

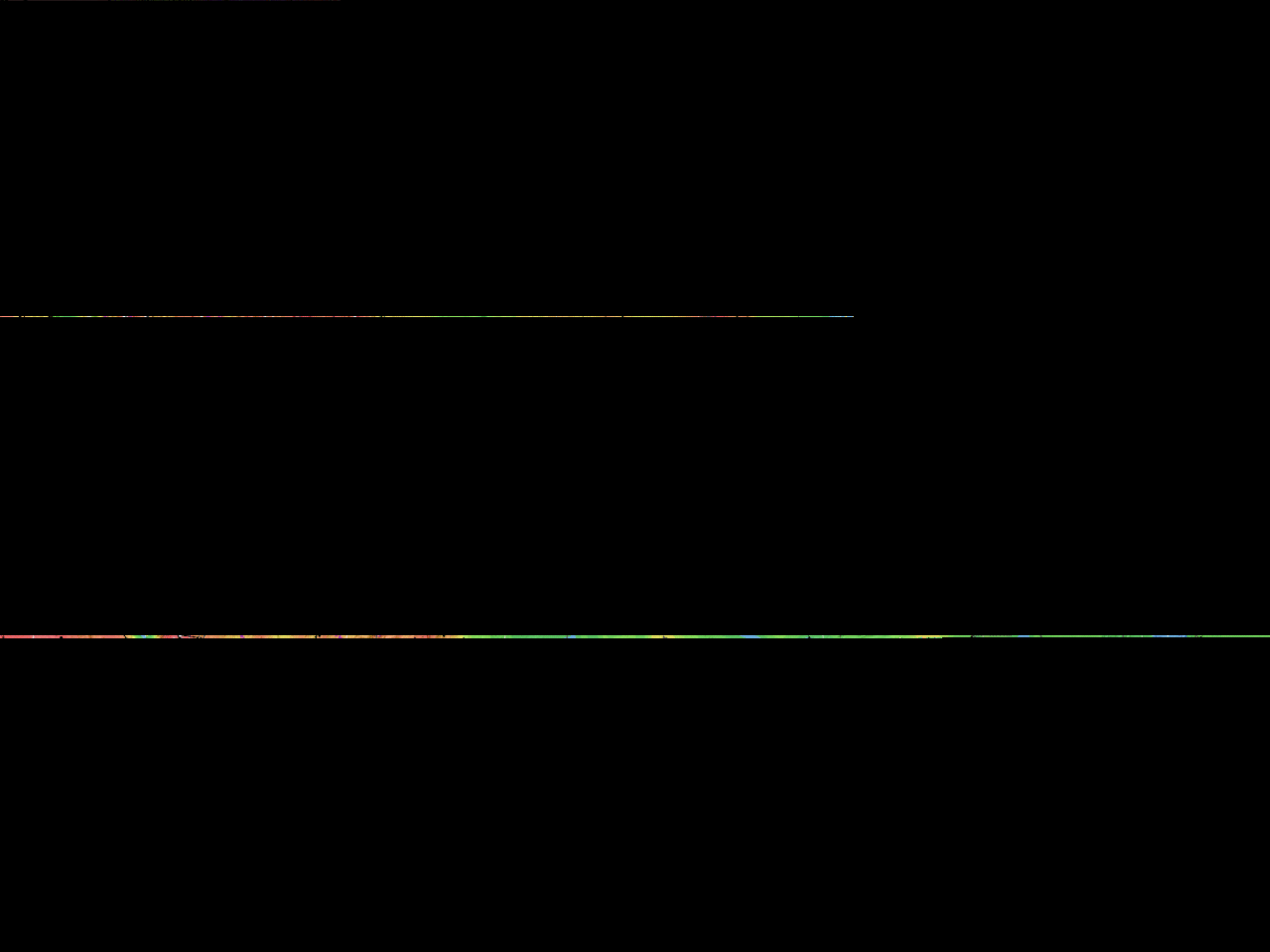
# *A Remarkable Effort to Test the Concept of Electrical Power Generation from Co-Produced Oil Field Geothermal Waters*



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# Outline





# 150 °C to 90 °C ND and SD basins

- USGS Circular 893: The principal water producing formations, the Dakota Group and the Madison aquifer contain **2,050 EJ**.
- Analysis of all potential aquifers in South Dakota and North Dakota indicates that the total accessible resource base in the two basins is approximately **33,700 EJ**.
- The MIT report used the Circular 893 numbers and estimated the US resource base as **100,000 EJ**.

# Binary Turbine Development

● Experimental program to simulate competitive research

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5. Make, model, and projected net power production of the proposed power plant;
6. Proposed power cycle including but not limited to process schematic<sup>2</sup> with stream state points at inlet and outlet of major components;
7. Handling and disposal of power plant working fluid;
8. Plans for water treatment and cleaning of scaled or fouled surfaces; and
9. Nature of cooling water supply (if used).

Actual characteristics of each well or separator that is proposed as a source of geothermal fluid, including:

10. Temperature;

11. Flow rate;

12. Quantitative analysis of produced fluids, including chemical analyses of water cuts and oil /natural gas;

13. Formation and depth from which the fluid is produced;

14. Modifications to the wellhead and/or surface systems, if necessary

(existing production and injection wells must be able to be re-entered without conducting well maintenance operations at the time of application submittal);

including but not limited to:

1. Arrangements between leaseholders, developers, owners, operators, and/or others, including proof that all surface and/or subsurface rights including rights to utilize the geothermal resource and the oil and/or gas wells have been secured by the appropriate parties;
2. Proof of ability to provide the non-Federal share of project costs;
3. Status of regulatory and environmental permitting required for the project;
4. Arrangements for distribution/use of power including Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), if applicable;



including but not limited to:

- Plan for information dissemination and technology transfer (including but not limited to papers, web casts, site visits, press releases) to industry and others.



- **University of North Dakota School of Engineering and Mines**
- , PhD, Professor of Geophysics and Chair of the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering Project PI.
- , PhD, Professor of and Chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering. Design the fluid handling system between the separator and the ORC system. Work with Dr. Zeng on all matters concerning the chemistry of the production and disposal fluids and the processing of any produced salts.
- , PhD, Professor of Electrical Engineering. Design the electrical power and work with WEPC engineers to link the ORC system with the power grid.
- , PhD, Assistant Professor of Petroleum Engineering in the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering. Fluid handling systems and design of technology for future tech transfer to other systems.
- , PhD, Chemical Engineering Research Associate. On-site engineer for all activities.



# Project Partners

- ***North Dakota Geological Survey***
  - Lorraine Manz, PhD, North Dakota Geological Survey. Principal contact and administrator for the North Dakota geothermal regulatory program.
- ***Encore Acquisition Company***
  - Robert Sutherland, P.E., Management oversight for the oil field and all agreements and interactions among the four parties.
- ***West Plains Electric Cooperative, Basin Electric***
  - David C. Schelkoph, C.E.O., West Plains Electric Cooperative Inc. Management oversight for the link with the local electrical power grid and power purchase arrangements.
- ***UTC***
  - Halley Dickey, ORC power module



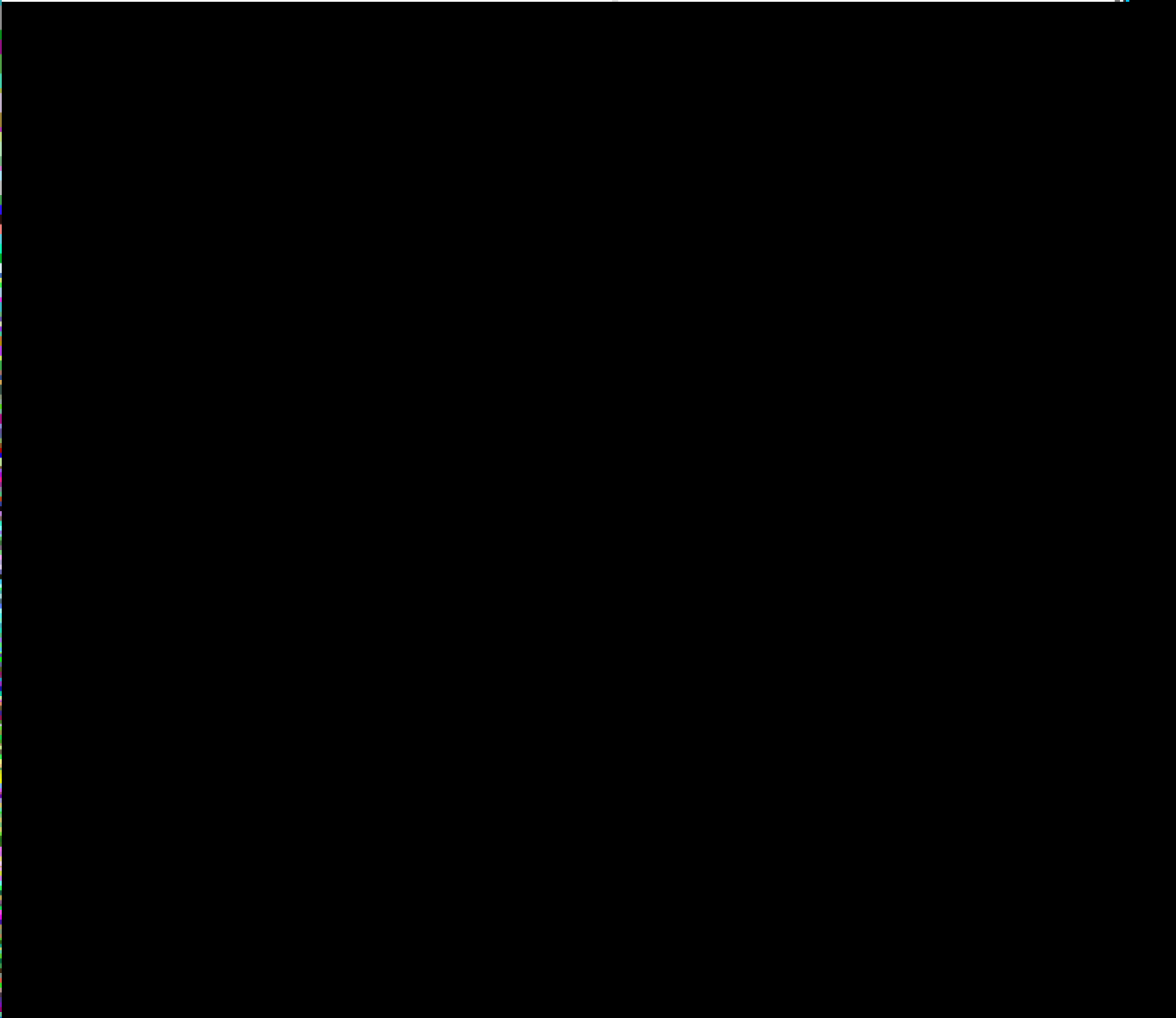
# ***Objective 1***

- ***Demonstrate the feasibility of adapting organic Rankine cycle (ORC) technology to generate electricity at economical rates using geothermal waters that are coproduced with oil and gas.***



# ***Objective 3***

- ***Establish a Center of Excellence in ORC-geothermal power to grow the human resource base for large scale development of geothermal energy.***



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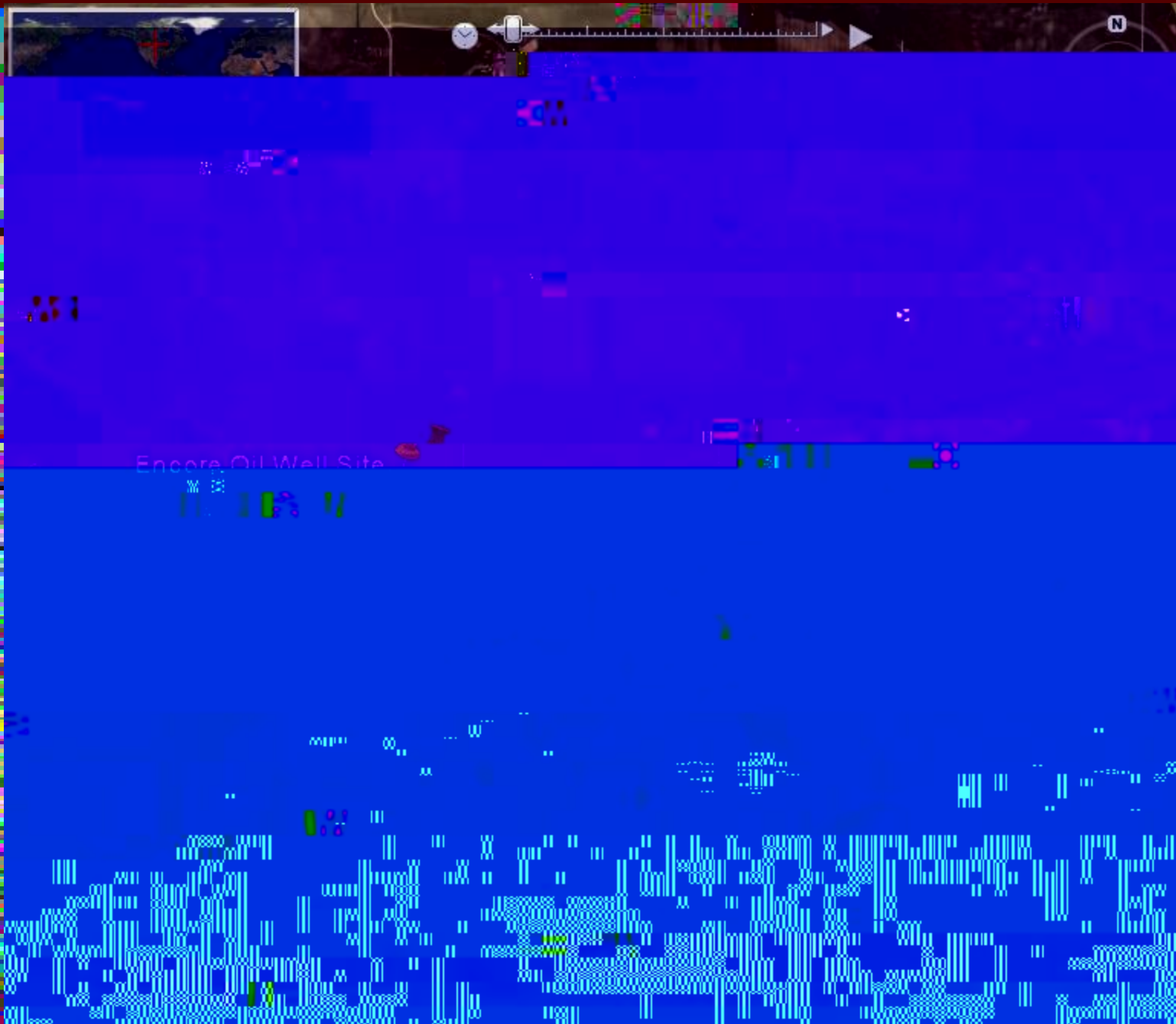
Fm depth is between 2787 m (9142') to 3023 m (9918') below ground surface.

Formation temperature is 118 °C (244 °F) and produced water temperature at the surface is above 100 C.

The selected well currently produces approximately 11,500 bbl per day (400 gpm) of water.







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# Some Engineering Aspects

- Water chemistry
- Cooling cycle of the heat exchanger
- Fluid disposal
- A prototype water-cooled Ormat Energy Converter (OEC) estimated at 330 kW gross and 280 kW net.

# Water Chemistry for Knopik #1-11 (NDGS 13715)

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# Cooling cycle of the heat exchanger

- During the winter months, the low ambient temperature of the air would be used to condense the turbine outlet vapor using banks of high finned tubes.
- During the summer months, plate heat exchangers would be used to transfer the heat to cooling water drawn from a bank of shallow tube wells sunk in the bed of the Heart River that flows about 1/2 mile south of the project site.

- Disposal of the geothermal fluids in three existing disposal wells in the Eland-Lodgepole field.
  - NDGS 13731 (1/2 miles)
  - NDGS 13819 (1/2 mile)
  - NDGS 13764 (1.5 miles)
- Fluid injection into Lodgepole formation.
- The combined injectivity of these three wells is 21,000 bbl/day and our requirement is 11,500 bbl/ day.



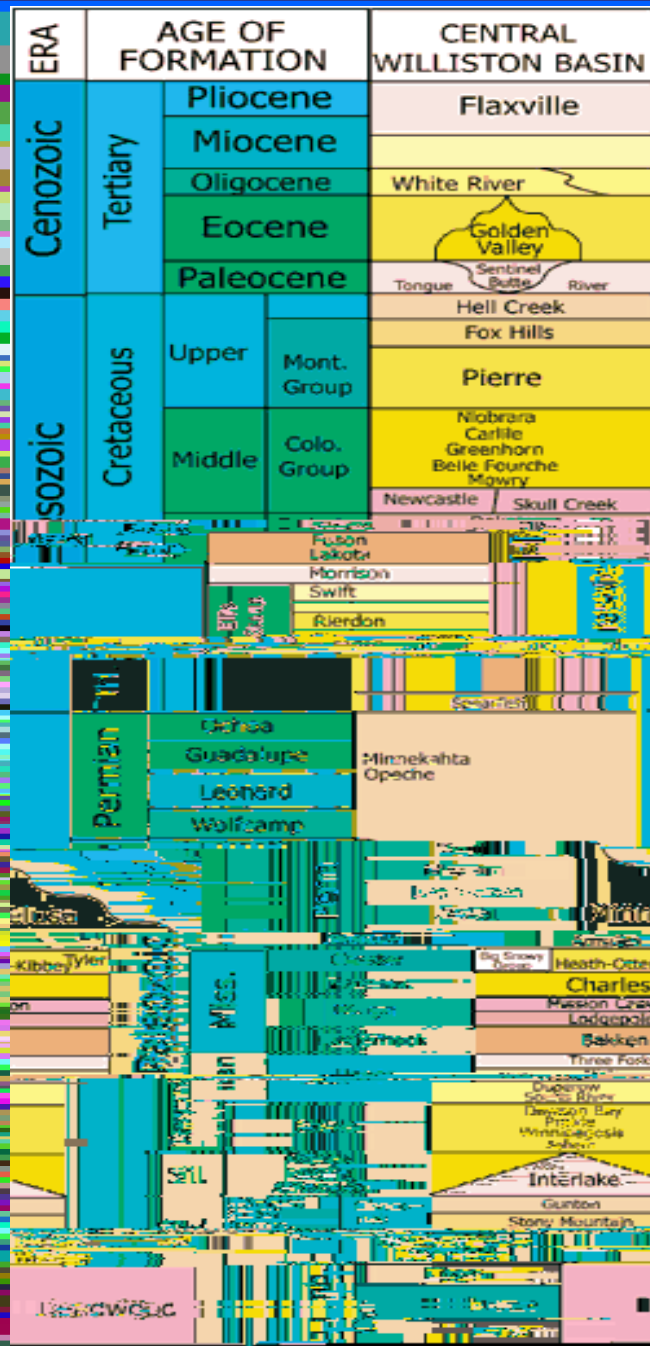
# Williston Basin

- 41 hydrocarbon producing formations, 39 produce oil and 2 produce nitrogen and methane.
- Total oil            1,602,055,219
- Total water        2,927,574,334



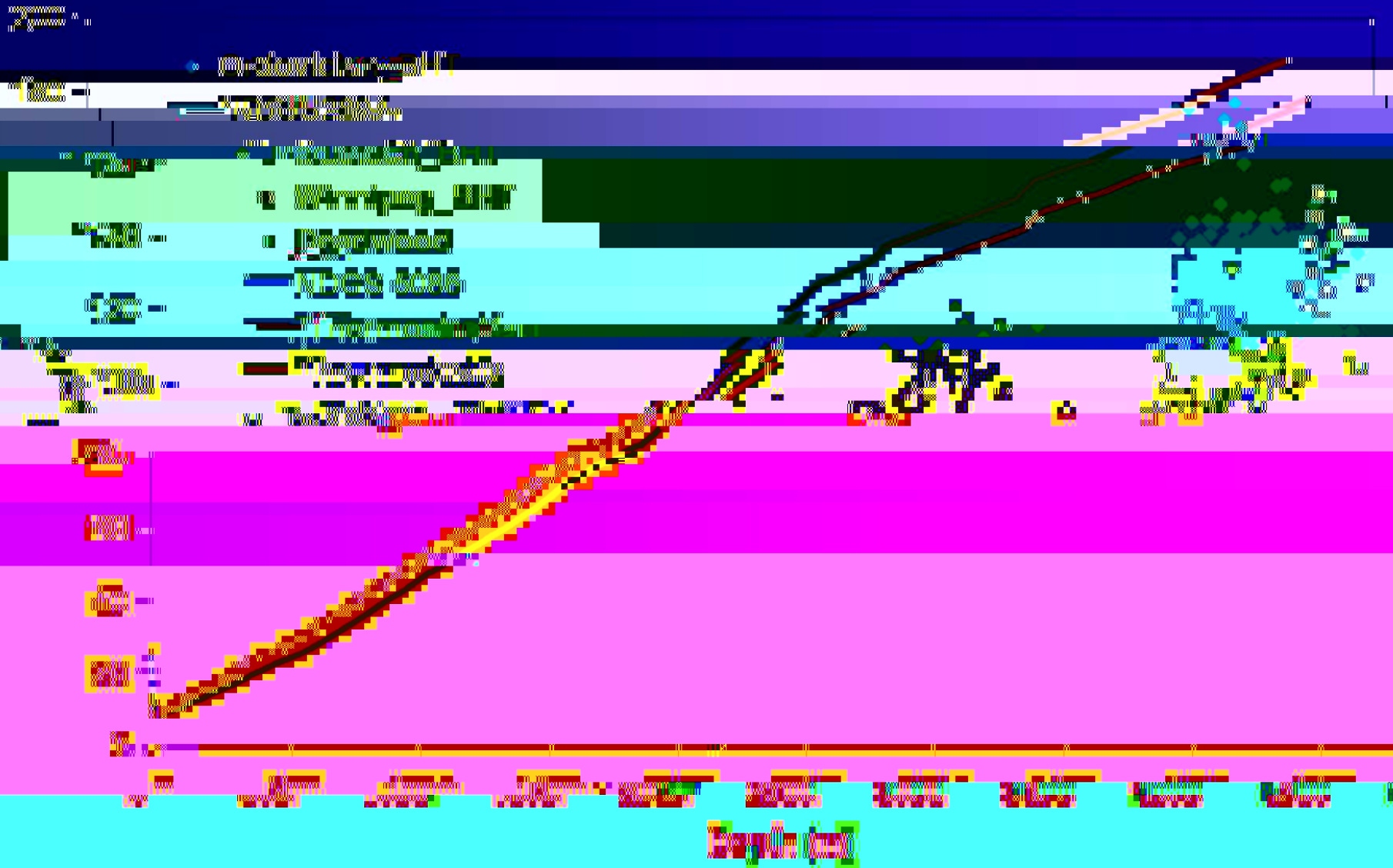
$$Q = \frac{dT}{dZ} K$$

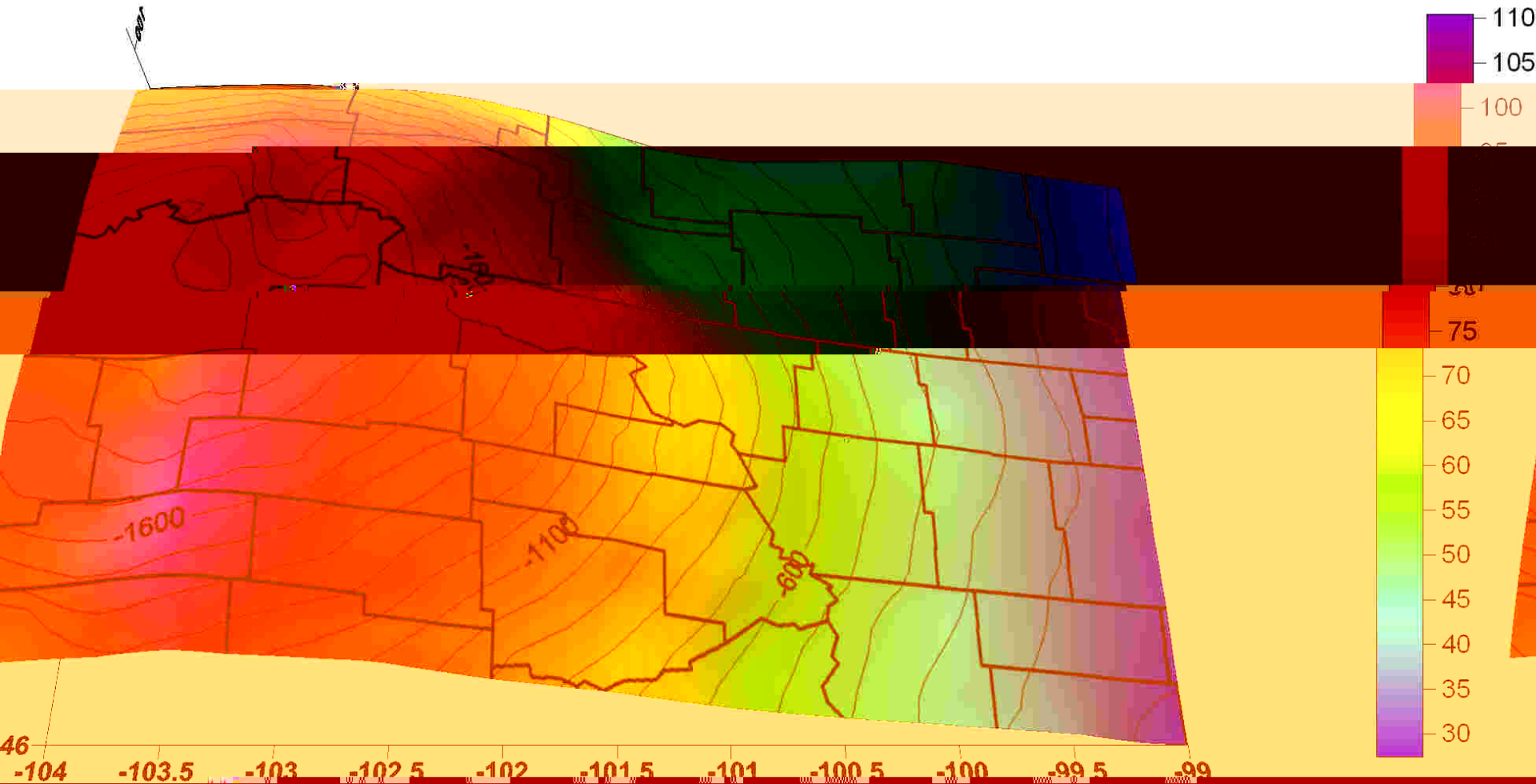
$$T_z = T \frac{Z}{K} T_z = \int T dZ$$



# Use the equilibrium temperature not the BHT

## BHT and $T_{eq}$ Comparison

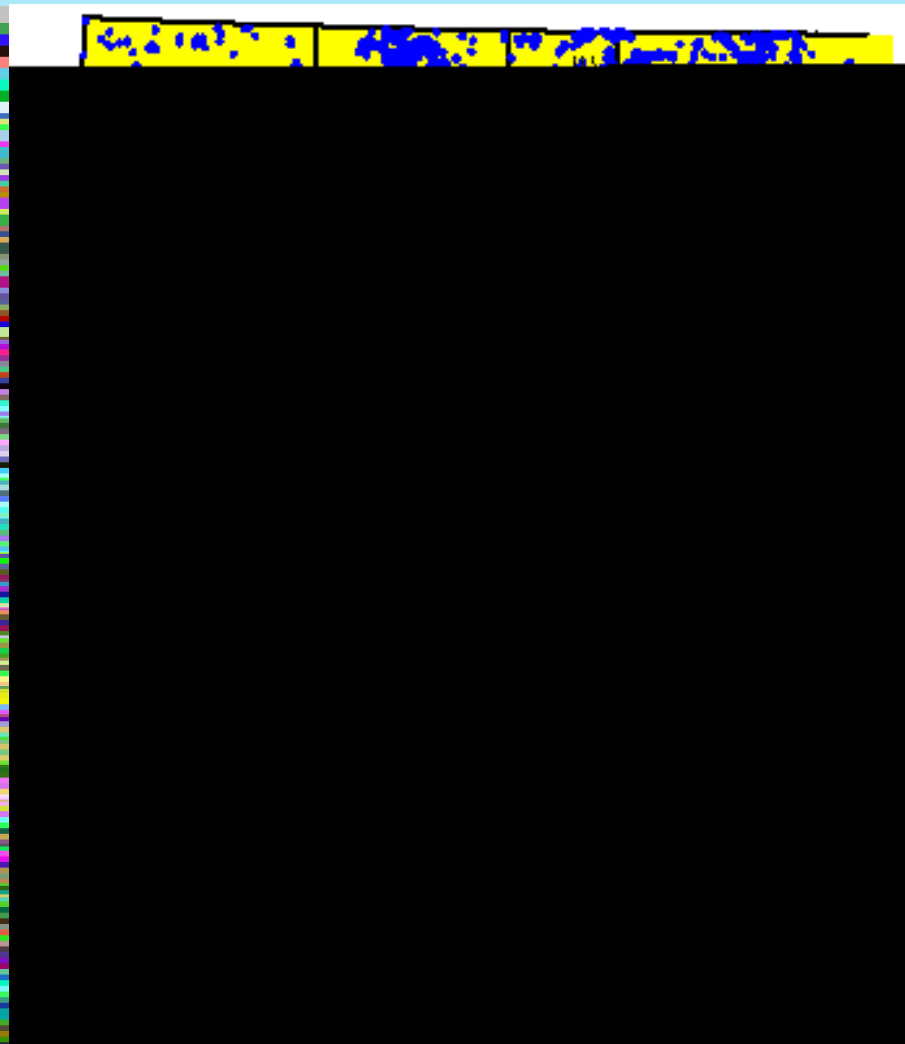




Colors are temperature, contours are depth (m), lines are county boundaries

<b>FORMATION</b>	<b>BARRELS OF OIL</b>	<b>BARRELS OF WATER</b>	<b>MAX. TEMP C</b>
<b>Spearfish</b>	<b>582,601</b>	<b>320,626</b>	<b>120+</b>
<b>Spearfish/Madison/Charles</b>	<b>52,923,055</b>	<b>81,138,008</b>	<b>120+</b>
<b>Tyler</b>	<b>17,279,723</b>	<b>9,616,114</b>	<b>120+</b>
<b>Madison</b>	<b>1,003,859,751</b>	<b>2,266,631,018</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>Bakken (Sanish)</b>	<b>43,079,616</b>	<b>4,876,685</b>	<b>135+</b>
<b>Birdbear (Nisku)</b>	<b>16,532,269</b>	<b>19,875,577</b>	<b>135+</b>
<b>Duperow</b>	<b>48,360,560</b>	<b>51,290,164</b>	<b>135+</b>
<b>Souris River</b>	<b>58,090</b>	<b>61,886</b>	<b>140+</b>
<b>Dawson Bay</b>	<b>3,985,365</b>	<b>1,191,086</b>	<b>145+</b>
<b>Winnipegosis</b>	<b>8,853,724</b>	<b>6,663,034</b>	<b>145+</b>
<b>Interlake</b>	<b>62,397,829</b>	<b>140,808,361</b>	<b>145+</b>
<b>Stonewall</b>	<b>14,699,878</b>	<b>5,134,309</b>	<b>145+</b>
<b>Winnipegosis</b>	<b>8,853,724</b>	<b>6,663,034</b>	<b>145+</b>
<b>Red River</b>	<b>162,448,927</b>	<b>162,167,866</b>	<b>150+</b>
<b>Winnipeg/Deadwood</b>	<b>168,170</b>	<b>256,474</b>	<b>150+</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,602,219,737</b>	<b>2,927,676,055</b>	

# ND oil producing counties

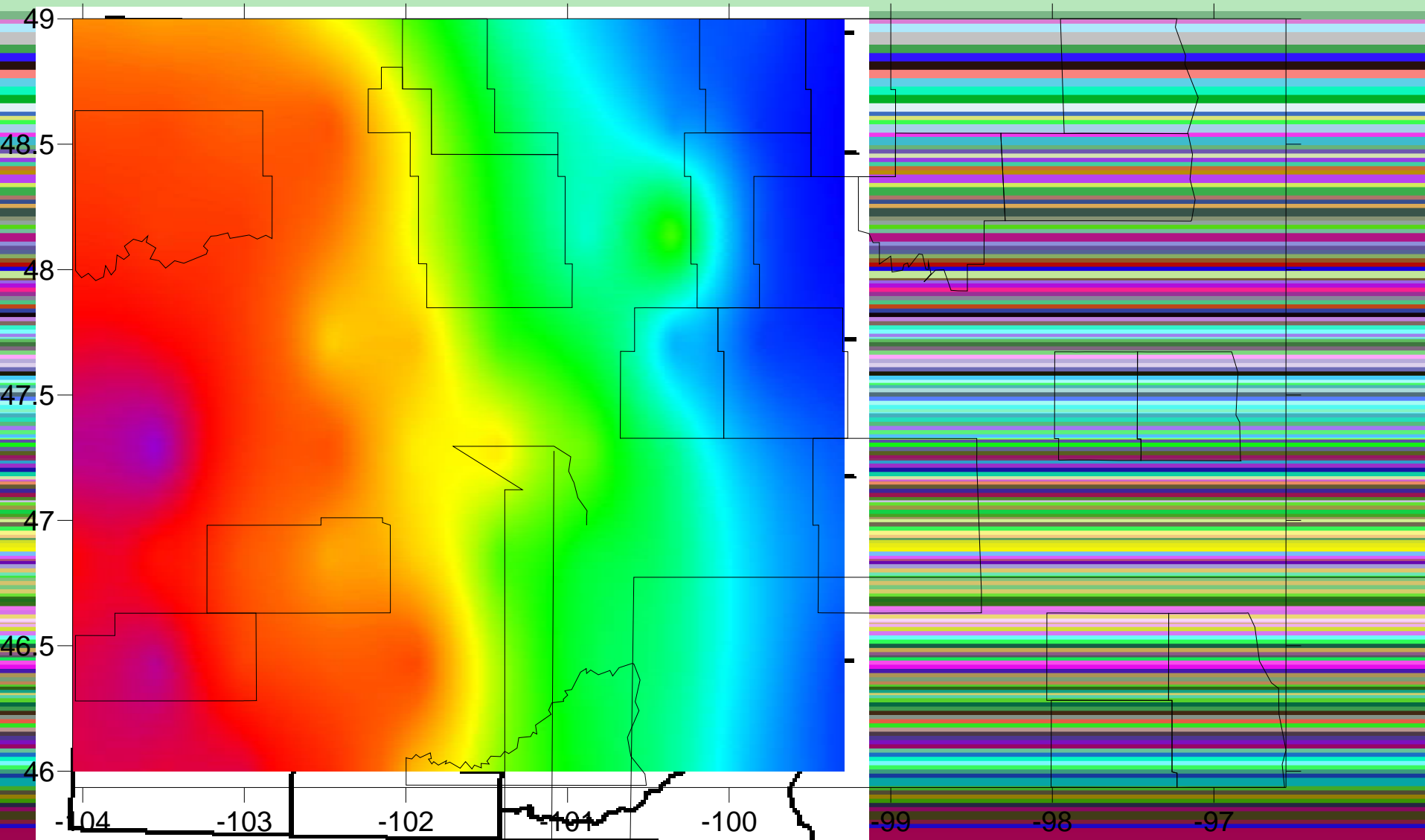






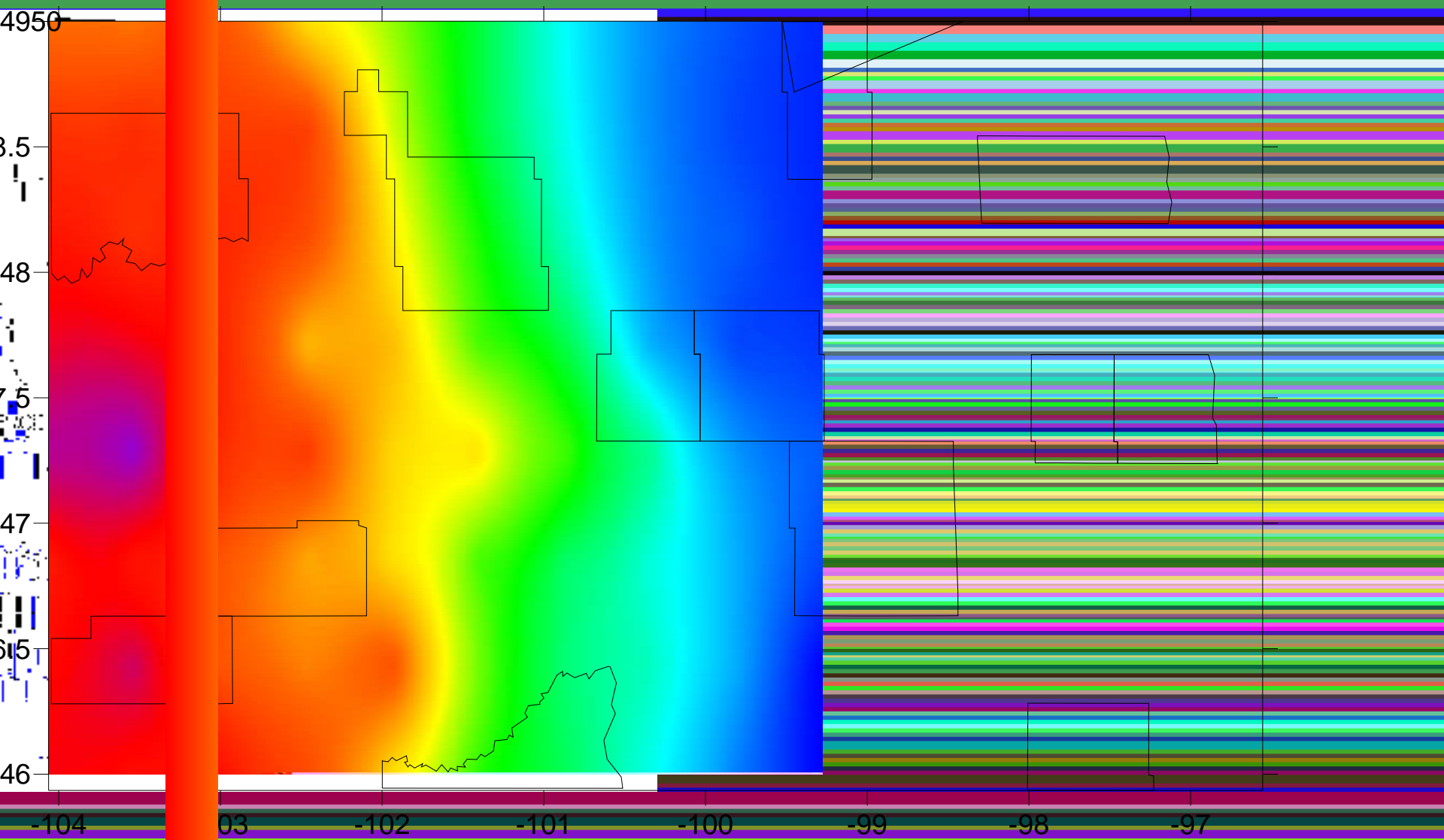


# Duperow (Devonian)

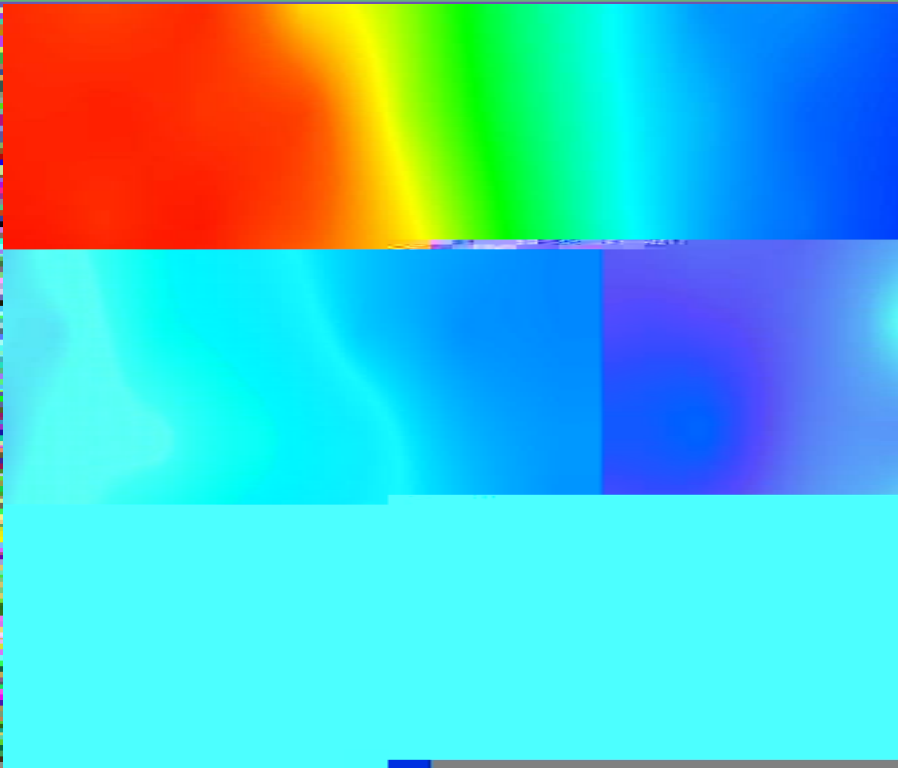


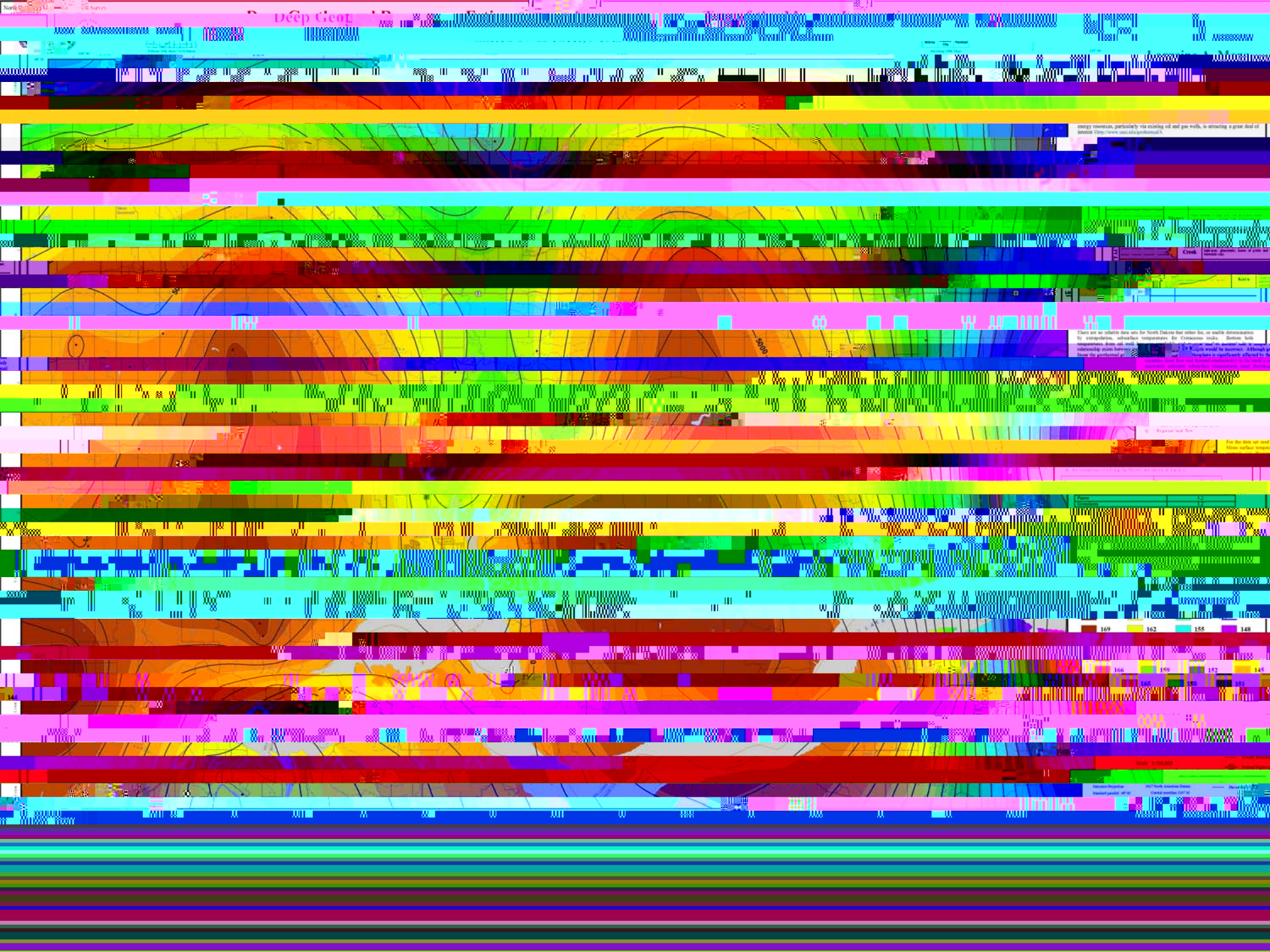
# Red River Fm (Ordovician)

Maximum thickness 215 m



# Deadwood Fm (Cambrian)





# Outcomes

## Center of Excellence Application

- \$3 million from State Dept. of Commerce
- \$6 million from industry
- Seven objectives – one is development of electrical power from oil field waters

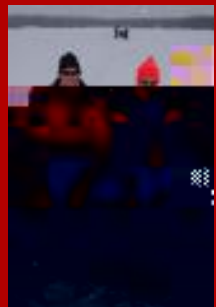
## Minnesota Dept. Natural Resources

- EGS to meet requirement for power from renewable sources

## Final Points

- Estimates of the energy that could be generated from co-produced U.S. oil field waste waters range from 4,590 to 21,933 MWe depending on the temperature of the resource.
- Development of existing capped and abandoned wells for water production can provide significant, sustainable, and environmentally sound power resource.





“If you consider it a sport to gather your food by drilling through 8 inches of ice and sitting there all day hoping that the food will swim by, you might live in North Dakota.” **Jeff Foxworthy**