N-1 and GEO N-3 is given by Blackwell and Steele (1987). GEO N-1 has also been summarized by Swanberg and Combs (1986).

Geophysical well logs were run in all three holes shortly after hole completion. In both CTGH-1 and GEO N-3, it was not possible to obtain complete logs due to the casing. Table 2 lists the logs available, and the corresponding depth intervals.

TABLE 2.

Geophysical Well Logs Available. For copies contact: Rocky Mountain Well Log Service; P.O. Box 3150; Denver, Colorado 80201.

	<u>CTGH-1</u>	<u>GEO N-1</u>	<u>GEO N - 3</u>
TEMPERATURE	16 - 516.5 ft; 0 - 4785 ft	0 - 4000 ft	50 - 4002 ft
CALIPER	10 - 514 ft; 4100 - 4800 ft	0 - 4000 ft	1690 - 3999 ft
GAMMA RAY	0 - 4800 ft	0 - 4000 ft	50 - 1692 ft
SPONTANEOUS POTENTIAL	35 - 516 ft; 4200 - 4798 ft	0 - 4000 ft	--
RESISTIVITY 16" - 64"	35 - 515.5 ft; 4200 - 4799 ft	0 - 4000 ft	--
INDUCTION	--	0 - 4000 ft	--
ACOUSTIC	4225 - 4425 ft	0 - 4000 ft	--
ACOUSTIC FRACLOG	--	0 - 4000 ft	1700 - 4001 ft
NEUTRON	0 - 4800 ft	--	50 - 4000 ft
GAMMA - GAMMA DENSITY	0 - 510 ft; 775 - 900 ft	--	--
INDUCED POLARIZATION	4200 - 4799 ft	--	--
LATERALOG	4200 - 4798 ft	--	--
DENSILOG, NEUTRON	--	--	50 - 1692 ft
GUARD RESISTIVITY	20 - 514 ft	--	--

Analysis of the well logs is presently being conducted. There are several other scientific studies underway on the three coreholes. Table 3 lists these studies as well as the entities that are conducting the studies. In addition, an attempt will be made to obtain a fluid sample from GEO N-3 before the hole is plugged and abandoned.

A summary of open-file data is given in Table 4. Core from the three holes is also available for inspection at the University of Utah Research Institute sample library by appointment.

An additional core hole has been drilled along the east side of Crater Lake National Park, Oregon by California Energy as part of the DOE/Industry cost-share program (located south of area shown in Figure 1). The hole has been

drilled to approximately 1,400 feet, with a temperature at TD of 107°C (225°F) (Blackwell and Steele, 1987). However, drilling has been halted while possible effects of geothermal development on Crater Lake are evaluated. Some of the issues surrounding this evaluation are discussed by La Fleur (1987) and Sammel and Benson (1987). If continued drilling is approved studies and data, similar to that acquired on the other holes drilled under the DOE cost-share program, will become available for the Crater Lake hole.

#### SUMMARY

As part of a DOE-industry cooperative research program, three deep holes were cored in the Cascades to depths of 4,000 - 5,000 feet. The main objective of the program was to penetrate the near-surface

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Scientific Studies Underway or Reported			
	CTGH -1	GEO N-1	GEO N-3
HEAT FLOW	SMU	SMU GEO	SMU GEO
DOWNHOLE Hg	--	GEO	GEO
ALTERATION	USGS	USGS GEO	USGS GEO
VOLCANIC STRATIGRAPHY	DOGAMI	Univ. of Wyo	Univ. of Wyo
CORRELATION OF ELECTRIC LOGS WITH ALTERATION ANALYSIS OF WELL LOGS	UURI	UURI	UURI
GEOCHEMISTRY OF FLUIDS AND ROCKS	--	GEO	GEO
AGE DATA	--	GEO	GEO
PETROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS	--	GEO	GEO
SYNTHESIS OF DATA TO DEVELOP MODEL	DOGAMI	--	--
CORE STUDIES	UURI	UURI	UURI

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SMU - Southern Methodist University

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DAILY DRILLING REPORT	X	X	X
DRILLING AND COMPLETION HISTORY	X		
LITHOLOGIC LOG	X	X	X
CORE RECOVERY LOG	X	X	X
CORE PHOTOS		X	X
TEMPERATURE DURING DRILLING	X	X	X
STANDING FLUID LEVEL	X	X	X
TEMPERATURE LOG		X	X
GRAPHIC DRILLING LOG (lithology, temp. from MRT, penetration rate, water level, lost circulation zones)	X		
SECONDARY MINERALOGY DESCRIPTION	X	X	X
HOLE COMPLETION SCHEMATIC	X	X	X
TABLE OF MEASURED THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY		X	
FINAL REPORTS	X	X	

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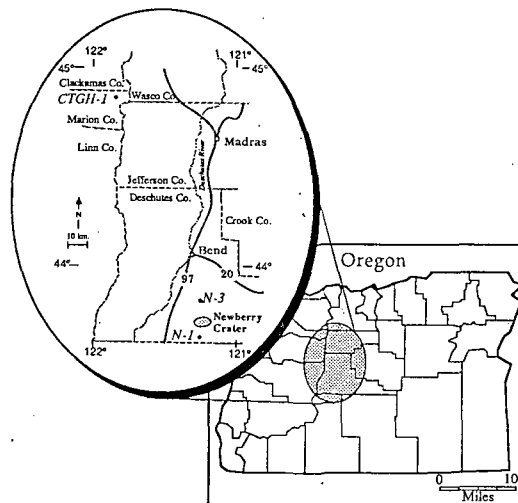


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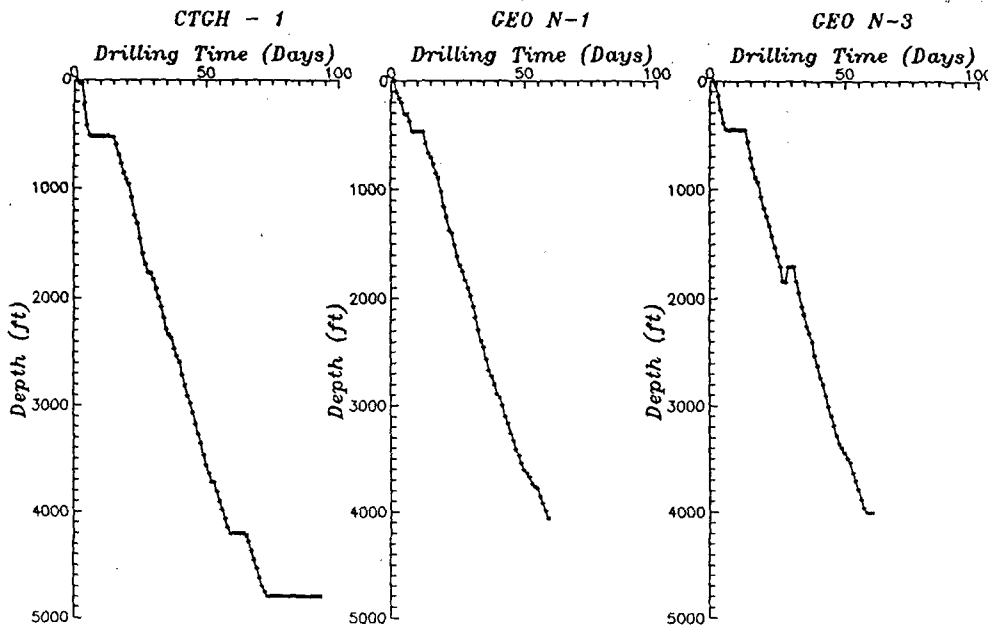


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Detailed Itemization of Expenditures for CTGH-1 (based on CTGH-1 Final Technical Report by Thermal Power Co., 1987).

ROAD, SITE AND LOCATION	\$11,544.00
RIG MOB/DEMOB	\$10,000.00
RIG	\$296,807.00
TRUCKING & HAULING	\$3,890.00
DRILL SITE GEOLOGISTS	\$26,560.00
MUD & CHEMICALS	\$24,618.00
CEMENT MATERIALS	\$9,141.00
GEOPHYSICAL LOGGING	\$10,032.00
DRILL BITS & TOOLS	\$23,493.00
OUTSIDE LABOR	\$1,424.00
OTHER EVALUTATION	\$6,954.00
OTHER	\$14,125.00
CONDUCTOR CASING	\$419.00
SURFACE CASING	\$10,589.00
WELLHEAD EQUIPMENT	\$2,589.00
CAMP & CATERING	\$4,271.00
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TOTAL:	\$456,456.00
OVERALL COST/FT =	\$456,456/4,800 ft
=	\$95/ft

TABLE 1b.

Estimate of Expenditure for GEO N-1 and GEO N-3 (based on daily drilling reports by GEO Operator Corp.)

	GEO N-1	GEO N-3
RIG MOBILIZATION	\$3,000	\$8,723
ROTARY DRILLING	\$31,953	\$24,957
CEMENTING CASING		
INSTALLING BOP	\$17,830	\$23,500
WIRELINE CORING	\$233,776	\$265,644
LOGGING AND		
DEMOBILIZATION	?	\$37,619
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TOTAL COST	\$286,559	\$360,443
	(to 4000')	
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OVERALL COST/FT	\$72/FT	\$90/FT

to the open file reports. In general, the lithologies are similar, consisting of basalt/basaltic-andesite flows. All of the holes have interbedded pyroclastic and volcaniclastic units. In GEO N-3; these units are thicker than in the other holes, and since they are poorly consolidated as well, caving occurred in

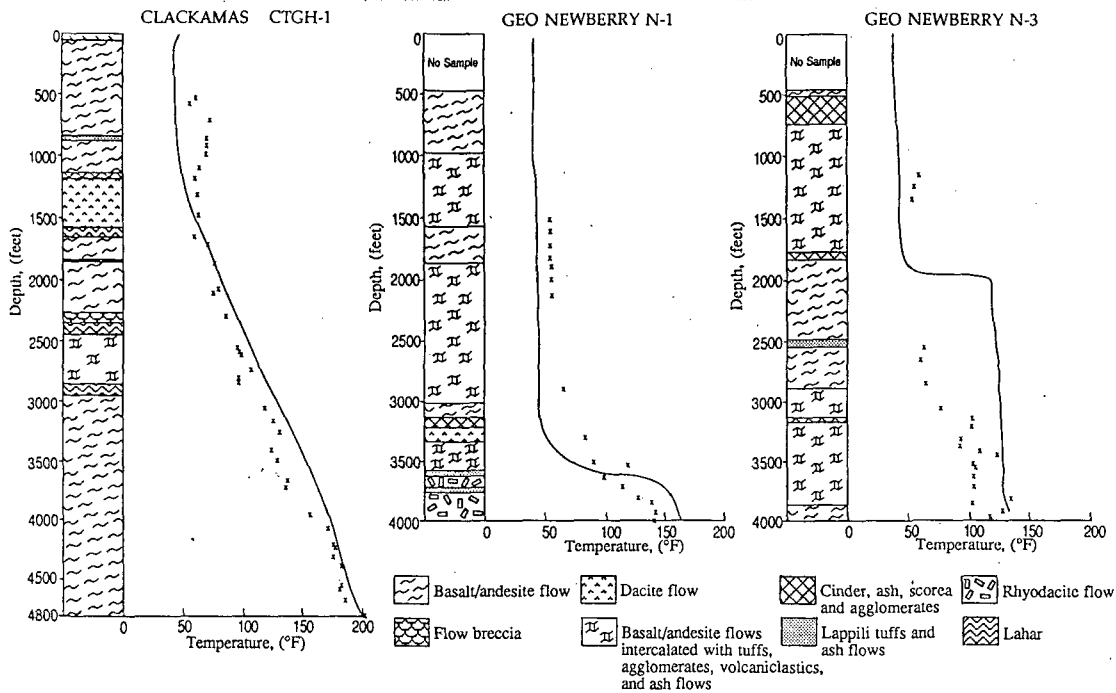


Figure 3. Generalized lithologic columns and temperature-depth profiles for CTGH-1, GEO N-1, and GEO N-3. Temperature-depth curves based on Blackwell and Steele (1987); MRT data, shown by "x"s, from open file reports. CTGH-1 and GEO N-1 lithologic columns modified from Sibbett, unpublished data.

the drilling of GEO N-3 that was not present in GEO N-1 and CTGH-1.

Figure 3 also compares the temperatures measured by Blackwell and Steele (1987), with those recorded using a maximum recording thermometer (MRT) during drilling. The temperature profiles for GEO N-1 and GEO N-3, after allowing the wells to stabilize, appears to reflect intra-hole fluid flow (Blackwell and Steele, 1987). In GEO N-3, they suggest that the temperature distribution results from upward movement of water in the wellbore. Similarly, the thermal profile of GEO N-1 could be produced by downward flow of water within the wellbore.

Since temperatures measured during drilling may be recorded before any significant intra-hole fluid flow had begun, MRT data should provide an indication of the depth to the base of the cold-water hydrologic regime. Figure 3 shows that the MRT temperatures are nearly constant with depth in the upper portions of all three holes. Below this zone, the

gradients increase and higher temperature are recorded. We suggest, based on these measurements, that the lower boundary of the cold water regime is located at depths of about 3,600 feet in GEO N-1, GEO N-3, and at 1,600 feet in CTGH-1.

Comparison of the thermal profiles with the lithologic logs demonstrates that fluid movement may be influenced by rock type. For example, in GEO N-3, flow out of the wellbore occurs around 1,800 to 1,900 feet in an unconsolidated cinder and ash unit. The water appears to enter this well in interbedded pyroclastics and basalts. Additional information on GEO N-1 and GEO N-3 is given by Blackwell and Steele (1987). GEO N-1 has also been summarized by Swanberg and Combs (1986).

Geophysical well logs were run in all three holes shortly after hole completion. In both CTGH-1 and GEO N-3, it was not possible to obtain complete logs due to the casing. Table 2 lists the logs available, and the corresponding depth intervals.

TABLE 2.

Geophysical Well Logs Available. For copies contact: Rocky Mountain Well Log Service; P.O. Box 3150; Denver, Colorado 80201.

	<u>CTGH-1</u>	<u>GEO N-1</u>	<u>GEO N - 3</u>
TEMPERATURE	16 - 516.5 ft; 0 - 4785 ft	0 - 4000 ft	50 - 4002 ft
CALIPER	10 - 514 ft; 4100 - 4800 ft	0 - 4000 ft	1690 - 3999 ft
GAMMA RAY	0 - 4800 ft	0 - 4000 ft	50 - 1692 ft
SPONTANEOUS POTENTIAL	35 - 516 ft; 4200 - 4798 ft	0 - 4000 ft	--
RESISTIVITY 16" - 64"	35 - 515.5 ft; 4200 - 4799 ft	0 - 4000 ft	--
INDUCTION	--	0 - 4000 ft	--
ACOUSTIC	4225 - 4425 ft	0 - 4000 ft	--
ACOUSTIC FRACLOG	--	0 - 4000 ft	1700 - 4001 ft
NEUTRON	0 - 4800 ft	--	50 - 4000 ft
GAMMA - GAMMA DENSITY	0 - 510 ft; 775 - 900 ft	--	--
INDUCED POLARIZATION	4200 - 4799 ft	--	--
LATERALOG	4200 - 4798 ft	--	--
DENSILOG, NEUTRON	--	--	50 - 1692 ft
GUARD RESISTIVITY	20 - 514 ft	--	--

Analysis of the well logs is presently being conducted. There are several other scientific studies underway on the three coreholes. Table 3 lists these studies as well as the entities that are conducting the studies. In addition, an attempt will be made to obtain a fluid sample from GEO N-3 before the hole is plugged and abandoned.

A summary of open-file data is given in Table 4. Core from the three holes is also available for inspection at the University of Utah Research Institute sample library by appointment.

An additional core hole has been drilled along the east side of Crater Lake National Park, Oregon by California Energy as part of the DOE/Industry cost-share program (located south of area shown in Figure 1). The hole has been

drilled to approximately 1,400 feet, with a temperature at TD of 107°C (225°F) (Blackwell and Steele, 1987). However, drilling has been halted while possible effects of geothermal development on Crater Lake are evaluated. Some of the issues surrounding this evaluation are discussed by La Fleur (1987) and Sammel and Benson (1987). If continued drilling is approved studies and data, similar to that acquired on the other holes drilled under the DOE cost-share program, will become available for the Crater Lake hole.

#### SUMMARY

As part of a DOE-industry cooperative research program, three deep holes were cored in the Cascades to depths of 4,000 - 5,000 feet. The main objective of the program was to penetrate the near-surface

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hydrologic regime and obtain lithologic, hydrologic and structural data on the Cascades that would be available to the public. The near-surface hydrologic regime was penetrated by all three holes, and the appropriate data collected. At the present, studies on these three holes are still underway.

Table 3.

Scientific Studies Underway or Reported			
	CTGH -1	GEO N-1	GEO N-3
HEAT FLOW	SMU	SMU GEO	SMU GEO
DOWNHOLE Hg	--	GEO	GEO
ALTERATION	USGS	USGS GEO	USGS GEO
VOLCANIC STRATIGRAPHY	DOGAMI	Univ. of Wyo	Univ. of Wyo
CORRELATION OF ELECTRIC LOGS WITH ALTERATION ANALYSIS OF WELL LOGS	UURI	UURI	UURI
GEOCHEMISTRY OF FLUIDS AND ROCKS	--	GEO	GEO
AGE DATA	--	GEO	GEO
PETROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS	--	GEO	GEO
SYNTHESIS OF DATA TO DEVELOP MODEL	DOGAMI	--	--
CORE STUDIES	UURI	UURI	UURI

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SMU - Southern Methodist University

GEO - GEO Operator Corp.

USGS - United States Geological Survey

DOGAMI - Oregon Dept. of Geology and and Mineral Industries

Univ. of WYO - University of Wyoming Dept. of Geology

UURI - University of Utah Research Institute - Earth Science Laboratory

Table 4.

Open File data available. For copies contact the authors.

	CTGH -1	GEO N-1	GEO N-3
DAILY DRILLING REPORT	X	X	X
DRILLING AND COMPLETION HISTORY	X		
LITHOLOGIC LOG	X	X	X
CORE RECOVERY LOG	X	X	X
CORE PHOTOS		X	X
TEMPERATURE DURING DRILLING	X	X	X
STANDING FLUID LEVEL	X	X	X
TEMPERATURE LOG		X	X
GRAPHIC DRILLING LOG (lithology, temp. from MRT, penetration rate, water level, lost circulation zones)	X		
SECONDARY MINERALOGY DESCRIPTION	X	X	X
HOLE COMPLETION SCHEMATIC	X	X	X
TABLE OF MEASURED THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY		X	
FINAL REPORTS	X	X	

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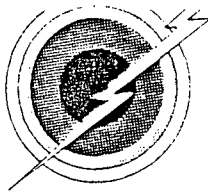
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