

## FLUID CHEMISTRY SERVICES

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Geochemical studies and fluid chemistry management are an integral part of GeothermEx's program of exploration, resource evaluation, resource development and production engineering design and evaluation. Company expertise includes:

- Exploration sampling of waters and gases for chemical and isotopic analysis;
- Fluid sampling during well tests and production;
- Downhole sampling;
- Design and construction of equipment for sampling and gas/steam measurements;
- Field analyses;
- Design, purchasing and set-up of field laboratories, and training of sampling and analysis personnel;
- Management of laboratory analysis programs;
- Chemical database management, quality control and computer graphics;
- CHMWORKS geothermal fluids chemistry database management system, designed and coded in MS Windows by GeothermEx;
- Project design, specifications and cost estimates for chemical data collection and management;
- Applications and interpretation of chemical geothermometers and mixing models;
- Interpretation and integration of chemical data into hydrogeologic models;
- Numerical modeling of fluid chemistry thermodynamics during production, injection, mixing, and scale deposition;

- WATCHWORKS fluid chemistry thermodynamics computer code, developed for MS Windows in association with Orkustofnun and the University of Iceland, Iceland;
- Prediction, definition and management of scale deposition and corrosion;
- Chemical engineering studies and solutions for scaling problems in gathering systems, power plant turbines and associated facilities;
- Chemical tracer tests, including design, management, analytical services, data reduction and interpretation.

Geochemistry projects have been performed world-wide, both on a stand-alone basis, and as parts of larger projects of exploration, testing and/or resource evaluation. For example:

- Reconnaissance and detailed exploration:

The Philippines, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Costa Rica, USA (California, Nevada, Oregon and Idaho), Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Argentina, Kenya, Ethiopia, Former Imperial Government of Iran, Portugal (the Azores).

- Well test and production fluids sample collection:

Steamboat Springs USA, Empire USA, Fish Lake USA, Coso USA, The Geysers USA, Lihir Island PNG, Brady Hot Springs USA, Portugal (the Azores), Japan; Indonesia.

- Compilation of raw data, interpretation and integration with geological, geophysical, hydrological and well test data into hydrogeological models, many used as input for numerical simulations:

Japan, The Philippines, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, Yugoslavia, Mexico, Western USA, Italy, Kenya, Portugal (the Azores), Hawaii, Indonesia, St. Lucia, Tibet.

- Studies of scaling and scaling potential, evaluation of scale management options:

Japan, The Philippines, Portugal (the Azores), Lihir Island PNG, Salton Sea USA, Costa Rica, Indonesia, El Salvador, Roosevelt USA.

## **Examples of Recent Major Studies Include:**

- Central Java, Indonesia: fluids chemistry sampling and analysis, database management, field lab design, set-up and personnel training, well test monitoring, hydrogeochemical modeling as part of major exploration and field development projects, Dieng, Patuha and Wayang Windu geothermal fields.
- The Geysers USA: monitoring of steam chemistry and stable isotopes in connection with new drilling, well-testing, reservoir modeling and production monitoring for power plant owner.
- Nevada USA: design, management and execution of complete chemical data collection program at new field development (over 12 wells drilled and tested); testing of calcite scale inhibitor; chemical dye tracer test including analytical services.
- Salton Sea, USA: numerical modeling of sphalerite solubility in hypersaline brines, 1993; review and modeling of reservoir zinc (Zn) concentrations, in association with planned extraction from produced brines.
- Northern Honshu, Japan: evaluation and descriptions of scaling mechanisms, thermodynamic and kinetic modeling of silica and calcite scaling, worldwide case studies, predictions for various production scenarios, predictions for scale suppression using gas mixing, recommendations for scale management, recommendations and design of system retrofits to eliminate turbine blade scale.
- Northern Honshu, Japan: thermodynamic modeling of reservoir gas concentrations and behavior; thermodynamic modeling of sulfide, silica and calcite, rhodochrosite and kutnahorite scale deposition, in relation to fluids composition and mixing during production from a heterogeneous reservoir.
- Lihir Island, Papua New Guinea: exploration and well test sampling and fluids analysis; calcite and anhydrite scaling potential of heating seawater and mixing seawater with thermal water, effects of unusual fluid composition on chemical geothermometers and fluid enthalpy, integration into hydrogeologic and numerical model of reservoir, various studies.
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