

GEO-HEAT CENTER QUARTERLY BULLETIN SURVEY

In the June 2002 (Vol. 23, No. 2) issue of the GHC Quarterly Bulletin, we published a one-page questionnaire to be mailed back to the Center. We received 55 responses--thanks. The results are summarized below:

1. Background Information

Employment Sector: Public 26, Private: 29
Your Location: U. S. 48, Other 7

2. General

How long have you been a subscriber?
<1 yr 5, <5 yrs 5, >5 yrs 29

What is your overall rating of the Bulletin?
Excellent 39, Very Good 13, Fair 3, Poor 0

What is your opinion about the proportion of international articles?
Too Many 23, Too Few 5, About Right 27

Would you like to see more technical articles?
Yes 30, No. 25

Would you like to see more general articles?
Yes 43, No. 12

Would an electronic format for the Bulletin (elimination of the paper version) be acceptable to you?
Yes 30, No. 25

Would a semi-annual rather than quarterly format be acceptable to you?
Yes 30, No. 25

3. What topics would you like to see covered in future articles? Circle any you are interested in.

Geothermal Heat Pumps 30
Geothermal Resources 28
Aquaculture 26
Project Case Studies 26
Greenhouses 25
Equipment/Materials 24
Environmental 24
Spas/Resorts 23
Exploration 22
Drilling 21
Industrial Applications 21
District Heating 21

Electric Generation 20
Economics 19
Regulatory Issues 17
Research Report 17
Snow Melting 15
DOE Program 14

4. Comments

Detailed data for private home, show how to construct--keep up the good work.

I really enjoy your publication.

Great work- keep it up.

Water rights/legal options. Enjoy reading and sharing my Bulletin with others.

Good Job - I read the Bulletin cover to cover.

A great publication--getting better thru the years--Thanks!

Proof read.

Thanks!

You do a great job--sometimes too technical.

Better editing.

I encourage you to continuing to publish the GHC Quarterly Bulletin. It continues to fill an important niche.

Thanks for interesting publication.

I save every issue for reference.

Everything is great--Great publication--Keep up the good work.

Excellent publication.

I appreciate all the effort used to produce this publication. It is unique and a welcome arrival each issue.

Excellent!

Great publication!

Have been sharing your Bulletin with my environmental library all along.

Articles re: Careers in geothermal in geothermal, schools, training, internship, work study, home building.

CONCLUSIONS

We appear to be doing a good job of getting geothermal articles to the public with an emphasis on the direct-utilizations of geothermal. We will try to do a better job of editing each issues--a difficult job for an engineer as editor. We will not go to an exclusive electronic format; however as most of you realize, all issues of the Bulletin (from Vol. 16, No. 4) are available on our website. These are usually available about two weeks after publication. If you have trouble opening or downloading these, please contact Toni Boyd of our staff (boydt@oit.edu). We will also stick with our quarterly publication schedule--but would appreciate more articles from our readers.

Your requests are for more technical and general articles--we will try to provide a balanced selection of both

types. We will also continue to provide international articles, as the editor feel that we can learn from experiences outside of the U.S. Geothermal heat pumps continue to be a topic of major interest, as about 25% to 30% of our inquiries for technical assistance are related to this subject. Concerning "Geothermal Resources," we do have an extensive database on geothermal wells and springs available for 16 western states. This database is available on CD-ROM and can be ordered from Donna Gibson, our office manager.

We wish to thank U.S. DOE, Office of Geothermal, for continuing to fund the Quarterly Bulletin. It has been around since 1975 with over 80 issues published during this 27-year period. We can also provide copies of back issues before Vol. 16, No. 4, upon request. Thank all of you for participating in our survey.

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