

GEOTHERMAL BRANCH

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Review of 864-54 Thermal Gradient Calculation

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After examining the thermal gradient data from the recently released Southland Royalty hole along Shoshone Creek (864-58), I decided to review 864-54. It would appear that convection around the PVC may have considerably altered the temperatures in the upper 15 meters. Therefore, if we calculate a gradient based upon BHT (16.2) and MA (13.00) then we get a gradient of 110° C/km.

Then considering that the Triassic limestone is thoroughly fractured, a thermal conductivity of 6.5 to 6.8 would give heatflow values comparable to hole 864-58.

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