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Public Meeting

12/01/2008

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Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD

From:	Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Sent:	Thursday, December 18, 2008 9:23 AM
To:	'Damon Seawright'; Michael.Hayter@rasertech.com
Cc:	Price, Wayne, EMNRD; VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD
Subject:	RE: Hydrology Meeting
Sensitivity:	Personal

Mr. Hayter & Mr. Seawright:

Good morning. The OCD requests that the meeting be absent attorneys or general council in order to complete an unbiased informal technical meeting where the OCD's Senior Hydrologist (Mr. Glenn von Gonten) and attendees may feel free to informally share information, communicate and discuss technical issues related to the proposed project. This meeting is really about the experts and OCD Senior Hydrologist being involved in the technical aspects of the project.

Please contact me if you have questions. Remember, the meeting is voluntary; however, any party (i.e., Americulture or Raser) that would like to abstain or wish to <u>not</u> participate in such a meeting, will result in a meeting cancellation. A communiqué of cancellation to the OCD Hearing Examiner with details would result. Thank you.

Carl J. Chavez, CHMM New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Dept. Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau 1220 South St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 Office: (505) 476-3491 Fax: (505) 476-3462 E-mail: <u>Carl J. Chavez@state.nm.us</u> Website: <u>http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/</u>index.htm (Pollution Prevention Guidance is under "Publications")

From: Damon Seawright [mailto:damon@vtc.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2008 6:11 PM
To: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Cc: 'Jeffrey Harris'; 'Gary Seawright'; 'James Witcher'
Subject: Hydrology Meeting
Sensitivity: Personal

Dear Carl,

We confirm our willingness to meet at the scheduled time. I assume that we will be meeting at OCD in Santa Fe. Please confirm.

Jim Witcher and myself will be in attendance. It is possible that AmeriCulture Chairman Gary Seawright and AmeriCulture Counsel Jeffrey Harris will be in attendance as well, though they are unable to confirm at the moment.

Sincerely,

Damon Seawright AmeriCulture, Inc.

You Wrote:

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Subject: Location:	Lightning Dock Geothermal No. 1 (HI-01) LLC. (GTHT-1) Post December 1, 2008 Hearing Required Meeting NM Oil Conservation Division (Wendell Chino Bldg.), 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505
Start: End: Show Time As:	Tue 1/27/2009 1:00 PM Tue 1/27/2009 4:00 PM Tentative
Recurrence:	(none)
Meeting Status:	Not yet responded
Required Attendees: Optional Attendees:	Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD; VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD; Michael.Hayter@rasertech.com; damon@vtc.net Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Michael Albrecht

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Meeting Attendees:

AmeriCulture: Damon Seawright, Gary Seawright & Jim Witcher (Hydrogeologist or Equivalent)

OCD: Carl Chavez, Wayne Price & Glenn von Gonten (Senior Hydrologist)

Raser Technologies: Michael Albrecht, Michael Hayter, John Shomaker (Hydrogeologist/or Equivalent) or Roger Peery (Hydrogeologist or Equivalent)

Informal Technical Meeting Agenda:

AmeriCulture: Hearing Presentation w/ any new slides to convey hydrogeologic information or main points and support for conclusions in presentation. (group participation w/ questions)

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Raser: Technologies: Presentation w/ any new slides to convey agreement or disagreement with AmeriCulture presentation conclusions or new slides to convey or support Raser's discharge permit application, well locations, injection rates, etc. (group participation w/ questions)

OCD: Final questions to presenters. Discussion of possible changes to the initial draft discharge permit issued May 28, 2008, and any questions from presenters about the draft discharge permit, permit process, public notice, process going forward, etc.

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From: Sent:	Price, Wayne, EMNRD Friday, December 05, 2008 10:51 AM
To:	Jay Hamilton; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Cc:	Steve Brown; Michael Hayter; Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD; VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD; Damon Seawright
Subject:	RE: Lightning Dock - Arizona Solid Waste Facilities

Dear Jay,

During the hearing at Lordsburg Mr. Brooks asked if the OCD would have our senior hydro-geologist review the application. As a result of that question, I would like to set up a technical meeting with Razor's geology expert and Seawright's expert. We understand these experts may be expensive, so OCD will try and utilize the time in the most efficient manner. Of course OCD cannot be responsible for associated cost except for our own expenses.

If all parties agree, then we can set a place and time. Please let us know ASAP!

From: Jay Hamilton [mailto:hamiltonenviro@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, December 05, 2008 9:24 AM
To: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Cc: Steve Brown; Michael Hayter; Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD
Subject: Re: Lightning Dock - Arizona Solid Waste Facilities

Carl,

Thanks for the information. We will not have juicy petroleum hydrocarbon soils in the geothermal drilling process. Please refer to "Method of Disposal of Wast Materials" in the Plan of Operation and in the "Discharge Plan Application for Bine Extraction".

If you have additonal questions please contact me.

Thanks,

Jay

From: "Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD" <CarlJ.Chavez@state.nm.us> **To:** Jay Hamilton <hamiltonenviro@yahoo.com> **Sent:** Thursday, December 4, 2008 11:51:56 AM **Subject:** RE: Lightning Dock - Arizona Solid Waste Facilities

Hey Jay. You may want to make sure that they know the waste is from a geothermal power plant that may have certain exemptions and it will be key to ask specifically if they can handle drill cuttings w/ salt, juicy petroleum hydrocarbon soils, etc. Thanks.

Carl J. Chavez, CHMM New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Dept. Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau 1220 South St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 Office: (505) 476-3491 Fax: (505) 476-3462 From: Jay Hamilton [mailto:hamiltonenviro@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2008 11:11 AM
To: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
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Subject: Lightning Dock - Arizona Solid Waste Facilities

Carl,

I am in the process of contacting the solid waste landfills in Arizona that can handle RCRA Subtitle "D" Solid Wastes.

Please see attachment.

Thanks,

Jay

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION SPECIAL EXAMINER HEARING

Lordsburg, New Mexico

December 1, 2008, 9:00 A.M.

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Lightning Dock Geothermal Power Plant Discharge Permit Application

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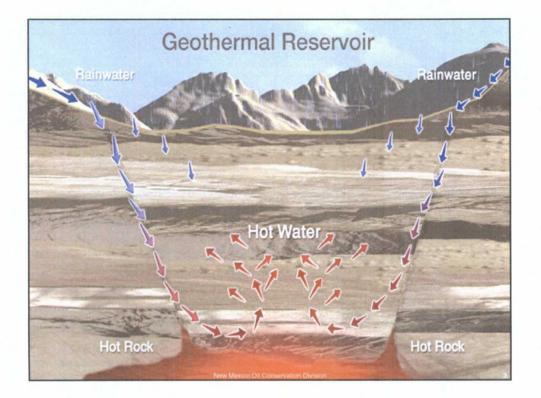
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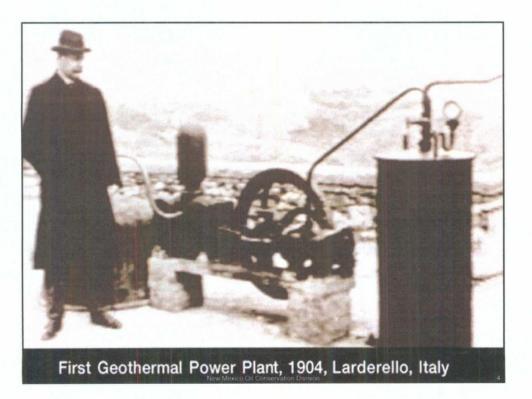
Lightning Dock Geothermal No. 1 (GTHT-1) "Binary-Cycle" Power Generation Plant WQCC Discharge Permit Application

New Mexico

Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department Oil Conservation Division Carl Chavez (Environmental Engineer) & Wayne Price (Environmental Bureau Chief) December 1, 2008 Lordsburg, New Mexico

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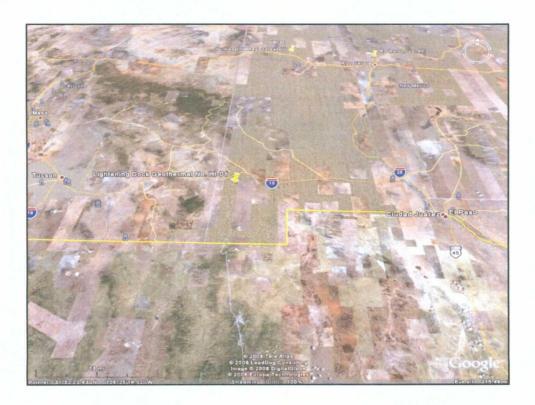




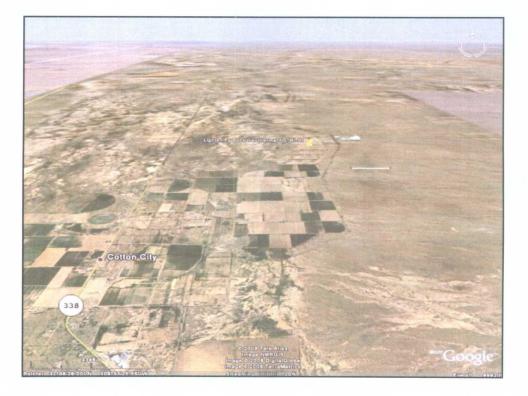
Benefits of Geothermal Power

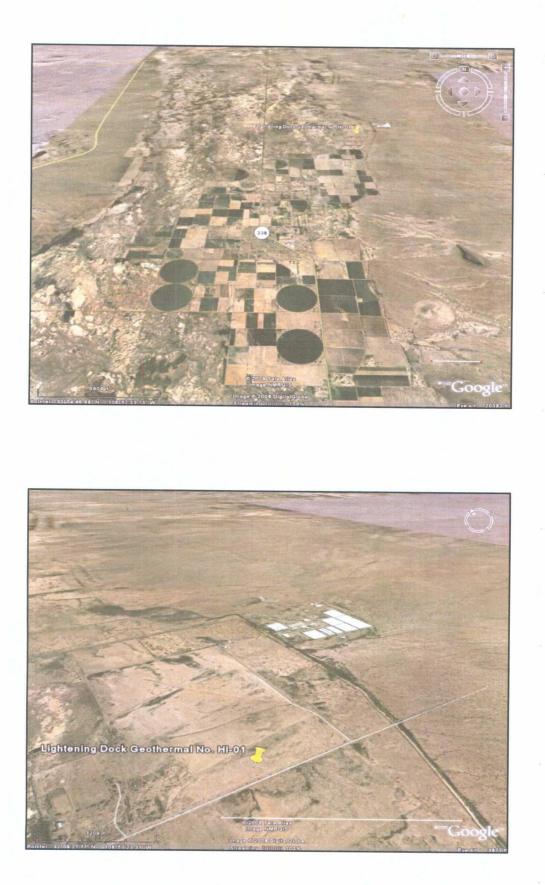
- * Provides clean and safe energy using little land
- Is renewable and sustainable
- Generates continuous, reliable "baseload" power
- Conserves fossil fuels and contributes to diversity in energy sources
- Avoids importing and benefits local economies
- Offers modular, incremental development and village power to remote sites

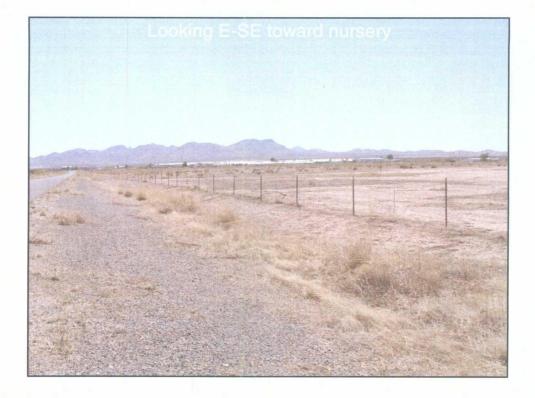
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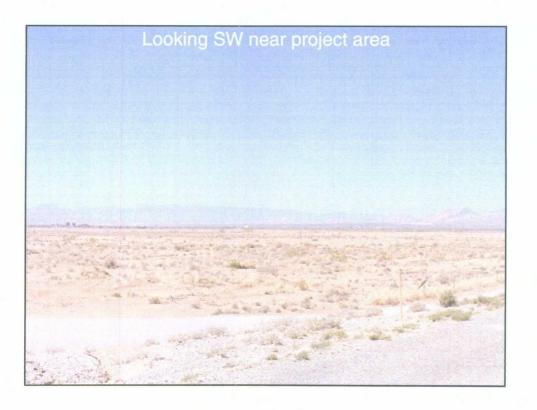






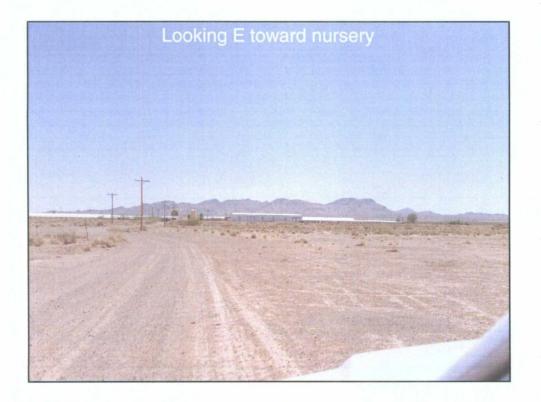


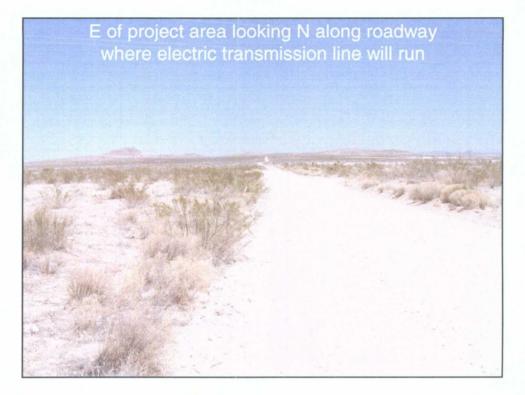


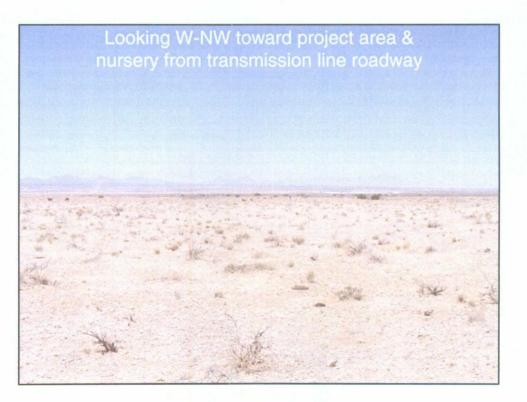


Looking S-SW across project area in foreground

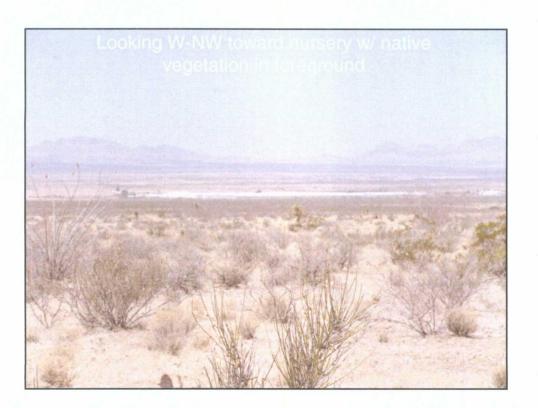
Approx. 2,592 acres of private land lease located on Sections 7, 11-14, 18 & 23 of T 25 S R 19 W (NMPM). BLM administers the geothermal rights of ~ 2,500 acres under lease No. NM-108801 & NM-034790 (Los Lobos Renewable Power, LLC)











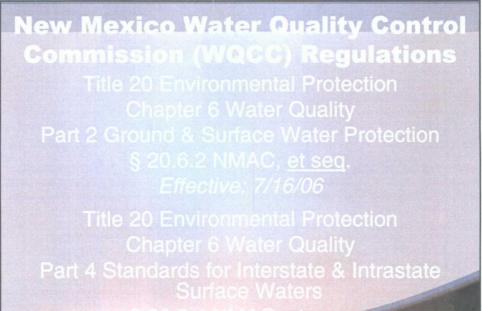
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Geothermal Regulations

Chapter 71: Energy & Minerals Article 5: Geothermal Resources Conservation Act "Chapter 71, Article 5 NMSA 1978"

71-5-2.1. Exclusion: incidental loss or extraction of heat. When the application of potable wate to a beneficial use involves the incidental loss or extraction of heat, and the water is 250 degrees Fahrenheit or less, then that heat is not a geothermal resource for which a royalty is due. In such a case, the use is not governed by laws related to thermal resources but is empty accurated by Chapter 22 MMSA 1978.

> Fitle 19: Natural Resources & Wildlife Chapter 14: Geothermal Power "Title19: Chapter 14 NMAC 1983"

> > Recompiled 12/31/01



20.6.4 NMAC, <u>et seq</u>.

Effective: 7/17/05

EPA delegated OCD primacy over UIC Program for Class I, III, IV and V (Geoseq. & Geotherm.) UIC Wells July 11, 1983 §1422 48FR31640

OCD delegated authority by Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) over State UIC Program July 21, 1989 § 20.6.2.5000-5299 NMAC

Geothermal Viel Locations Sections 7, 12 & 12 Cos S, R 19 W (Hidalgo County) 10 mill S of I-10 on CR-338 (East of CR-338 - 1000 M Greenbouse #3)

51-07 NW/4, NE/4 of Section 7, 169.2 FNL 2406.9 FEL 53-12 SW/4, NE/4 of Section 12, 1574.8 FNL 3350 FWL 42-18 NE/4, NW/4 of Section 18, 1307 FNL 2123 FWL

Production or Development Wells 13-07 SW/4, NW/4 of Section 7, 3781 FSL 530 FWL 33-07 SE/4, NW/4 of Section 7, 3721.2 FSL 1789.4 FWL 45-07 NE/4, SW/4 of Section 7, 2360 FSL 2278.2 FWL 47-07 SE/4 SW/4 of Section 7, 1219.1 FSL 2266.3 FWL 53-07 SW/4 NE/4 of Section 7, 3775.3 FSL 3052.1 FWL

BRIEF HISTORY OF PROJECT

- Geothermal application received 5/13/2008
- Application deemed "Administratively Complete" on 5/28/2008
- Public comments received from AmeriCulture on 7/11/2008
- OCD issues notice of public hearing on 10/1/2008 for 12/1/2008 hearing at Lordsburg Special Events Center
- Pre-hearing statements requested from applicant, public commenter & OCD on 11/13/2008

SCOPE OF PROJECT

Portable "Binary-Cycle" power generation units (~ 50 @ 225 kW ea.) deployed at 15 MWe Geothermal Power Plant (5 Production/ Development Wells & 3 Class V Geothermal Injection Wells @ target depth of 3,400 ft. bgl)

 Plant will produce 11 MWe for Phoenix Mkt. over 20-yr. purchased power agreement w/ Salt River Project (AZ Utility) to power 5,500 homes, but the geothermal resource may allow production of about 2x much energy (Albuquerque Journal- 7/3/2008).

 Production wells produce – 15k gpm of 250–300 °F water w/ TDS ~ 1,300 mg/L from the Horquilla Fm. (geothermal carbonate reservoir) @ TD 3400 ft. bgl. Water routed in parallel into portable binary-cycle units.

SCOPE OF PROJECT

 1500 gpm shallow GW (makeup water) w/ TDS ~ 300 mg/L cycled into cooling tower unit (removes heat from hot condensate)

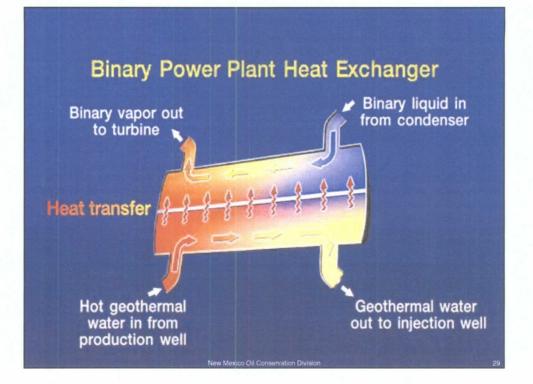
• ~ 425 gpm blow-down effluent w/ remainder of produced water (180–225 °F) injected into geothermal reservoir (~3400 ft bgl) via each Class V Injection Well @ 4–5k gpm @ avg. surface injection pressure of 75 psi

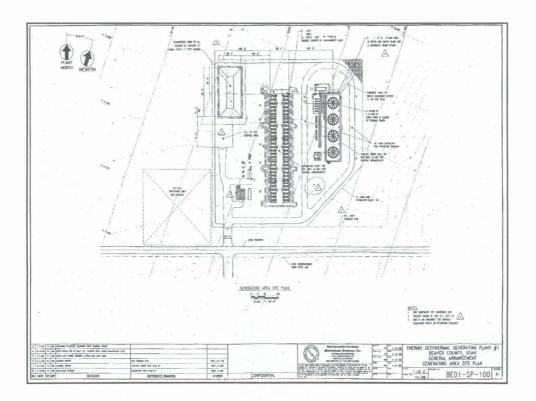
- Lined evaporation pond temporarily stores excess cooling tower blow-down fluid during emergencies
- Cooling tower blow-down fluid diluted w/ spent produced water must meet WQSs before injection

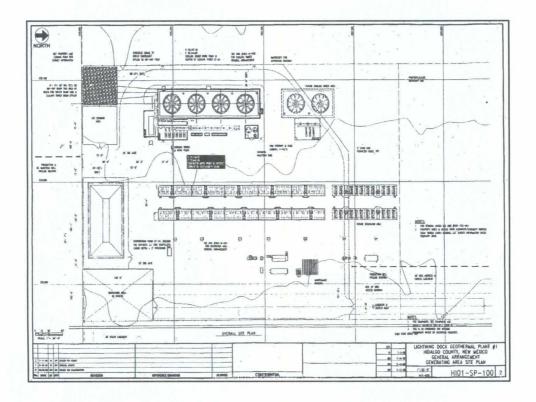
• Discharge permit addresses well construction, operation, monitoring, testing of the wells, assoc. surface facilities, and provides a contingency plan in the event of accidental spills, leaks, & other accidental discharges to protect fresh water.

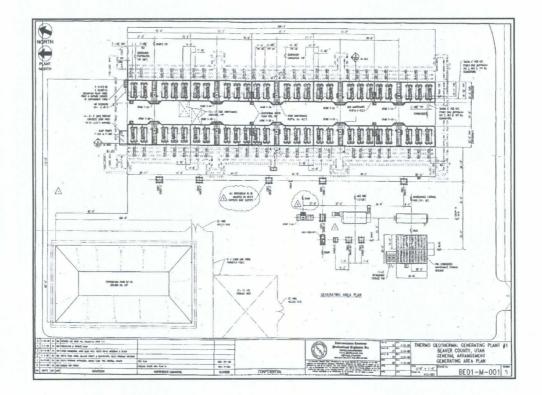
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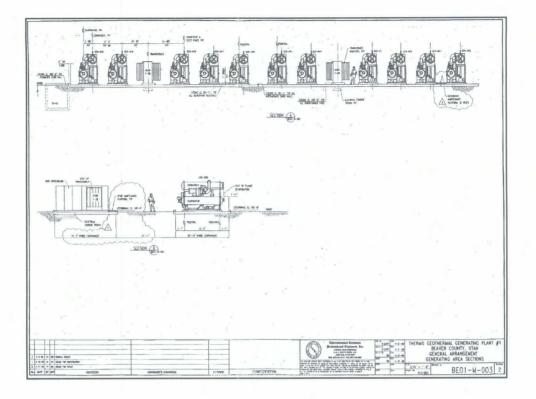
- Spent produced geothermal water is routed into Class V injection wells to replenish the reservoir & possibly be reused
- All drilling & well construction must conform to OCD Geothermal Regulations
- Nearest landfill to facility is at the Butterfield Trail Regional Landfill 15 mi. W of Deming, NM, scheduled to be completed Spring of 2009. OCD may approve other waste facilities











WQCC DISCHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS § 20.6.2 NMAC, et seq.

OCD discharge permit (5-Yr.) typical process:

- . Submit geothermal discharge permit application w/ processing fee (\$100).
- OCD reviews application to determine whether application is "Administratively Complete" within 15 days of receipt.
- 3. Administrative completeness determination starts public notice process w/ draft permit issuance (30day public notice in regional & local newspapers), notification(s), signage, etc.

WQCC DISCHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS § 20.6.2 NMAC, et seq.

OCD discharge permit (5-Yr.) typical process:

- Final discharge permit generally issued within 60-days of administrative completeness, unless public comments are received that warrant a public hearing under an OCD Hearing Examiner.
- At completion of hearing, based on the Hearing Examiner's conclusion(s), the Division may issue the final permit, which may include additional conditions.

The discharge permit fee is \$1700 renewable every 5-years.

OCD DISCHARGE PERMIT

What does it do?

- Prevents contamination of surface (storm water) and ground water by evaluating chemical process areas relative to storm water, pollution prevention infra-structure, monitoring at or near potential point source areas where treatment, storage, and spills/leaks may occur.
- Prevents the owner/operator from discharging above WQSs to surface and ground water.
- Provides for OCD inspections with immediate modifications to the permit to protect the environment as conditions warrant.

OUTSTANDING WQCC ISSUES

The following issues have not been sufficiently addressed in the application:

Ground Water & Surface Water:

- Fresh water appears to be present from water table to depth of injection w/ no cap rock or impermeable zones separating fresh from non-fresh water zones. Consequently, cooling tower blow-down with spent produced water may need to be recycled, reused, or treated to meet WQSs before any injection is allowed. Currently, the applicant believes that the Nalco paper w/ proposed chemicals & cooling tower blow-down & dilution with spent produced water (~ 1300 mg/L TDS) will meet WQSs & protect wildlife before injection. OCD will require WO testing in Horquilla Fm. @ Prod. & Injection wells to establish background conditions in geothermal reservoir.
- Daily testing of the cooling tower blow-down & produced spent water stream to characterize & verify that fluid may be reused, stored and/or that it meets WOSs or needs treatment before injection will be required.

OUTSTANDING WQCC ISSUES

The following issues have not been sufficiently addressed in the application:

Ground Water & Surface Water:

Water table monitoring of seasonal flow direction & hydraulic gradient w/ upgradient & downgradient water quality monitoring from potential point source locations will be required to monitor for environmental impacts

Focus on hydrogeologic characterization & water quality sampling of aquifer(s) (if possible) during drilling and well development activities.

Proper ASTM field geotechnical applications must be applied during construction.

Waste:

Proper disposition of all wastes.



PROJECT GOING FORWARD

If the geothermal power generation plant is permitted by the OCD, the following will occur:

• OCD sends final version of discharge permit w/ public hearing considerations to applicant for signature & return w/ final fee of \$1700. The OCD must receive a final signed DP w/ final fee.

 Well bonds or financial assurance must be approved via letter from OCD.

 Once bonds are approved, OCD Artesia may approve well APDs for the Administrative Record.

• Geothermal exploration drilling & well testing may begin w/ OCD geothermal forms documentation of geothermal resource per well for verification & documentation of well construction, hydrogeology, depth, temperatures w/ verification that a hightemp. geothermal reservoir(e) exists.

PROJECT GOING FORWARD

If the geothermal power generation plant is permitted by the OCD, the following will occur:

Geothermal Production/Injection Wells

 If a high-temp. geothermal reservoir(s) exists & owner/ operator wishes to produce the reservoir & inject, signed Forms G-104 and G-112 per well must be submitted and approved by the OCD Santa Fe before geothermal well production & injection may begin.

 Other agencies (i.e., USGS & NMBGM) may receive copies of geothermal forms or be directed to OCD Online "GTHT-1" for forms & records.

 Injection wells must comply with WQCC and OCD geothermal regulations, while production/development wells must comply with OCD geothermal regulations.



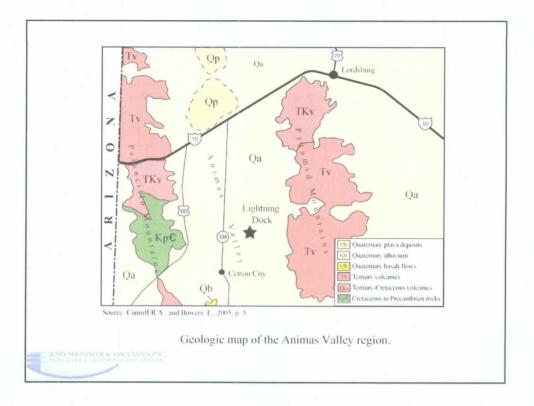


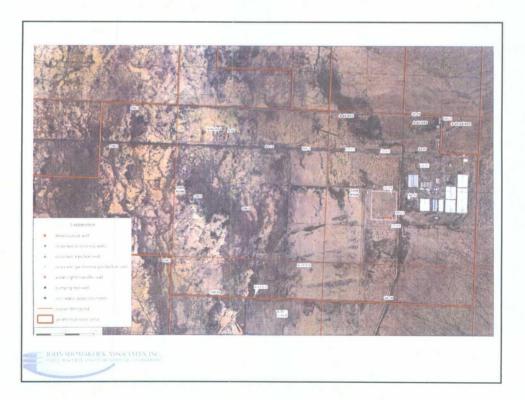
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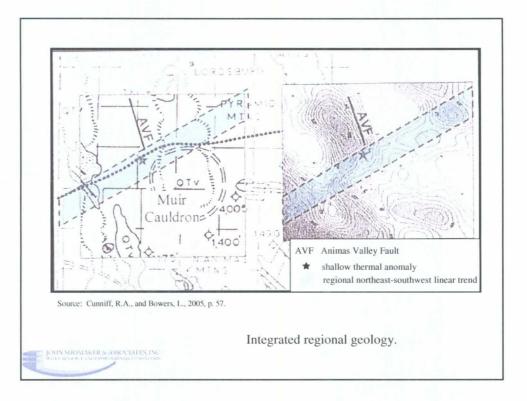
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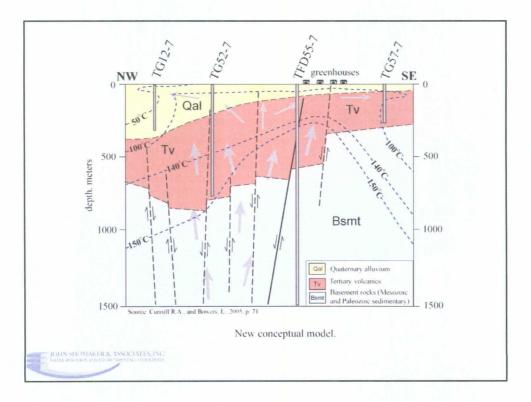
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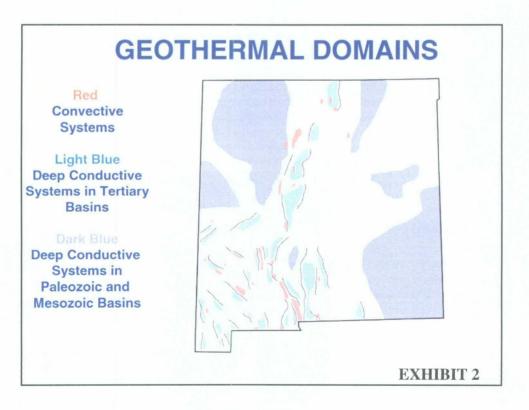




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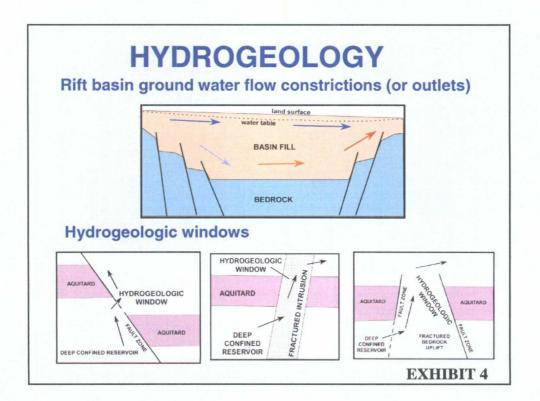
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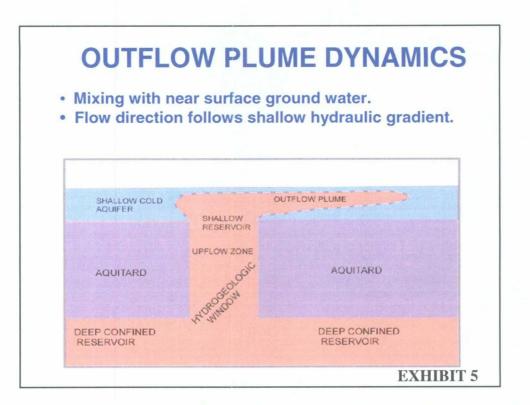
- Basics of geothermal systems in southern Basin and Range Rio Grande rift.
- Total natural heat loss at Lightning Dock.
- Structure controls for the geothermal system at Lightning Dock.
- Summary of subsurface geology.
- Water chemistry of thermal water.
- Isotopic composition of thermal water.
- Summary of findings.
- Recommendations

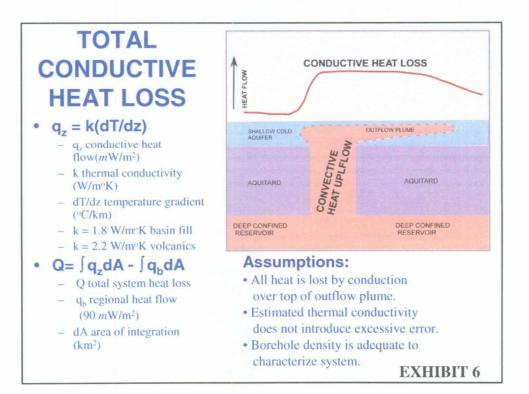


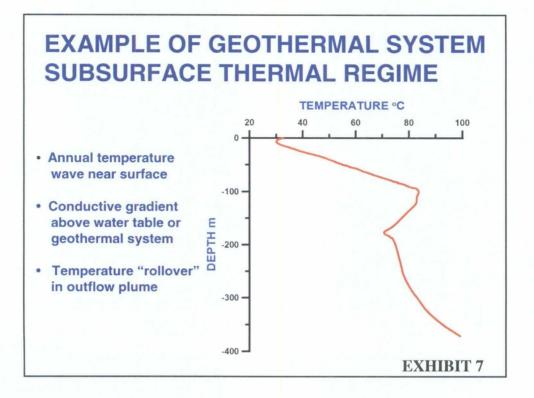
TYPICAL CONVECTIVE GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM CONTROLS

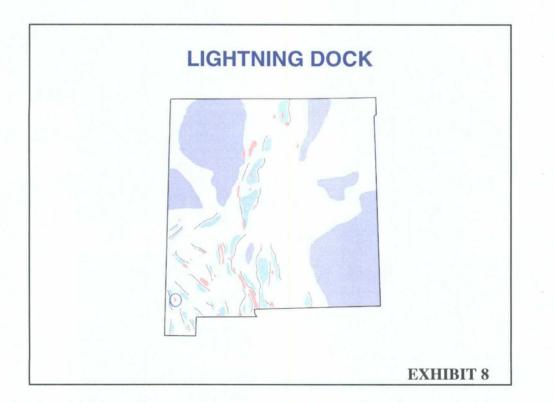
- Heat Source
- Structure
 - Fracture permeability (reservoir permeability and storage)
 - > hydrogeologic windows (primary discharge site)
- Flow Dynamics
 - Free convection (density driven flow)
 - Forced convection (ground water head driven flow)
 - deep seated regional ground water flow systems
 - thermal sweep of background regional heat flow

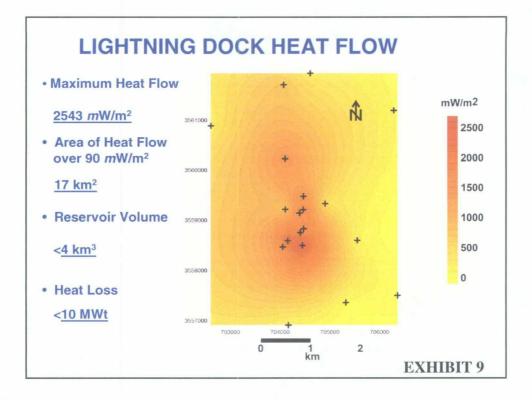


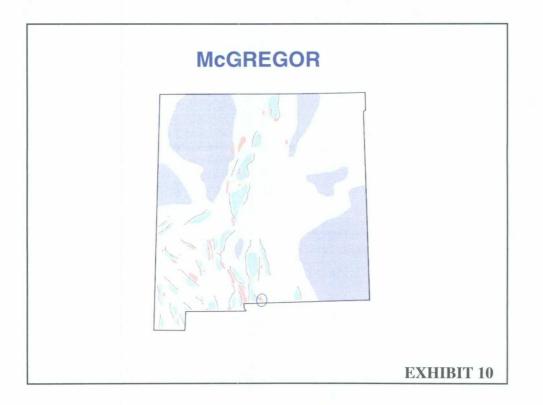


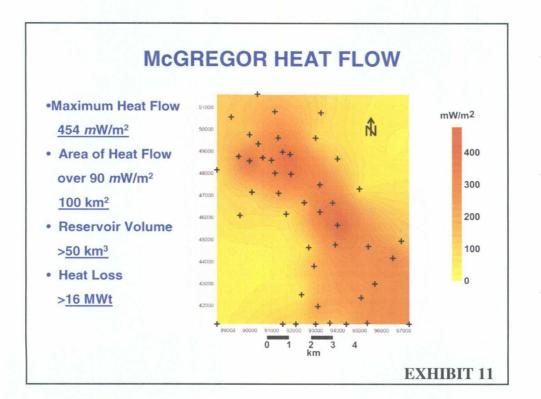


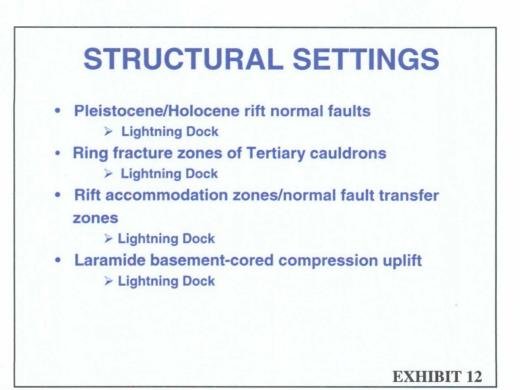


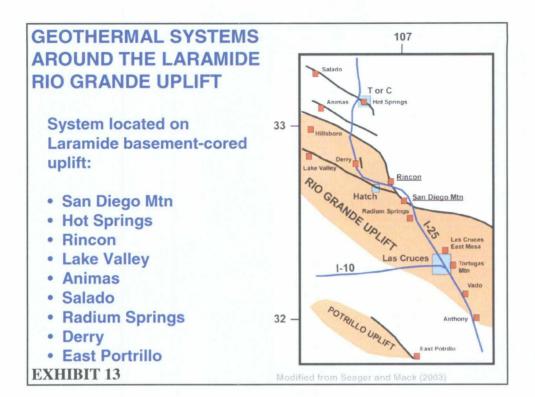


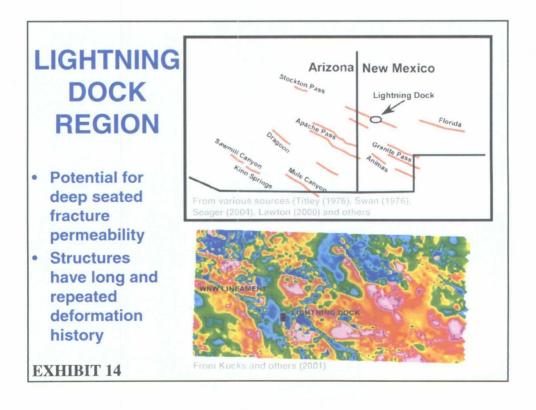


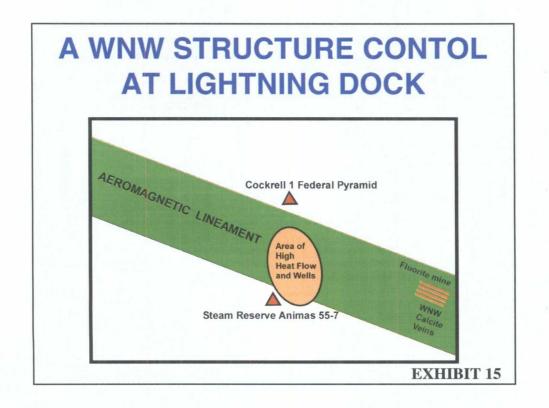


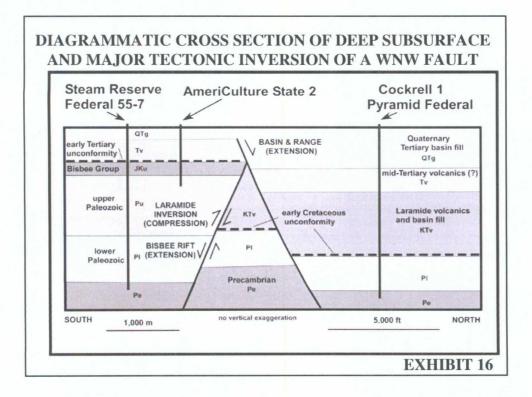


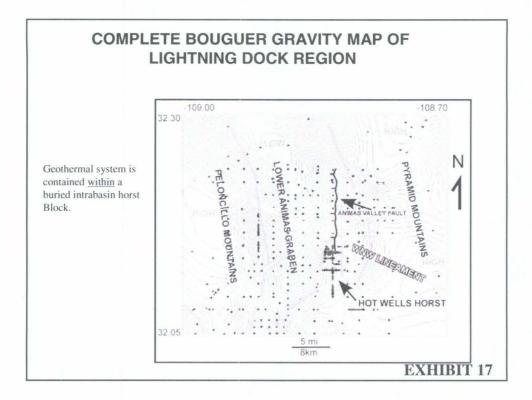


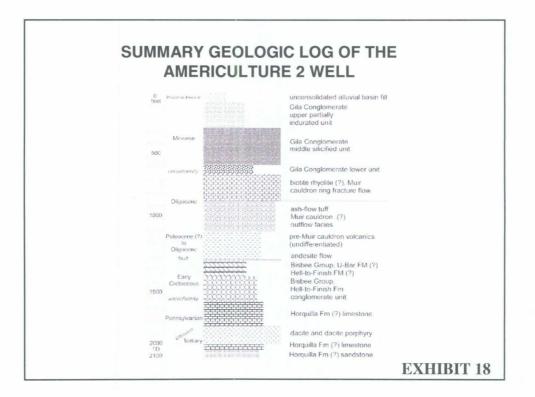


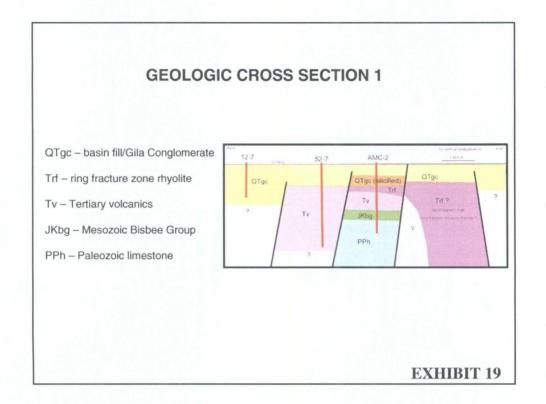


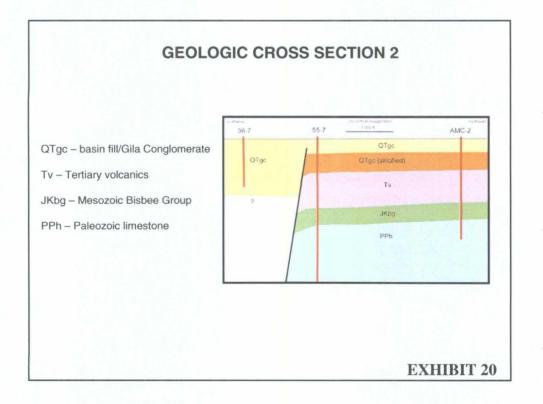


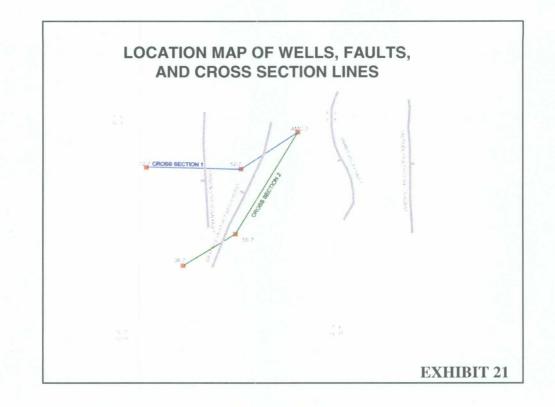


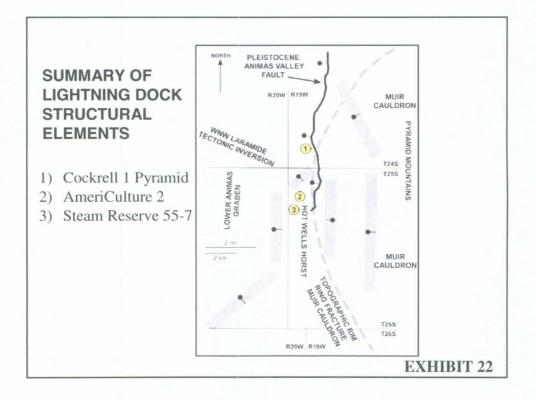


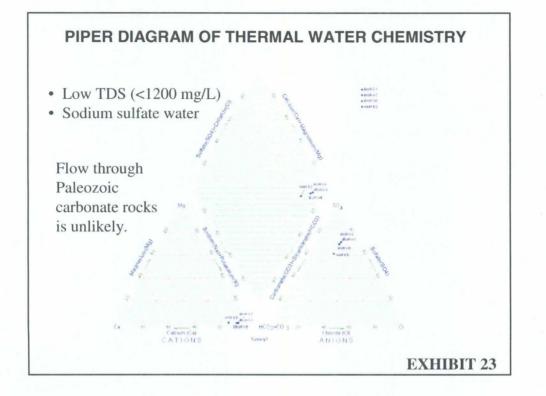


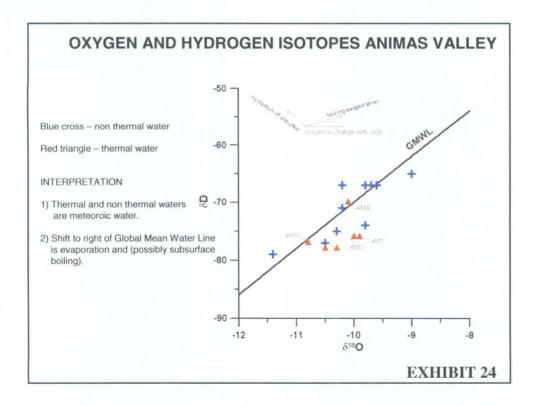








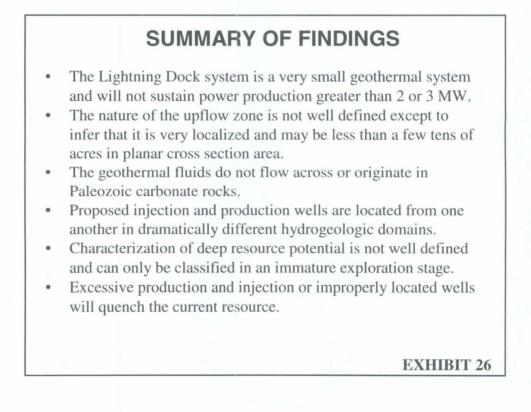




ISOTOPIC EVIDENCE FOR RESERVOIR AND FLOW PATH

SAMPLE	SITE	D/H	180/160	13C/12C	34S/32S	87Sr/86Sr
AM1	Burgett #1	-76	-9.9	-10.6	8.50	0.728344
AM2	Burgett #C	-76	-10.0	-8.6	8.55	0.725616
AM3	Burgett #6	-77	-10.8	n/a	8.34	0.727433
AM4	Americulture Fed	-70	-10.1	-10.0	8.84	0.728861

- Carbon isotopes are too low for water that has flowed through Paleozoic carbonate rocks (0 to +6)
- Sulfur isotopes show very little variation and suggest a single mineral source such as pyrite. The sulfur isotope ratio is too low for Paleozoic marine sulfate (+10 to +30) and is consistent with magmatic ratios (accessory pyrite in volcanics and intrusives).
- Strontium isotope ratios are too high for flow through Paleozoic carbonate rocks and mafic and intermediate volcanic rocks (<0.710) and indicates flow through rhyolite and granite of mid-Tertiary to Precambrian age.



RECOMMENDATIONS

- APD's <u>should not</u> be approved for injection purposes. No reservoir hydraulic information is available to assess impact on reservoir for thermal break through and injection well spacing.
- APD's <u>should not</u> be approved for production purposes. Without reservoir testing, viable well spacing, and deep water chemistry is unknown. Projected reservoir hosts in Palezoic limestone will have dramatically different and more saline water chemistry than current production from silicic volcanic

and intrusive rocks.

• APD's should be approved only for test or exploration drilling with permit approval to injection and production contingent upon detailed reservoir hydraulics and chemistry information. Injected chemicals should be limited to approved substances potable water.

