

GRED III Phase II

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Tracks: Engineered Geothermal Systems, Low Temp, Exploration Demonstration Projects

Project Objectives



- To gain a better understanding of the geothermal reservoir at Chena Hot Springs Resort in Alaska
- Test and document the reliability of previous predictions as to the nature of the reservoir
- To find a hotter resource in order to scale up power production at Chena Hot Springs for use at Eielson Air Force base ~40 miles away

Project Overview (Budget)



- Phase I
- Total Project Costs
 - \$713,608
- DOE Share
 - \$848,000
- Awardees' Share
 - \$296,714

- Phase II
- Total Project Costs
 - \$1,394,319
- DOE Share
 - \$846,409
- Awardees' Share
 - \$547,910

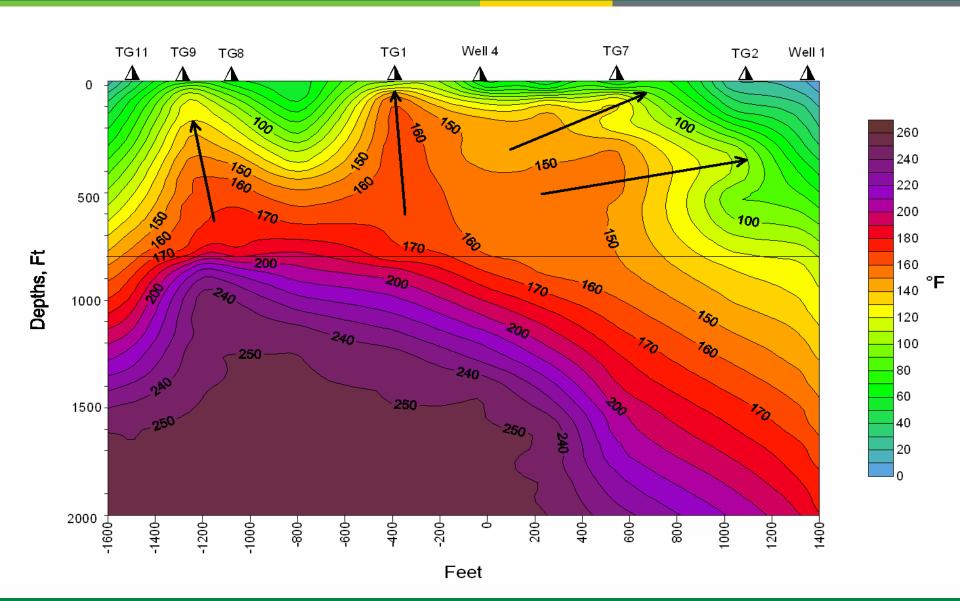
The majority of costs incurred were associated with drilling expense

Project Overview (Timeline)

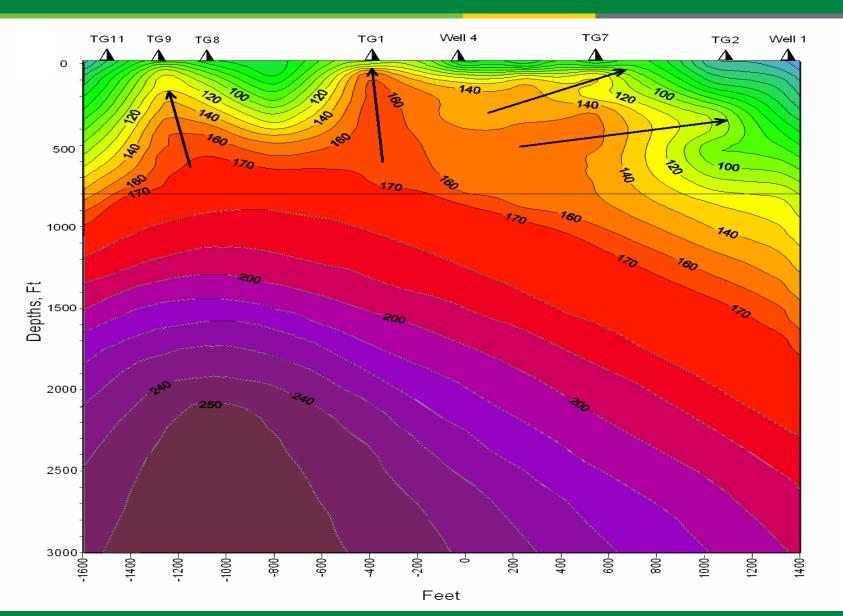


Interference test Interference testing Well TG-9 Drilling Concluded Final Report conducted by University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) final report Drilling begins plugged with submitted to chip bentonite submitted by UAF DOE Mar 31, 2010 Sep 2009 Jun 2009 Oct 10, 2009 May11, 2009 Jan 10, 2010

Optimistic Model Based on Phase I



Intermediate Model Based on Phase I



Relevance of Research



- This research is relevant in order to gain a better understanding of Chena Hot Springs' geothermal resource
- As a whole, geothermal systems in Interior Alaska have been poorly characterized and their resource potential largely overlooked. It is hoped that the ongoing exploration and power generation projects at Chena will encourage other moderate temperature sites to consider development of their resources for both direct use and power generation.

Industry Coordination

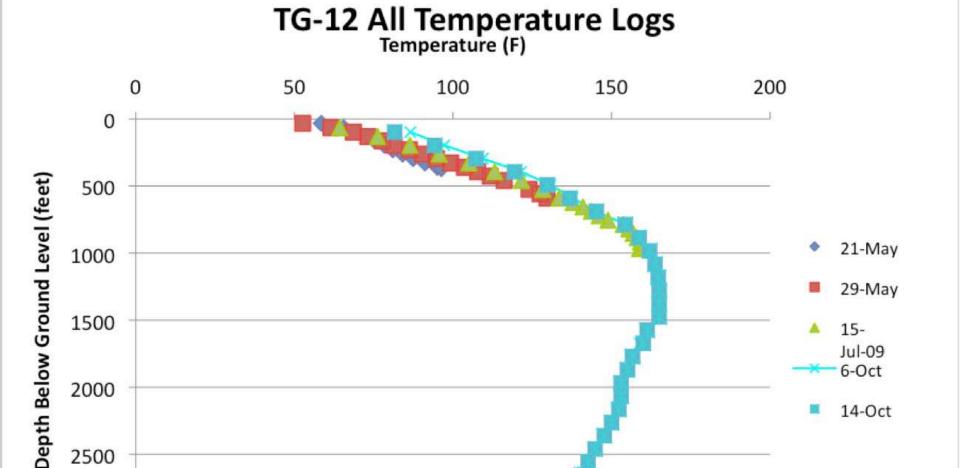


- This project has required industry coordination between the following entities:
 - U.S. Department of Energy
 - Southern Methodist University (David Blackwell, PhD)
 - Chena Hot Springs Resort, LLC
 - University of Alaska Fairbanks (Joanna Mongrain, PhD)
 - Arctic Drilling
 - Chena Power, LLC

Scientific Basis/Technical Approach



- After conducting over two years of research during Phase I of this project, we hypothesized a conceptual model that predicted we would reach a 200° Farenheit or hotter resource.
- We did not find a resource at this temperature, however we believe that we now have a better conceptual model with which we can more accurately predict where the hotter resources can be found. We believe that well TG-8 is located in the immediate area where this resource is located.



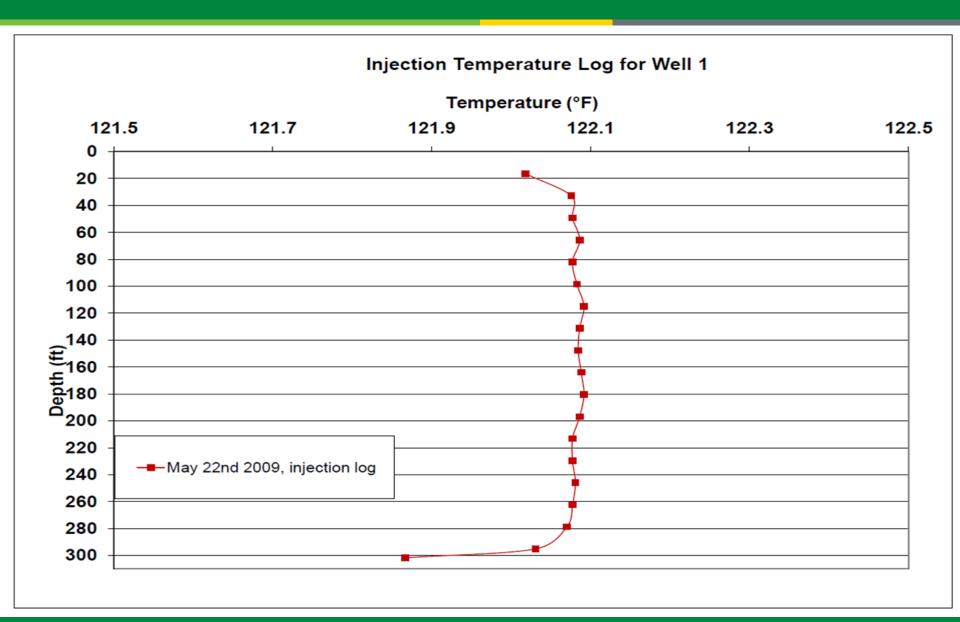
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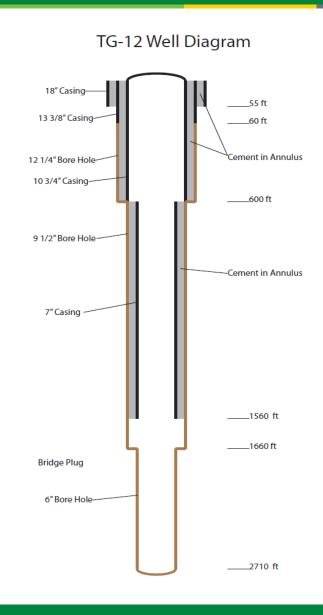
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Reinjection Well

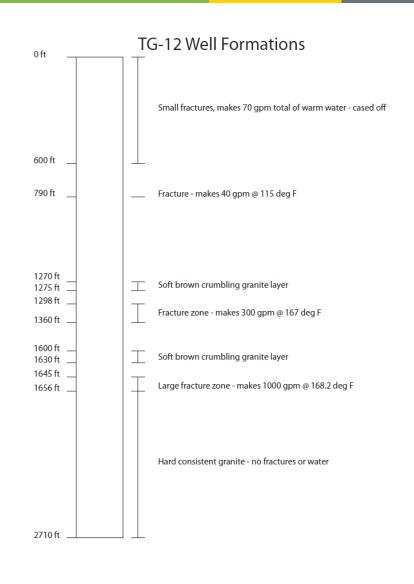




Well Diagram



Well Formations



Upcoming Milestones



- May 15, 2010 September 15, 2010
 - Further drilling and exploration
 - Deepen wells, production Well TG-8 and injection Well 1
 - Plug non-producing wells with chipped bentonite
 - Update reservoir model

Problems Encountered/Lessons Learned



- When drilling Well TG-12 we observed that when water was pumped into TG-12, Well TG-8 increased in temperature from 168° Fahrenheit to 172° Fahrenheit. It has since been logged at temperature as high as 176° Fahrenheit
- Chipped bentonite prevented cold water intrusion from occurring in from Well TG-9 to Well 7
- Well 1's injectivity is less than Well TG-7

Team Qualifications and Awards



- Chena Hot Springs Resort successfully generates electrical power from the lowest temperature geothermal resource in Alaska, and the entire world.
- 2006 Project of the Year Award in renewable energy from Power Engineering Magazine
- 2007 R & D 100 Award from R & D magazine
- 2007 Green Power Leadership Award from DOE and EPA
- 2007 Northern Alaska Environmental Center Business of the Year
- 2010 University of Alaska Business Leader of the Year
- Research and Development Team Qualifications
 - Extensive Project Management Experience
 - Design Capability
 - Fabrication
 - Assembly
 - Resource Management
 - Systems Analysis

Mandatory Summary Slide



- Located source of hotter resource under Well TG-8
- Gained a better understanding of our resource
- Based on information gathered we have developed a plan for resource optimization
- We were able to refine information gathered in Phase I