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# **Geo**thermal <u>Re</u>source <u>Portfolio Optimization</u> & <u>Reporting Technique</u>

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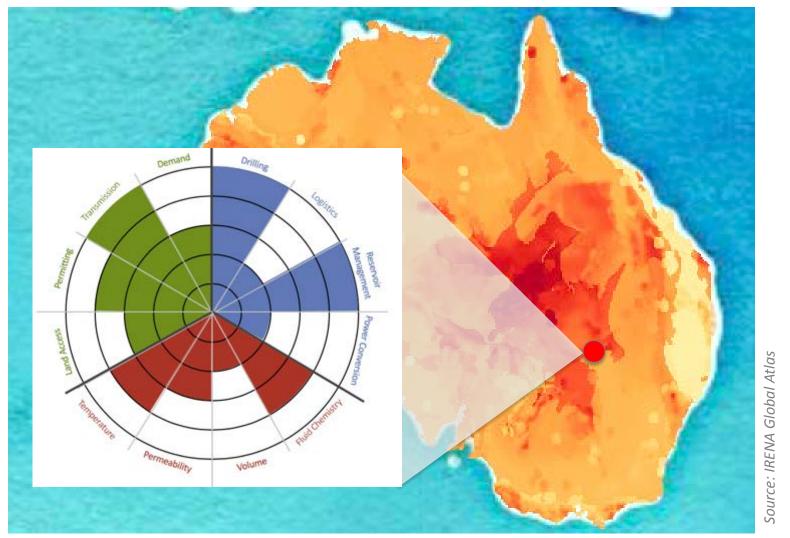
# **Sanyal Classification**

Class of Resource	Reservoir Temperature	Mobile Fluid Phase in Reservoir	Production Mechanism	Fluid State at Wellhead	Well productivity and Controlling Factors other than temperature	Applicable Power Conversion Technology	Unusual Development or Operational Problems
Extremely Low Temperature*	< 100°C	Liquid water	Artesian self- flowing wells; pumped wells	Liquid water	Well productivity dependent on reservoir flow capacity and static water level	Direct Use; Binary (in areas of very low air temperatures)*	
Very Low Temperature	100°C to 150°C	Liquid water	Pumped wells	Liquid water (for pumped wells); steam- water mixture (for self-flowing wells)	Typical well capacity 2 to 4 MWe; dependent on reservoir flow capacity and gas content in water; well productivity often limited by pump capacity	Binary	11
	150°C to 190°C	Liquid water	Pumped wells; self- flowing wells (only at the higher- temperature end of the range)	Liquid water (for pumped wells); steam- water mixture (for self- flowing wells)	Typical well capacity 3 to 5 MWe; dependent on reservoir pressures, reservoir flow capacity and gas content in water; productivity of pumped wells typically limited by pump capacity and pump parasitic power need; productivity of self-flowing wells strongly dependent on reservoir flow capacity	Binary; Two- stage Flash; Hybrid	Calcite scaling in production wells and stibnite scaling in binary plant are occasional problems
Moderate Temperature	190° to 230°C	Liquid water	Self-flowing wells	Steam-water mixture (enthalpy equal to that of saturated liquid at reservoir temperature)	Well productivity highly variable (3 to 12 MWe); strongly dependent on reservoir flow capacity	Single-stage Flash; Two- stage Flash; Hybrid	Calcite scaling in production wells and stibnite scaling in binary plant are occasional problems  Calcite scaling in production wells occasional problem; alumino-silicate scale in injection system a rare problem  Silica scaling in injection system injection system; occasionally corrosion; occasionally high
	230°C to 300°C	Liquid water; Liquid- dominated two-phase	Self-flowing wells	Steam-water mixture (enthalpy equal to or higher than that of saturated liquid at reservoir temperature); saturated steam	Well productivity highly variable (up to 25 MWe); dependent on reservoir flow capacity and steam saturation	Single-stage Flash; Hybrid	Silica scaling in injection system; occasionally corrosion; occasionally high NCG content

# **Temperature Contour Map**

# **Australia - Opportunities for Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS)**

predicted temperature of Australian Basement rocks at 1 km intervals between 3-10 km depth



# Challenge: How does GTO measure the impact of its funding?

# Need for metrics for goal-setting and measuring impact

### Example:

- When government funding became available in 2008, the U.S. National Geothermal Resource Assessment<sup>1</sup> had just been released—30 GW (mean) Undiscovered, 9 GW (mean) Identified
- One current program goal: "Accelerate development of 30 GWe of undiscovered hydrothermal resources" but how is this measured?

What portion of the 30 GW does each funded project represent before funding?

What portion of the 30 GW was expected to be moved by the funding?

What portion of the 30 GW was moved by funding – what was the funding impact?

How could we ensure consistency in reporting across projects?

Would have needed to collect these data as part of the applications

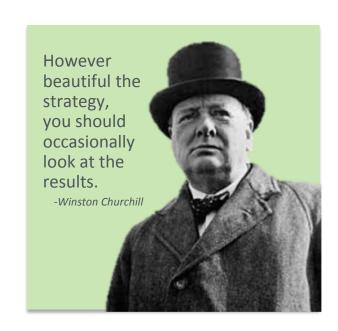
Would have needed to collect this information in a required final close-out report

Would need a standard method for reporting consistency (e.g., the way GETEM cost model was used)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Williams, C.F., M.J. Reed, R.H. Mariner, J. DeAngelo, S.P. Galanis, Jr. (2008b). *Assessment of Moderate- and High-Temperature Geothermal Resources of the United States*, U.S. Geological Survey Fact Sheet 2008-3082, 4 p.

# **Additional Industry Challenges**

- Apart from temperature and depth, how do we, as an industry, grade geothermal resources?
- What data are needed to measure baseline values and advancement?
- Which industry barrier, if overcome, has the potential to have the largest impact on geothermal deployment?
- How do you set goals to be impactful, and what is the potential impact realized by overcoming the prescribed program goals?
- How do we communicate these goals, impacts, and advancements to non-technical audiences (e.g., Congress, policymakers, the public)?



# A Barrier to Development

Experts in their fields produce large amounts of complex data. acoustic reflectivity

environmentally sensitive areas

wellbore control lithologic cores

transmission



flow tests



policies wildfire hazard

temperature cold water breakthrough
Atomic absorption spectrometry

calcite

tribal resources

land ownership degree of isolation

FMI logs fluid inclusions

state lease queue

Scientist

geothermometry tribal resources titration

non-condensable gas content

active seismic reflection



permeability regulation



pH analysis water for cooling

drilling experience bottom hole diameter

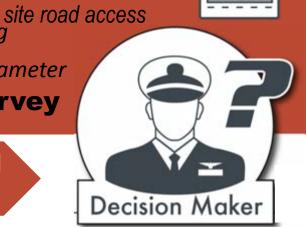
conductivity

conceptual model

gravity survey

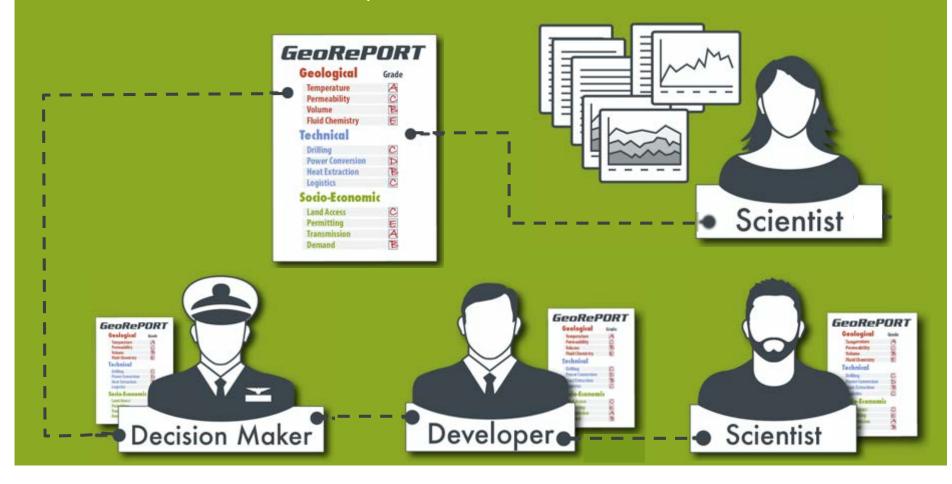
field mapping

Volumes of scientific data can be incomprehensible and overwhelming for decision makers



# The Solution

Data is translated by experts to a common language, which both experts and non-experts can use to communicate effectively.



# **Objective**

The goals of this project were to:

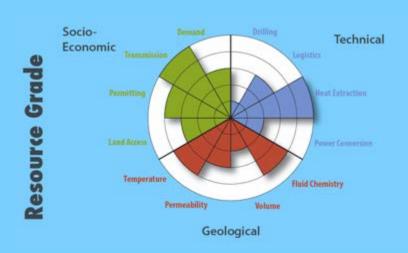
- Develop a clear, objective, comprehensive, understandable methodology for reporting geothermal resource grade and project progress.
- Provide examples for using the methodology for goal setting, measuring baselines, and reporting the impact of funded projects.



This methodology will help to:

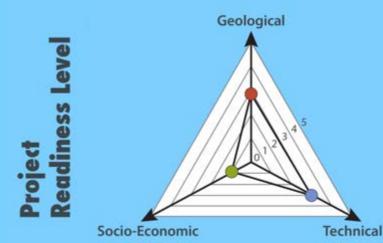
- Quantitatively identify the greatest barriers to geothermal development
- Develop measureable program goals that will have the greatest impact to geothermal deployment
- Objectively evaluate proposals based (in part) on a project's ability to contribute to program goals
- Monitor project progress
- Report on portfolio performance.

Two parts to the GeoRePORT System: Resource Grade and Project Readiness Level



# How good is our resource?

The resource grade is an assessment of resource quality which allows for an apples-to-apples comparison.



# How far along is our project?

The project readiness level is an assessment of the progress of the major components of a project.

**Indicates** 

**Indicate** 

certainty

grade

# **OVERVIEW OF METHODOLOGY**

# **Resource Grade**

- To evaluate each attribute (e.g., temperature, volume) systematically, we developed three indices character, activity, and execution
- Indices are independently evaluated for each attribute using qualitative grades of A-E (A being the "best").

### **Character Grade**

- · Used to describe the attribute itself
- Should not change throughout the project (unless originally incorrectly assigned)

### **Activity Index**

- Qualitative ranking of activities used to assign the character index; appropriate for each attribute
- Progressive throughout the project as additional activities are conducted

### **Execution Index**

- Compares the diligence with which the technique was executed for the activity
- May progress, if activities are repeated.

# Example: Geological Technical Socio-economic

Four attributes: **Temperature** 

Volume

Permeability

Fluid Chemistry

Power Conversion
Reservoir Management

Drilling

Logistics

Land Access

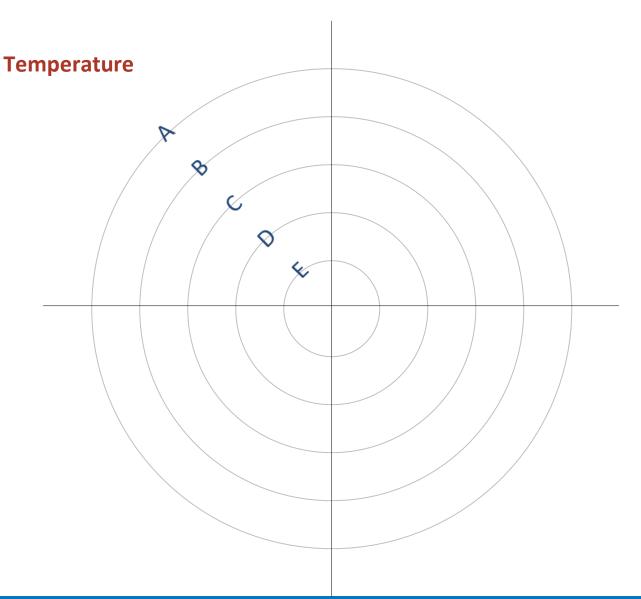
Permitting

Transmission

Market

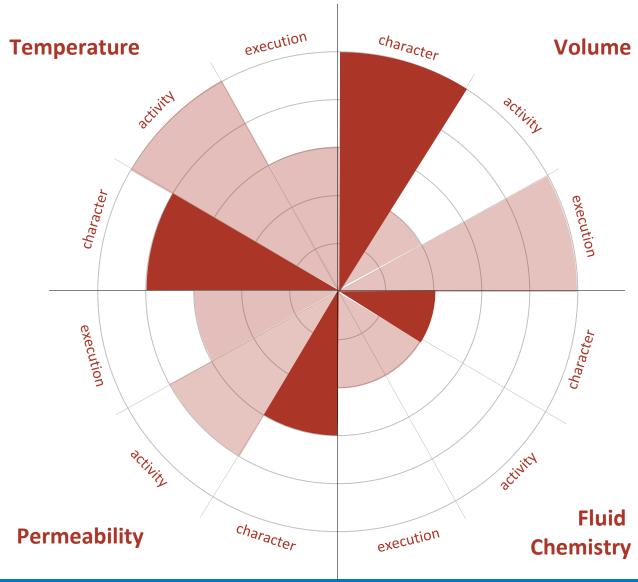
# **Resource Grade: Example Attribute Indices - Temperature**

(a)				(b)			(c)		
	Character Index			Activity Index			Execution Index (Ex: Subsurface Temperature Probe Readings)		
Α	>300°C	>300°C High-temperature two- phase liquid-dominated OR high enthalpy vapor- dominated		Measured temperatures: Downhole temperature probe readings (well(s) drilled into reservoir)		Α	<ul> <li>Probe allowed to equilibrate</li> <li>Cuttings and/or geophysics confirms measurement within the reservoir (i.e. downhole alteration mineralogy consistent with reading)</li> </ul>		
В	230 - <300°C-	Two-phase liquid- dominated systems: - high T, high enthalpy - moderate T, moderate enthalpy	В	Extrapolated temperatures: (TGH/well(s) not drilled into reservoir)		В	<ul> <li>Probe allowed to equilibrate</li> <li>Cuttings and/or geophysics have <u>not</u> confirmed measurement within the reservoir (i.e. downhole alteration mineralogy not consistent with readings)</li> </ul>		
С	150- <230°C	Moderate to low temperature, moderate to low enthalpy liquid-only systems	C	Geothermometry (reservoir brines or gases)		С	<ul> <li>Probe <u>not</u> allowed to equilibrate</li> <li>Cuttings and/or geophysics have <u>not</u> confirmed measurement within the reservoir</li> </ul>		
D	90-<150°C	Low temperature systems	C	Geothermometry (immature or mixed fluids, inconsistent results between geothermometers)		D	<ul> <li>Results taken from previous third-party studies of the area (either literature or contractors) with little or limited information on survey methods, replication, or error.</li> </ul>		
Е	<90°C	Very low temperature systems	E	Regional heat flow data		Е	<ul> <li>Assumed from studies of analogous geothermal settings, or extrapolated from studies of nearby areas.</li> </ul>		



# Resource Grade Polar Area Chart

The bigger the pie piece, the better the attribute grade



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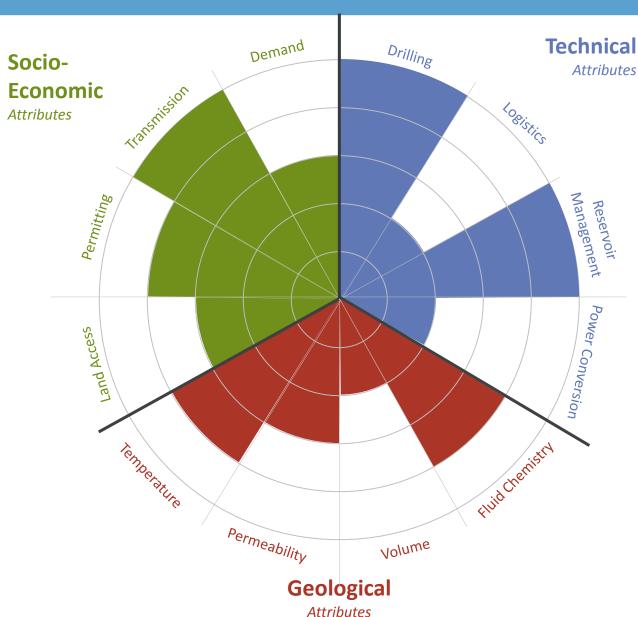
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# **Dark Wedges**

indicate grade

# **Light Wedges**

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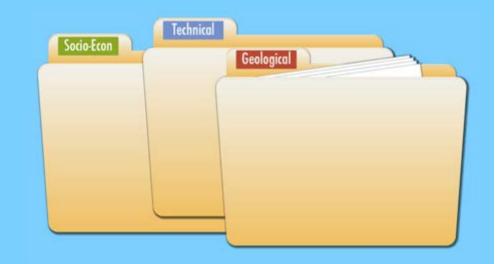


# Resource Grade Summary Chart

Displaying all 12 Character Grades in one graphic



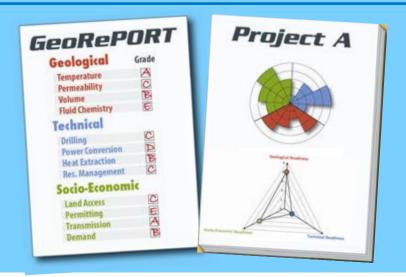
# Grades from many experts are assembled





# GeoRePORT is compiled

GeoRePORT, which helps



# Private Industry Data

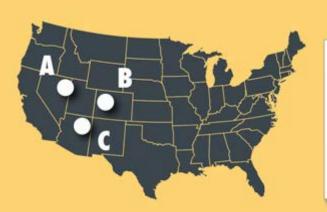
# Ways to Use It

**Activity Level** 

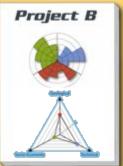
# II. The Project Level



At the project level, GeoRePORT allows for different projects to be directly compared in terms of resource quality and project readiness. It can also be used to monitor project progress.







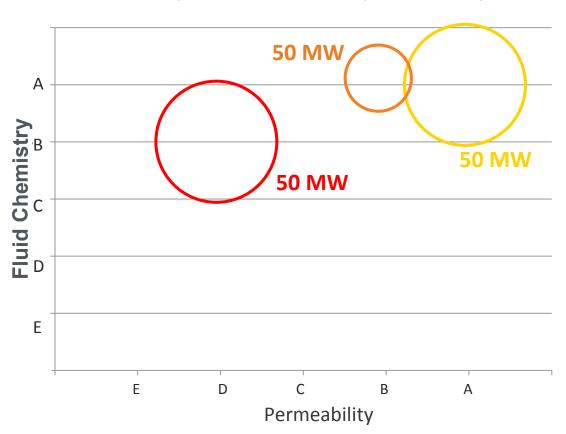


- Location Specific
- Highly Detailed
- Track Progress
- Compare Projects

# **EXAMPLE: Visualizing Grade for Multiple Geothermal Areas**

## **Geological Grade:**

Temperature, Volume, Permeability, & Fluid Chemistry



- Temperature = A
- Temperature = B
- Temperature = C
- Temperature = D
- Temperature = E



# Publicly Available Data

# Ways to Use It

# I. The National Level

**Activity Level** 

A B C D

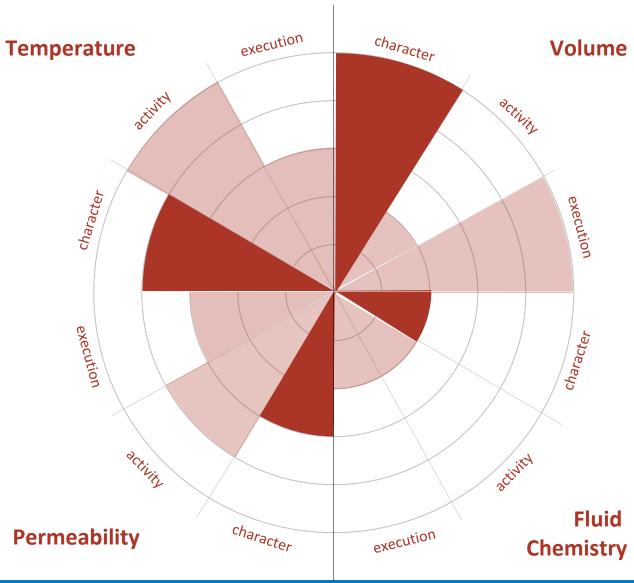


At the national level, GeoRePORT allows for the creation of baseline maps using publicly available data which can be used by DOE to identify the greatest barriers to geothermal development and to aid in setting quantifiable, measurable program goals.



- Identify Major Barriers
- Identify Resource Availability
- Set Baseline Goals
- Measure Impacts

# **Using GeoRePORT**



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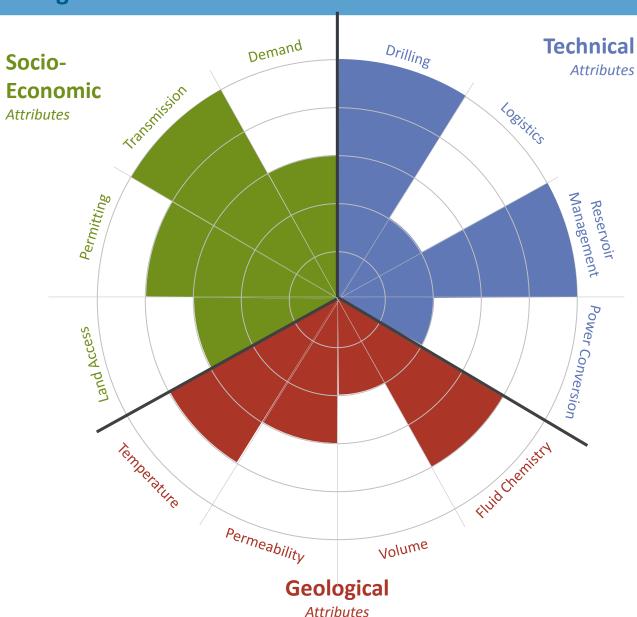
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# Resource Grade Summary Chart

Displaying all 12 Character Grades in one graphic

Weight

2

2

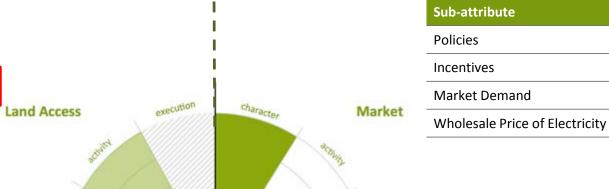
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# **Using GeoRePORT**

Sub-attribute	Weigh t
Cultural and Tribal Resources	3
Environmentally Sensitive Areas	3
Biological Resources	3
Land Ownership	2
Federal and State Lease Queue	1
Military Installation	1



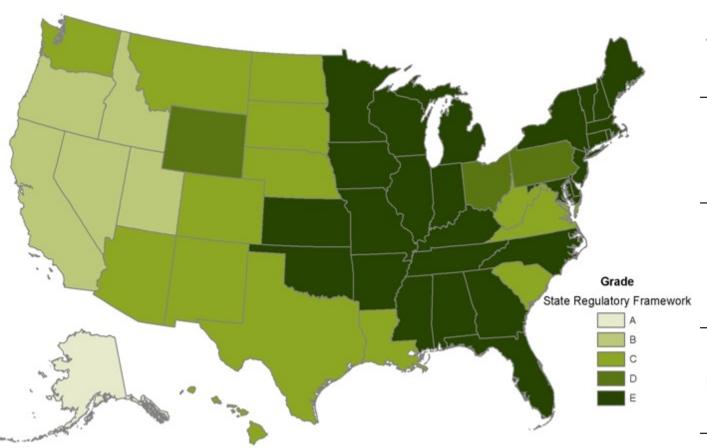


Sub-attribute	Weight
Environmental Review Process	3
Regulatory Framework State Regulatory Framework Federal Regulatory Framework	2
Ancillary Permits	1

Sub-attribute	Weight
Distance to the nearest transmission line	1
Interconnection costs	1
Transmission (wheeling) costs	1

**Attribute**: Permitting

**Sub-Attribute**: State Regulatory Framework



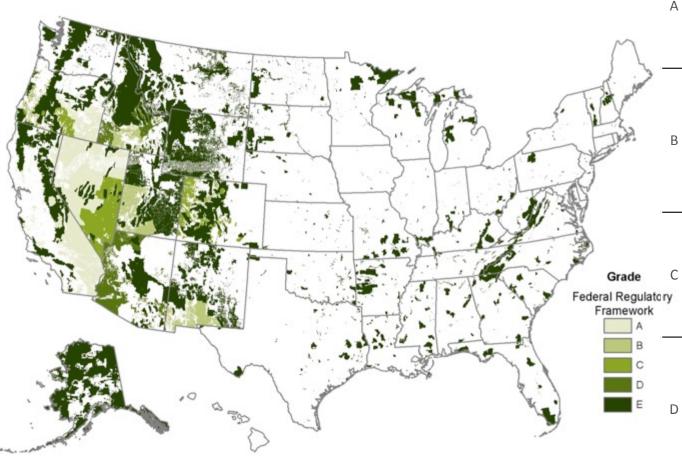
- State/County has a permit coordinating office, geothermal regulations and experience successfully permitting projects
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- State/County has geothermal regulations, but has not successfully permitted a project or is in the process of changing the regulations
- definition of geothermal
  D resources, but does not have permitting regulations

State/County has a

State/County does not have any geothermal power regulations

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BLM-administered mineral estate in an area with experience permitting geothermal exploration and development projects and BLM has an MOU with the state.

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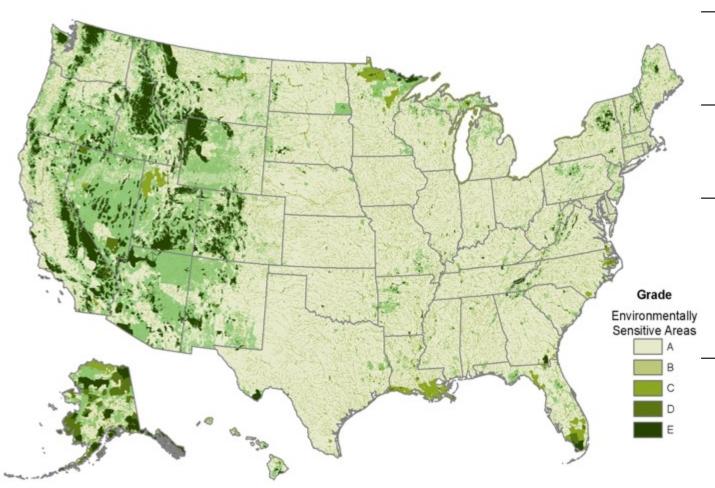
BLM-administered mineral estate in an area without experience permitting geothermal exploration and development projects and BLM has an MOU with the state.

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No geothermal staff or funding

**Attribute**: Land Access

**Sub-attribute**: Environmentally Sensitive Areas



Not located in an environmentally sensitive area. 2-3 month staff review.

Manageable
environmental sensitivities
B (recreational, geologic,
wildlife or scenic value) 3-6
month staff review

Environmentally sensitive area complications (Waters of the United States) 6 - 12 month staff resolution.

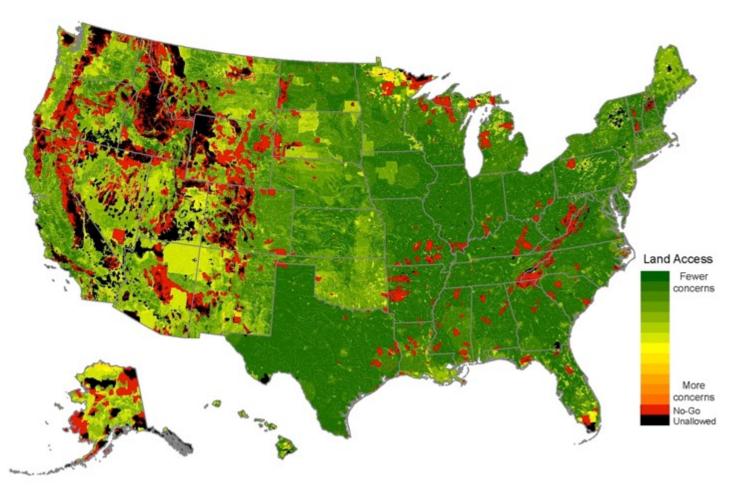
Difficult environmentally

sensitive area complications (Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Wildlife Refuge, National Preserves) Not likely to resolve, 1-2 years or longer if resolution possible.

Extreme environmentally sensitive area complications (National Park, National Monument, wilderness areas or wilderness study areas, U.S. Forest Service (USFS) inventoried roadless areas\*, state and private conservation land) Not likely to be resolved, 2+ years

C

**Attribute**: Land Access



This map represents the summary of all of the Land Access sub-attributes. The colors in the summary map reflect a range of scores from 12 (all six sub-attributes graded as A) to 60 (all six sub-attributes graded as E). *Unallowed* areas (grade E) are shown in black; *significant-barriers* areas (grade D) are shown in red.

# **Example Program Planning**

USGS Identified Potential	9,197	100%
Sites <=150°C	1,634	18%
Developed (as of 2010)	2,612	28%
Unallowed	129	1%
Developer-Identified "Significant Barriers"	796	9%
Remaining Clear MW	4,027	44%

Unallowed areas were due to biological or environmentally sensitive areas

USGS Undiscovered Potential	30,033	100%
Unknown MW (AK, HI)	4,223	14%
Developed (as of 2010)	0	0%
Unallowed MW	5,350	18%
Developer-Identified "Significant Barriers"	7,387	25%
Remaining Clear MW	13,073	44%

USGS map doesn't cover Alaska or Hawaii, so we couldn't overlay barriers maps – remaining 4.2 GW were not analyzed for impact of barriers.

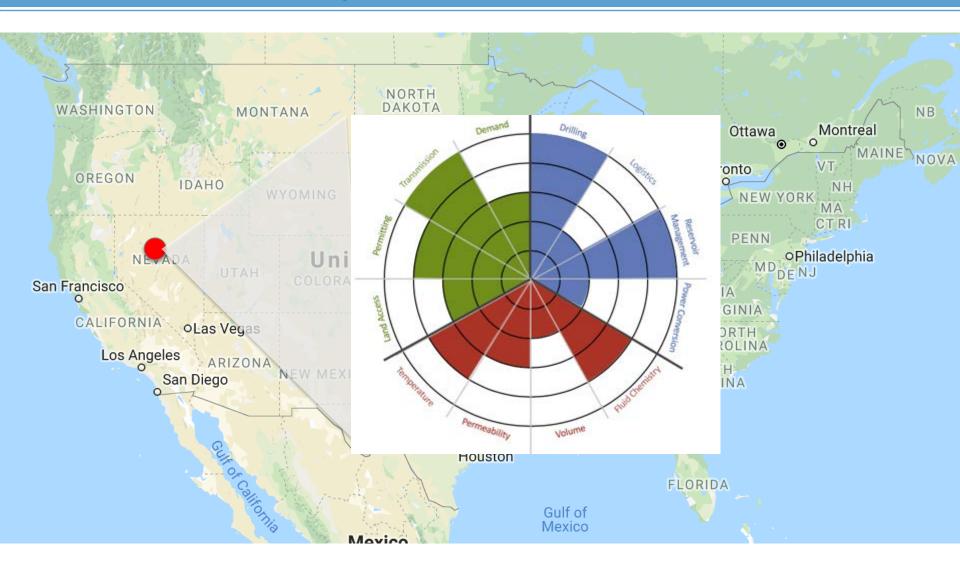
Developer-Defined Significant Barrier(s)	Identified MW Affected
Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA)	401
Lease, Cultural	266
Transmission, ESA	62
Lease	50
Biological	18

796

Developer-Defined Significant Barrier(s)	Undiscovered MW Affected
Lease	2,668
Transmission	2,629
Biological	790
Lease, Transmission	606
Biological, Transmission	381
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	168
Other Combinations	145
Total	7,387

**TOTAL** 

# **GeoRePORT Tools: GeoProspector**



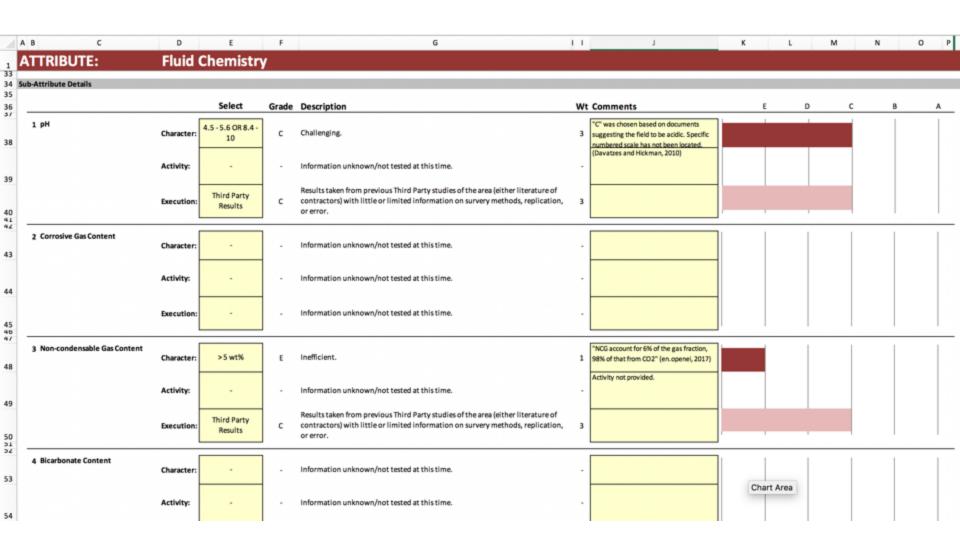
<u>Geothermal Prospector</u> (Globally <u>RE Explorer</u>)

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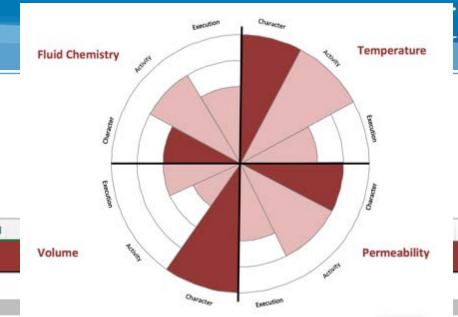


Screen capture from the GeoRePORT web tool on GeoProspector (<a href="https://maps.nrel.gov/geothermal-prospector">https://maps.nrel.gov/geothermal-prospector</a>) that provides a detailed look at the grades reported for a selected point location, based on country SEAT maps developed for the United States. (Text on actual web page continues beyond what can be shown in this screen capture.)

# **GeoRePORT Tools: Input Spreadsheet**



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# A B C D E F G H I Geological Overview

**Category Summary** 

Volume		Character Grade		Activity Index		Execution Index	
Sub-Attribute		Grade	Weighted Ranking	Index	Weighted Ranking	Index	Weighted Ranking
1. Volume		Α	10	-	-	-	-
	Area	-	-	D	4	С	3
	Thickness	-	-	С	6	В	4
	TOTALS:	Α	10	d	5	С	3.5

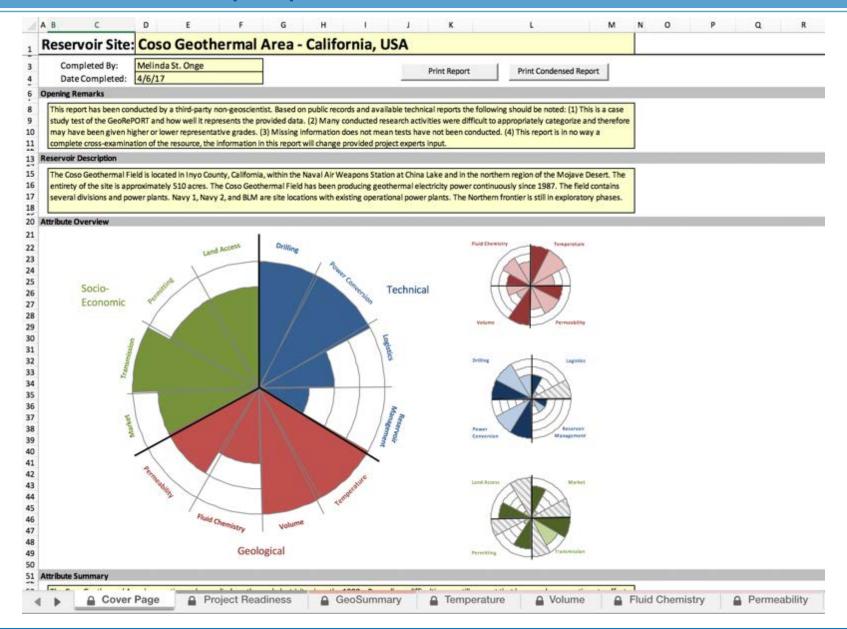
Temperature	Character Grade		Activ	vity Index	Execution Index	
Sub-Attribute	Grade	Weighted Ranking	Index	Weighted Ranking	Index	Weighted Ranking
1. Temperture	Α	5	Α	5	С	3
TOTALS:	Α	5	а	5	С	3

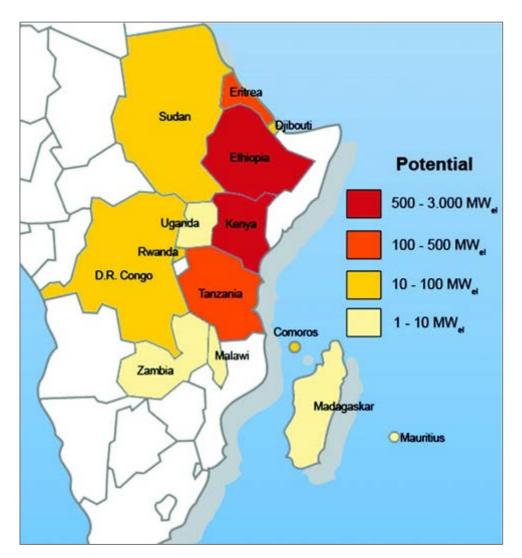
Fluid Chemistry	Character Grade		Activity Index		Execution Index	
Sub-Attribute	Grade	Weighted Ranking	Index	Weighted Ranking	Index	Weighted Ranking
1. pH	С	3	-	-	С	3
2. Corrosive Gas Content	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Non-Condensable Gas Content	E	1	-	-	С	3
4. Bicarbonate Content	-		-	-	-	
5. Total Dissolved Solid Content	С	3	В	4	С	3
6. Silica Content	В	4	С	3	С	3
TOTALS:	D	11	d	7	С	12
Total Dissolved Solid *	С		В		С	

Permeability	Character Grade		Activity Index		Execution Index	
Sub-Attribute	Grade	Weighted Ranking	Index	Weighted Ranking	Index	Weighted Ranking
1. Fault/Fracture Orientation	В	4	В	4	С	3
2. Fault/Fracture Aperture	С	3	D	2	С	3
3. Mineralization	С	3	В	4	С	3
4. Fracture Spacing	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Fracture Roughness	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	D	10	d	10	d	9
Fault/Fracture Orientation *	В		В		С	

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Scientist determined the designated sub-attribute has the most impact on the reservoir's attribute.

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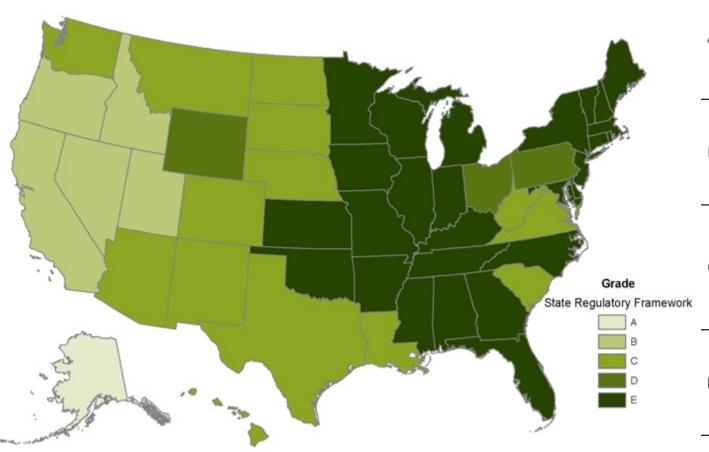




- How certain are we of the geothermal potential in E. Africa?
- What gaps exist in the data that need to be filled to attract investors to develop here?
- How much of this geothermal potential is developable?
- What are the biggest challenges to development?
- How do regulations and policies in E. Africa compare to those in other parts of the world?
- If countries wanted to improve their regulations/policies to attract investors, what could they do?

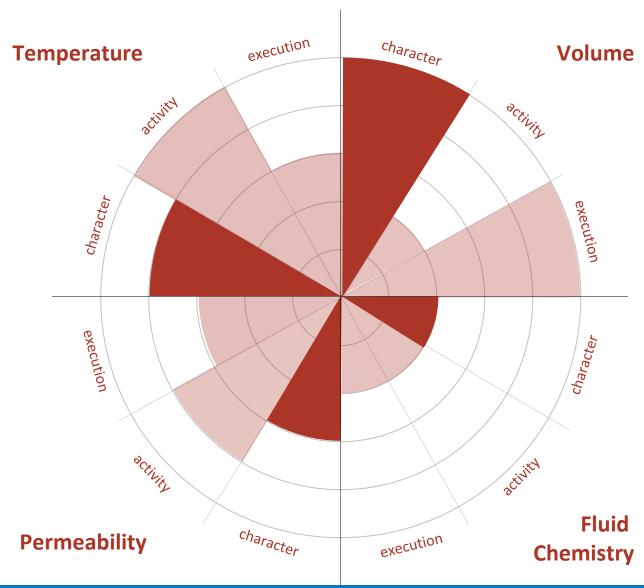
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- resources, but does not have permitting regulations
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# **Using GeoRePORT to Indicate Certainty**



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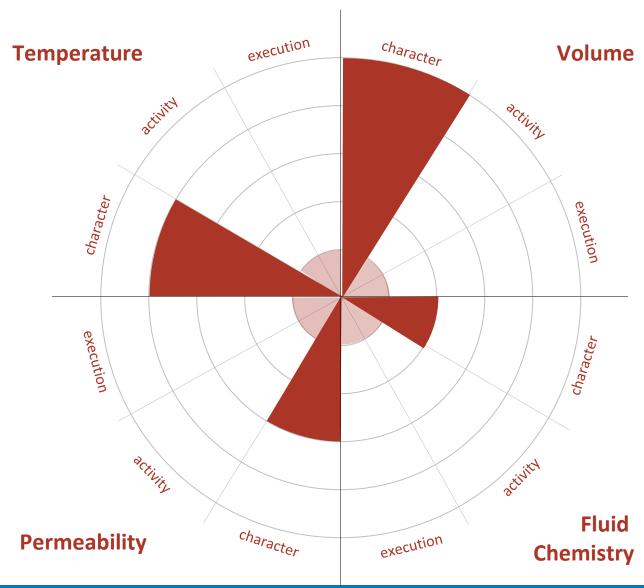
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Olkaria III Geothermal Plant in Kenya by Ormat (source: ThinkGeoEnergy)

- GeoRePORT may help investors be able to better calibrate their risk premium to the geologic uncertainty.
- GeoRePORT was intended to be filled out by the experts (geological, permitting, power plant designers) involved in each project – not by a third party. This way, reported data are more accurate – and remain confidential.
- The GeoRePORT Protocols and Input worksheet are available for free

# **Socio-Economic Attributes**

Sub-attribute	Weight
Cultural and Tribal Resources	3
Environmentally Sensitive Areas	3
Biological Resources	3
Land Ownership	2
Federal and State Lease Queue	1
Military Installation	1



Sub-attribute	Weight
Policies	2
Incentives	2
Market Demand	1
Wholesale Price of Electricity	1

## Permitting

Sub-attribute	Weight
Environmental Review Process	3
Regulatory Framework	
State Regulatory Framework	2
Federal Regulatory Framework	
Ancillary Permits	1

### Transmission

execution

Sub-attribute	Weight
Distance to the nearest transmission line	1
Interconnection costs	1
Transmission (wheeling) costs	1

Weight

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Sub-attribute

# **Technical Attributes**

Sub-attribute	Weight
Well Depth	3
Drilling Experience in Area	2
Bottom-hole Diameter	1
Temperature	1
Wellbore Control	1
Anticipated Rig Downtime	1
Well Direction	1
Drilling Restrictions	1
-	



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Power Conversion	character	execution	Reservoir Management

Sub-attribute	Weight
Temperature Difference: Inlet to Condenser	3
Water for Cooling	2
Non-condensable gas content	1

Sub-attribute	Weight
System Permeability	3
Storativity	3
Cost of Supplemental Injectant	2
Coldwater Breakthrough	2
Calcite Saturation	1

# Thank You!

For more information about GeoRePORT, visit the website at: <a href="http://en.openei.org/wiki/GeoRePORT">http://en.openei.org/wiki/GeoRePORT</a>

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