

(1) To explore for groundwater;

(2) To obtain or monitor [ground water] GROUNDWATER;
[or]

(3) To inject water into any underground formation from which [ground water] GROUNDWATER may be produced; OR

(4) TO TRANSFER HEAT TO OR FROM THE GROUND OR GROUNDWATER, IF THE HOLE:

(I) EXTENDS MORE THAN 20 FEET BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE GROUND; AND

(II) IS NOT A WELL FOR OBTAINING GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES UNDER § 8-8A-01 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE.

Article - Natural Resources

8-8A-01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(e) "Geothermal resources" means the natural heat of the earth higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit or 49 degrees centigrade, or the energy, in whatever form, below the surface of the earth present in, resulting from, or created by, or which may be extracted from, this natural heat, the natural or artificial medium containing that heat, and all minerals in solution or other products obtained from naturally heated fluids, brines, associated gases, and steam, in whatever form, found below the surface of the earth, but excluding oil, hydrocarbon gas, and other hydrocarbon substances.

(g) "Well" means any excavation or other alteration of the earth's surface or crust by means of which geothermal resource may be obtained.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

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