

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DGE PROGRAM

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This Fourth Workshop on Geothermal Reservoir Engineering demonstrates the success of this workshop series at Stanford. The Division of Geothermal Energy of the U. S. Department of Energy funds this and other geothermal workshops to accomplish a transfer of technology and exchange of information between the research community and the geothermal industry. The active participation of industry representatives in this workshop is an indication of its worth.

On December 8, 1978, the Division of Geothermal Energy was reorganized into technical disciplines. Rudy Black, the past Director of the division, has become the Resource Manager for Geothermal Energy under the Assistant Secretary for Resource Applications. He and eight other persons from the Division are now responsible for the commercialization of geothermal energy. Bennie DiBona, the Acting Director of the Division of Geothermal Energy, and the 24 remaining staff members are organized as shown on the accompanying chart.

The Reservoir Engineering Program is now under the purview of the Reservoir Assessment Section in the Hydrothermal Support Branch. The Reservoir Assessment Section also handles programs in Exploration Technology, Industry-Coupled Drilling, and State Cooperative Low-Temperature Assessment. It is planned that this new organization will be more responsive to the needs of the geothermal industry and will be better able to coordinate related activities within the Division of Geothermal Energy.

I want to thank you all for the contribution you have made to this workshop and to the field of geothermal reservoir engineering. I look forward to the continued success of this program and to the fruitful exchange of ideas at future workshops.