

Better Building by Design Thursday January 6th, 2014 Geothermal Heat Pump Systems Most efficient, least understood Martin Orio, AI – President - NEGPA

Why Geothermal? FACT: **Most efficient AND** earthfriendly HEATING AND COOLING MECHANISM **ON THE**

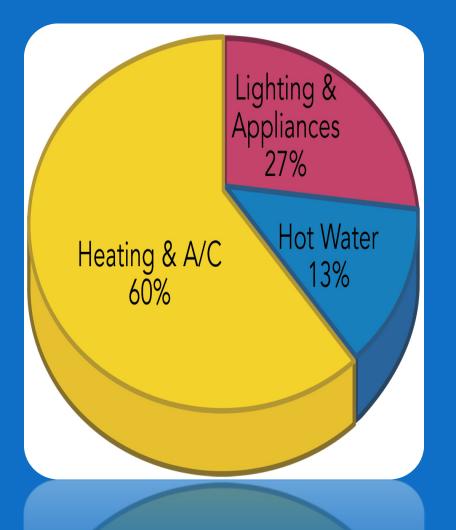
PLANET!



What Does the US EPA have to Say About Geothermal Heat Pumps? • Lowest Cost Heating & Cooling • Best for the Air Environment • Best for Electric Utilities

EPA Report 430-R-93-004 - Space Conditioning the Next Frontier

Residential Site Energy Conventional System



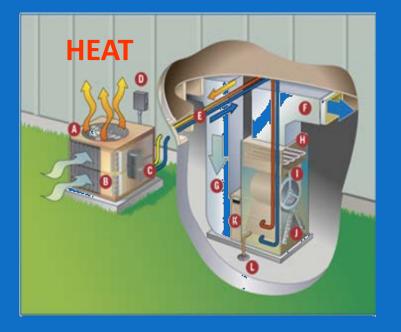
Over 70% of the energy consumed by a typical home is used to meet thermal loads

Residential Site Energy Geothermal Heat Pump System

Total site energy consumption is cut in half Geothermal Energy (Provided free from the earth) 49% Lighting & Appliances 27% Hot Water 6% Heating & A/C 18%

Heat Pumps Are All Around Us...

Air conditioners and airsource heat pumps transfer heat from inside houses to the air outside

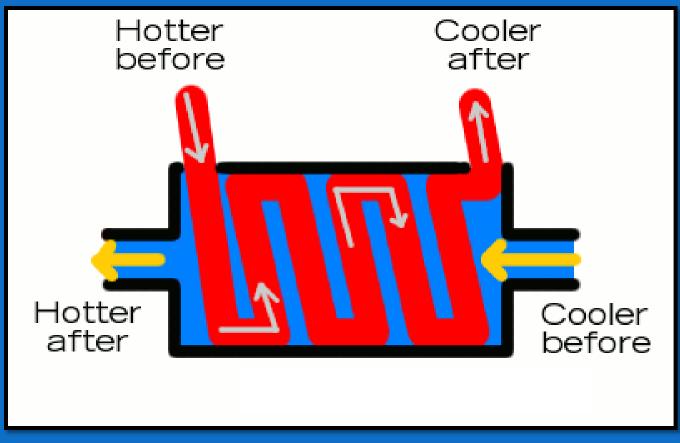




Refrigerators transfer heat from food into the kitchen

Efficiency in Heat Exchange

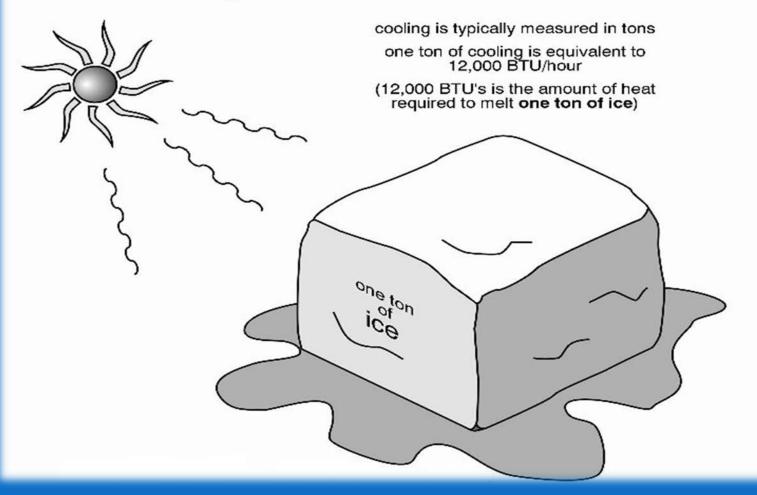
Compressor uses electrical energy and refrigerant to move energy from the ground into the building



Like all things in nature, the further the distance between source and destination, the more energy expended.

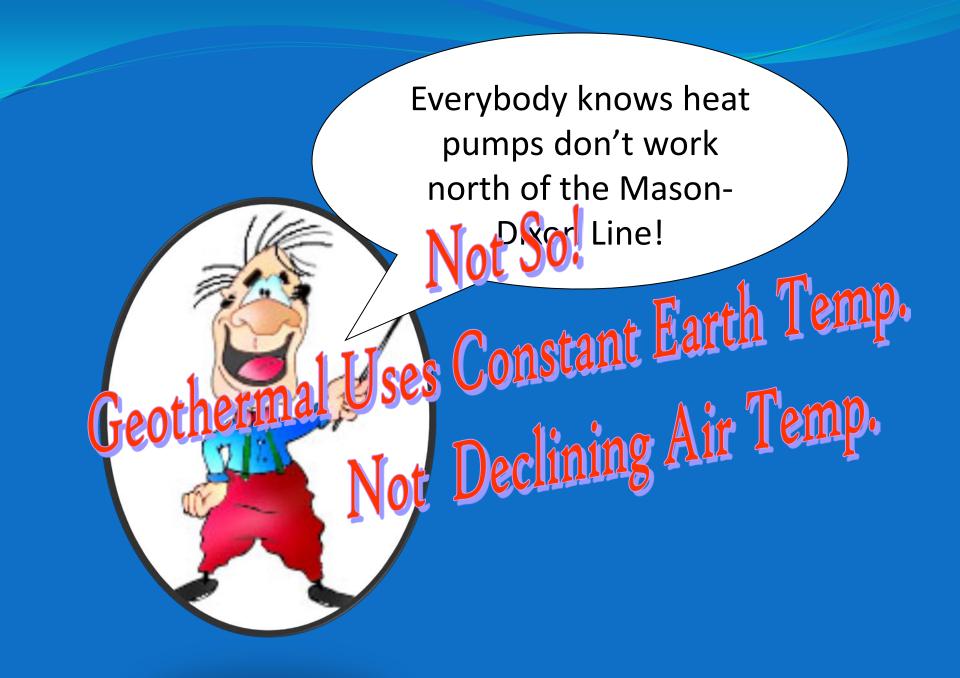
What is a "ton"?

One ton of cooling



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Geothermal Heat Pumps are Solar Energy Management devices... *EXTRACT* stored Solar
Energy in the WINTER **STORE** Solar Building "Gain" **Energy** in the SUMMER



Our Average Earth Temperature... **Remains at 48 ~ 54**° **The Year Around**

FREE STORED SOLAR ENERGY With NO BATTERIES or INVERTERS!

Stanford University's Global Climate & Energy Project

The amount of solar energy reaching the surface of the planet is so vast that in one year it is about twice as much as will ever be obtained from all of the Earth's non-renewable resources of coal, oil, natural gas, and mined uranium combined!



What is COP ?

Real #'s at...



Efficiency measurement for... HEATING (Coefficient of Performance)







Pellet or Wood Stove 80% efficient



Electric resistance heaters 100% efficient



Air-Source Heat Pump Annually about 230% efficient in New England



Geothermal Heat Pump 450 to 600% efficient all winter long



What is SEER & EER?

System efficiency measurement for SEER = Seasonal Electrical Efficiency Ratio (fluctuating temp exchange) EER = Electrical Efficiency Ratio (constant temp exchange)

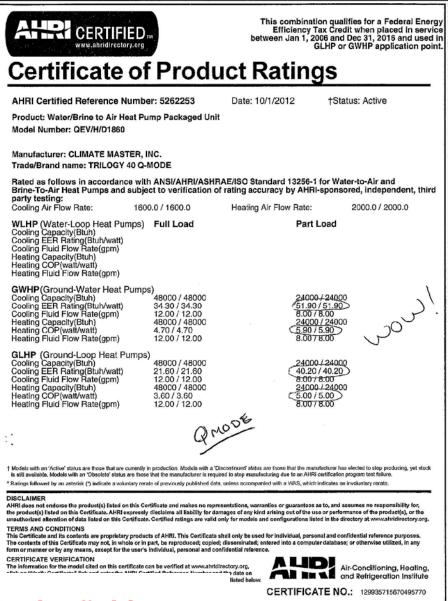


Top efficiency "Air-to-Air" heat pump has a SEER of up to 21 (or annualized EER of about 15) Efficiency declines as outdoor air temp increases above 75 F!!!



Today's geothermal - EER's up to 51 <u>With no efficiency</u> <u>decline</u> due to outdoor air temp increase because it is not exchanging with air!

Today's Geothermal Heat Pump AHRI data sheet... -Accurate 3rd party confirmation -Includes pumping penalty & pressure drop factors -Measures all devices under equal conditions Informs Estar Tier 3 efficiency requirements -If your chosen HVAC system does not have an AHRI rating ask why.



Reproducing lab conditions in the field Is <u>critical</u> to the success of your geo project!

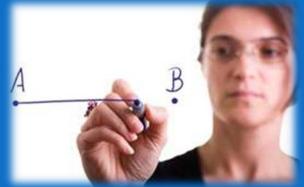
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THE IDEAL GEO <u>"SYSTEM"</u>
Pumping from the earth
Compressor and Heat exchanger
Delivery mechanism

Each item MUST be designed/applied for OPTIMUM performance by respecting delta's of temperature and pressure used in the AHRI/ISO test lab!

Delta "T" and "P" = temperature and pressure



Re: Heat Exchange/Pressure

The further your travel between point "A", and point "B", the more energy you use! Geothermal in...

...Winter – Extracts heat from the earth ...Summer – Dispels heat to the earth... ...using a refrigerant circuit

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How to achieve ISO - 13256 system operational efficiency on your geothermal install

- Minimize draw of secondary or "parasitic" energy using elements (well pumps or loop pumps, circulators, blowers, etc.)
- Minimizes deltas of TEMPERATURE and PRESSURE
 - Low duct static, Proper pipe sizing (minimize pressure drop), Low "turbulence" (minimize flex duct runs)
- Minimize loss on the way to the zone (mastic and insulate ductwork)
- Deploy 100% geothermal heating and cooling
- Don't use duct heaters as a second stage
- ✓ FOLLOW ISO-13256 DESIGN POINTS!!!

Translation: CAREFUL DESIGN IS CRITICAL TO MAINTAINING AHRI/ISO PROVEN EFFICIENCIES

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2. Compressor and Heat exchanger

3. Delivery to zone

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Today's Primary Message... DESIGN is CRITICAL

Quality design & install <u>REALLY</u> matters!

What happens on the earth-side and on the distribution side re: design and install parameters are far more important than the heat pump itself to operating efficiency and system longevity!

Got LEED points?

Choosing top-quality geothermal equipment can help satisfy up to half (or more) of the requirements for LEED certification...

Optimize Energy Efficiency – 8 points
Additional Commissioning – 1 point
Ozone Depletion – 1 point
Measurement and Verification – 1 point
IEQ (Indoor Environmental Quality) – 3 point
Thermal Comfort – 2 points
Innovation in Design – 4 points
LEED accredited professional – 1 point



Up to 19 points for new construction Up to 21 points for retrofit applications!

Geothermal Heat Pumps Amplify Electric Renewable



Both Generate Electric Power

Wind Generators & Photo Voltaic



AMPLIFY <u>Alternative</u> Energy w/ <u>Geothermal Heat Pumps</u>

Building **HEATING**

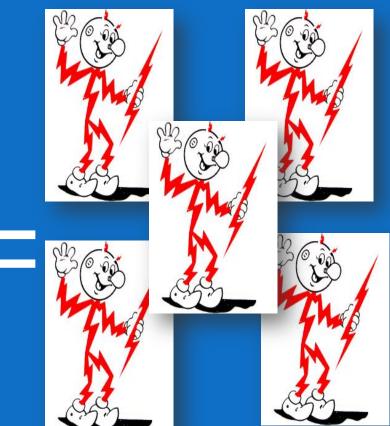
PV – Wind, etc.



1 unit of purchased Electric Energy



4 free units extracted <u>FROM</u> the Earth



5 Units Heat Energy <u>TO</u> the BUILDING

Overview of Geothermal Heat Pump Systems elements include equipment and installation of...

✓ EARTH COUPLING ✓ HEAT PUMPS ✓ DISTRIBUTION

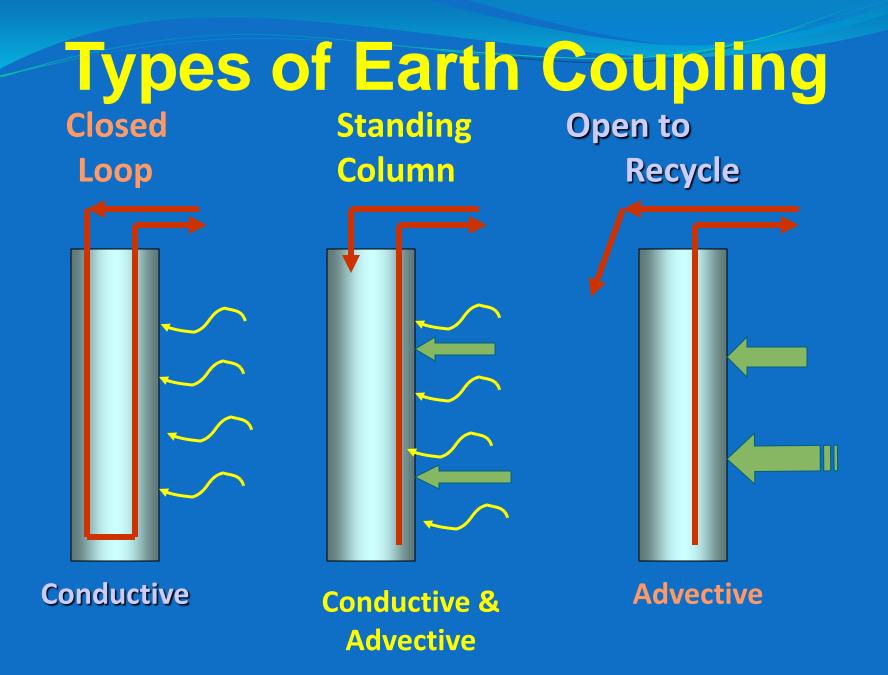
...each element has to be thoughtfully consider to <u>minimize</u> first cost and <u>maximize</u> operating performance and system longevity



...*recognized options for Earth Coupling

<u>Open</u> to Diffusion Standing Column Well <u>Closed</u> Loop (various types)

*<u>"DX" loop</u> (This method not recognized by IGSHPA)



CLOSED LOOP

Horizontal Loop

Where space allows, the sealed piping loop can be buried in trenches ranging from 3 to 6 feet deep.

Pond Loop

When a nearby body of water is available, the sealed piping loop can be submerged under the surface.



Vertical Loop

Where space is limited, the sealed piping loop can be inserted in small holes ranging from 150 to 400 feet deep that are installed using a well-drilling rig.

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EARTH COUPLING Closed Loop

 Propylene Glycol (our choice)

Methanol

Ethanol

Safe, non-toxic, effective, good heat transfer *Increased viscosity at low temps*Good heat transfer & viscosity characteristics *Poison & flammable*Good heat transfer characteristics *Denaturants can be toxic*

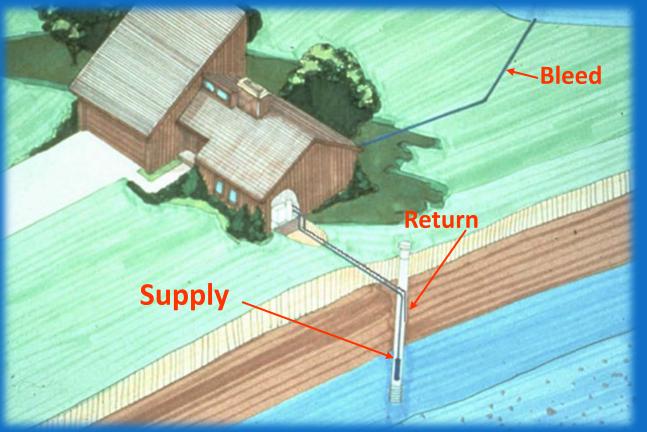
Designing for success: Majority of European loops do not use antifreeze!

Standing Column



Standing Column Well Where near-surface bedrock is available and groundwater is of limited quantity and adequate quality. With adequate well length, well water can be directly used instead of the sealed piping loop.

EARTH COUPLING Standing Column Well



- Use
 Domestic
 Well
- 40-120 ft/ton
- 5% 30%Bleed
 on
 Command

Open to Diffusion



Well Water

Where groundwater is of adequate quantity and quality, well water can be directly used instead of the sealed piping loop.

EARTH COUPLING Open - Recycle Best Efficiency & Best Performance



surface or diffusion well

Lots of wateer

 Responsible return to earth

DX or Direct Exchange groundsource systems

Refrigerant pipe buried directly underground with "direct" connection to the compressor inside the building



Outside Earth Coupling Costs & Needs

OPEN to RECYCLE
 \$ 1,200 - \$ 1,700 per ton

STANDING COLUMN \$ 1,800 - \$ 2,500 per ton

CLOSED LOOPS
\$ 3,800 - \$ 4,400 per ton

✓ DX LOOP \$ 4,200 - \$ 4,800 per ton -A lot of water and a responsible/permitted place to return it

-Bedrock, clean water and high well static

-Add 20% more heat pump tonnage, (to deliver same efficiency as open and # of btuh in heating), and ample site space

-Non-acidic soil -A lot of brazing, a lot of refrigerant

THERMAL EFFICIENCY

Properly designed Earth coupling

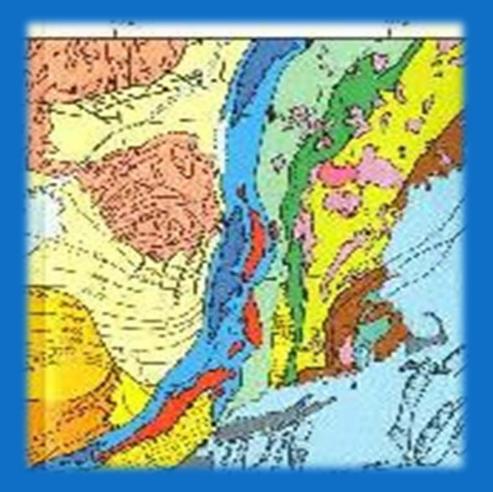
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• OPEN to RECYCLE - **Best** efficiency 50 ° F Winter 59 ° F Summer COP's up to 5.1

per ARI/ISO Standard - 13256

GEOLOGY



New England is a Geological "Mixed Bag" Variations in **Bedrock**, Alluvial Till, Terminal **Moraine & Shales**

Earth Coupling Installation Factors for GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMPS



EACH METHOD MUST BE EVALUATED FOR THE APPLICATION & LOCATION

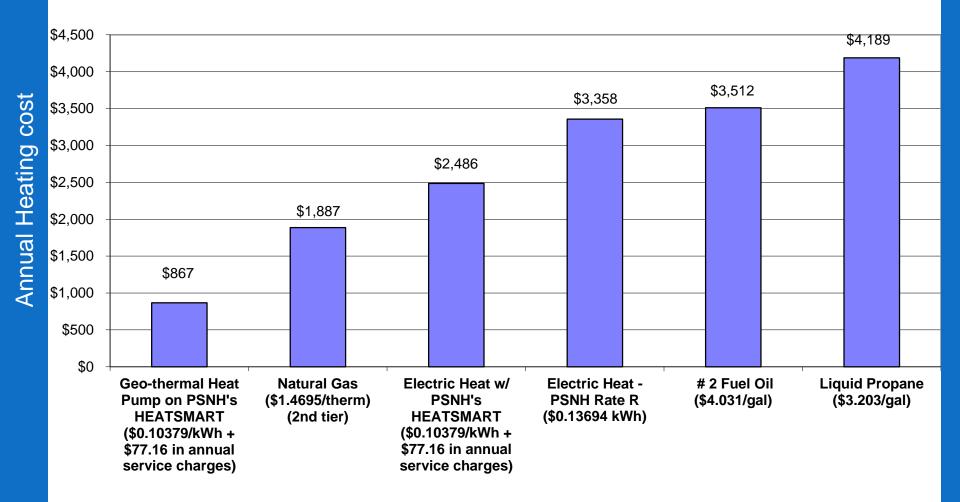
Open/Recycle Standing Column Closed

Efficiency	1	2	2
First Cost	1	2	3
Geology	3	2	2
Maintenance Regulatory	2	2	2
	3	3	2
Thermal	1	1	2

1 = highest/best

Comparison of Heating Systems / Fuels

Estimated Annual Heating Costs for a Typical 2,000 sq. ft. NH Home (using PSNH's current rates and fossil fuel prices as of April 28, 2008 at www.nh.gov/oep)



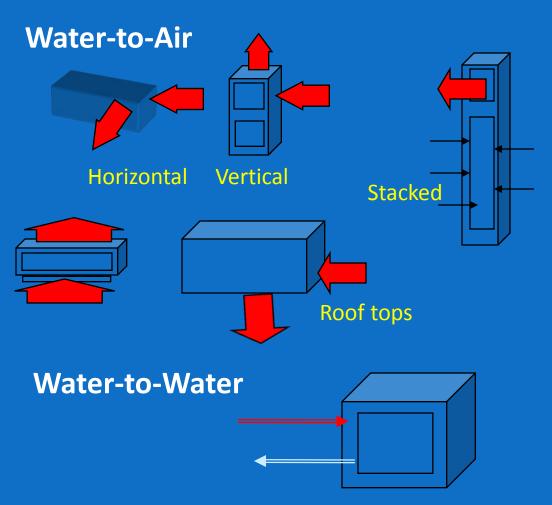
Fuel Type / Heating Source

Performance Comparison for Vermont

Type of Energy	BTU/unit	Adj Effic	\$⁄unit	\$∕MMBtu
Geothermal, kwh	3,413	450%	\$0.15	\$9.66
Cold Climate Heat Pumps, kwh	3,412	300%	\$0.15	\$14.49
Wood, cord (green)	22,000,000	60%	\$193.33	\$14.65
Natural Gas, therm	100,000	80%	\$1.46	\$18.28
Pellets, ton	16,400,000	80%	\$247.00	\$18.83
Fuel Oil, gallon	138,200	80%	\$3.86	\$34.88
Kerosene, gallon	136,600	80%	\$4.30	\$39.35
Electricity, kwh	3,412	100%	\$0.15	\$43.46
Propane, gallon	91,600	80%	\$3.39	\$46.21

GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMPS Typical "Mechanism" Options

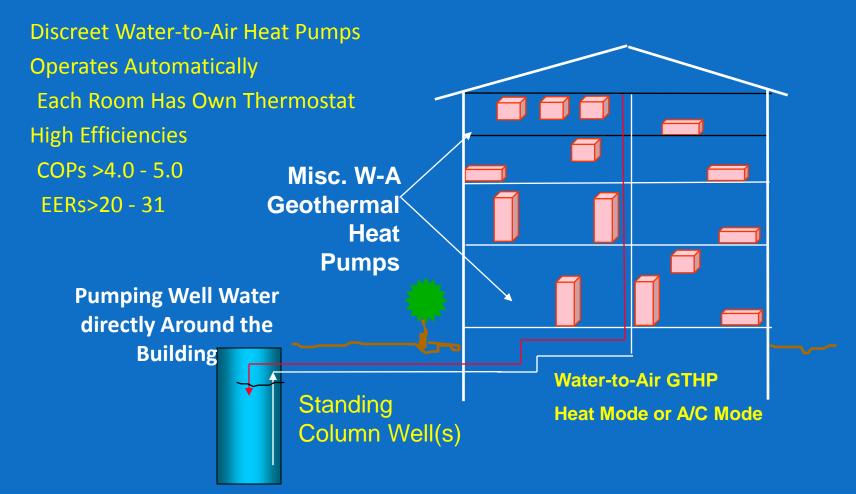
Geothermal is MODULAR ✓ Multiple Water-to-Air ✓ Mixture of Waterto-Air & Water-to-Water (for Radiant Floors & Retrofits) ✓ Water-to-Air & Consoles ✓ Central Water-to-Water



Water-to-Air Geothermal Heat Pump



Water-to-Air Geothermal HEAT PUMPS Air Ducted Distribution



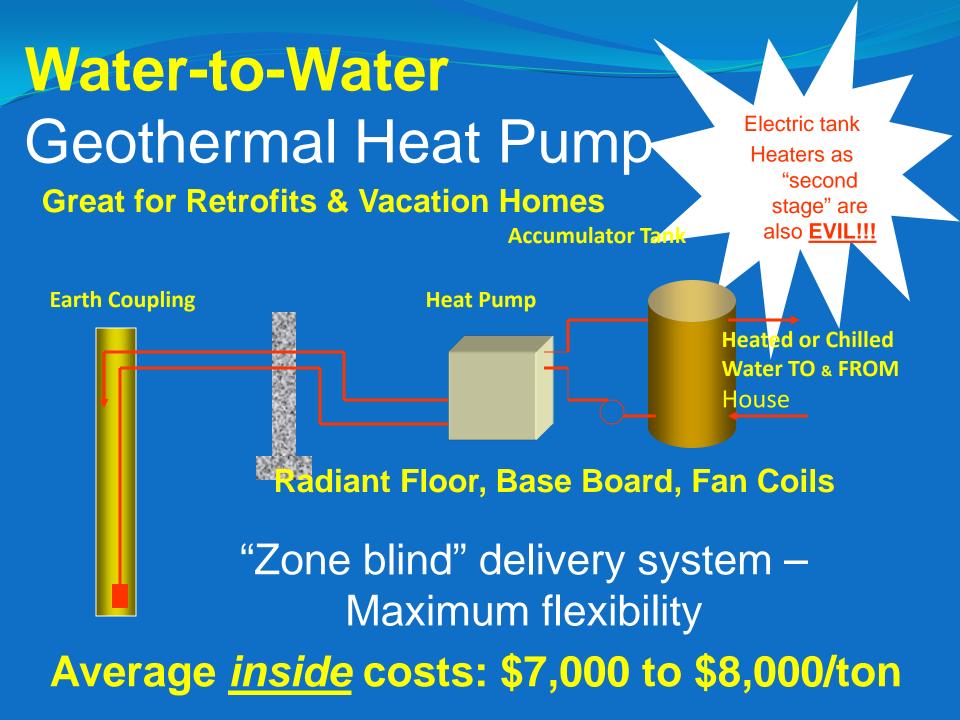
Water-to-Air Installations

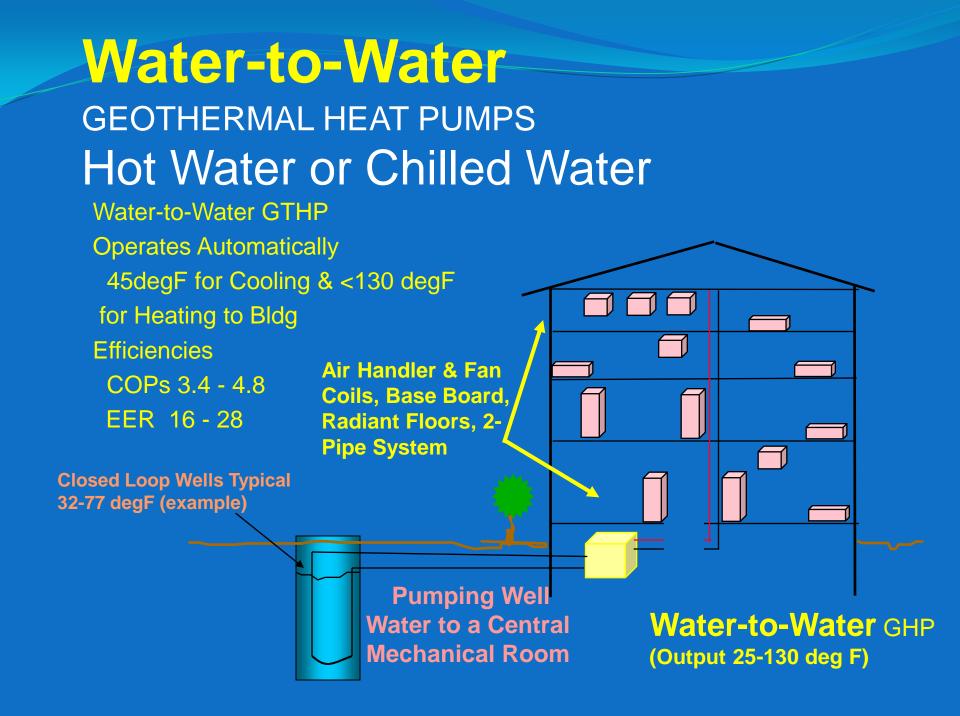


GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP Water-to-Water Boiler & Chiller in a Single "Box"



- Water-to-Water Geothermal Heat Pump
- Provides either:
 - HEATED WATER for Base Board, Radiant Floors, Fan Coils, Air Handler Units – or Domestic Water Heating CHILLED WATER for Fan Coils, AHU
- Various sizes





Water-to-Water Installations



"I heard geo isn't as efficient as

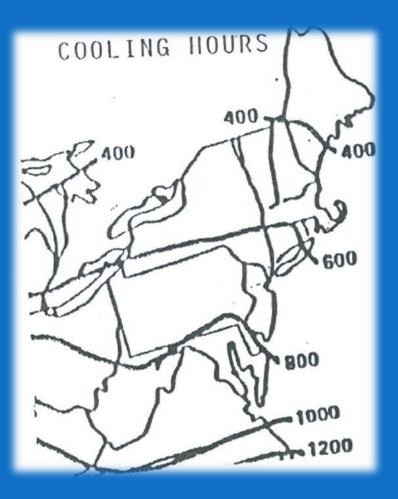


ARI/ISO ratings are NOT manufacturer claims. They are proven performance #s!

the <u>ads</u> claim!"

- Inaccurate building load analysis (under OR oversized)
- Poor/inadequate earth installation
- Oversized earthside fluid pumping and/or undersized lines
- High duct static Kills system efficiency and longevity fan energy
- Second Second
- Our Content of the second system relying on ELECTRIC DUCT HEATERS to make up the shortfall in heating capacity!
- Our Set Uniformed system operation (set back often brings on electric resistance)
- Intermediate devices that reduce system efficiency (eg. Flat-plate exchangers, poorly sized circulators, etc.

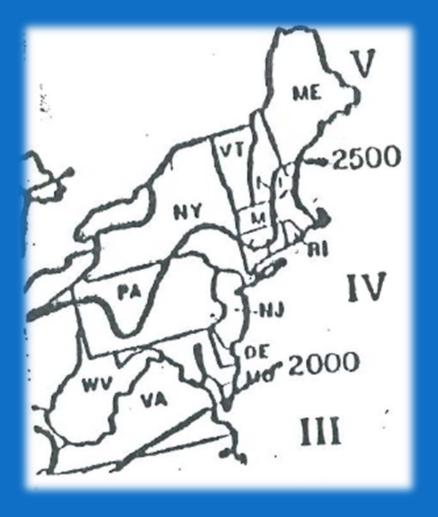
The partial resistance heat dilemma!



-ARI 210-FULL LOAD COOLING HOURS

In cooling it's a "no brainer" as both air-to-air and geo use electricity. (Compare a 16 SEER to a 51 EER)

The partial resistance heat dilemma!



-ARI 210-FULL LOAD HEATING HOURS for New England

> For heating it is a different matter ENTIRELY!

The partial resistance heat problem...

Geothermal is proven by AHRI/ISO as <u>MOST</u> efficient, and electric resistance heating is the <u>LEAST</u> efficient ...

<u>But both mechanisms operate using electricity!</u> <u>The problem with using electric resist as a back-</u> <u>up/second stage</u> I'm not such a bad guy when you use me to run a geo heat pump!

New England Heating season = 3,000 hours (ASHRAE)

Consider properly installed geo with an operating COP of 4.0... You installed an 80% or "average" coldest temp (not design temp) system?

So... 2,400 hours times 80% of the heating season = 2,400 hours 4.0 COP GREAT!



The partial resistance heat problem...

Resistance

Heat is

Futile!

However this means 600 hours of resistance heat at a COP of only 1

...So 600 hrs. times 4 = 2,400 additional hours at COP of 4 Yields an ANNUAL efficiency of 2.0! AND creates an electric power "peak" during winter design days!

<u>Translation</u> – Running a heat pack for a week is the same as running the geothermal for a month! <u>100% system = Annual of COP of 4</u> <u>80% with resistance "back up"</u> <u>= Annual COP of 2 or less!!!</u>

THIS DOUBLES LENGTH OF SIMPLE PAYBACK
And cuts in 1/2 the operating efficiency annually.

Radiant Floors



Moderate Water Temperatures

KNOW Floor Design temps – maximum of 120° F (consider outdoor reset to maximize efficiency) Floor Surfaces < 85 °F

 Know & Anticipate Floor Coverings Unplanned Rugs can Destroy Radiant Designs
 MOST COMMON PROBLEMS: Designer being geothermal "uninformed"

Homeowner/client does not inform intended "vision" of use

Floors not edge insulated

Air Handlers & Fan Coils







 HEATING - Moderate Water Temperatures KNOW Heated Water Design Temps – maximum of 120° F Reduce 180 °F capacity rating by ~55%
 CHILLING - 45 °F or lower w/some geo models Know Heating & Cooling Requirements

MOST COMMON PROBLEMS

Designer being Geothermal "uninformed" Designer Not Selecting proper hydronic Coils Ductwork undersized for moderate temp of delivery Installer does not install as specified

The MOST COMMON Installation Problem...



...un-insulated or poorly insulated ducts in unheated spaces



NOTE: Refrigerant-based delivery is more dramatically affected when ductwork is undersized and/or has high turbulence

There is <u>no better Return</u> on Investment than geo!

FORBES MAGAZINE

Investment Guide - **Underground Cash -** Emily Lambert 06.04.07 "...geothermal provides the best ROI of <u>ANY</u> investment..."

Average ROI of .39¢ on the dollar. <u>TAX FREE!!!</u>





...and our new Saving Account Program will earn you 0.5% per year!

Compare the potential of a high ROI from a geo investment to interest on your bank savings account... <u>or your investment portfolio!</u>

Geothermal Heat Pump COSTS

SAVING OPERATING COSTS 35%-80%

MAINTENANCE SAVINGS 30% - 60%



Other Benefits... \checkmark Home/building resale – $\frac{1}{2}$ Utility bill and Green! Aesthetics – Nothing on the roof or outside! \checkmark System life – MTBF = 46 years (small) **19 years (large) source DOE by PRC corp.**

Safety – No Carbon Monoxide danger

✓ Up to 19 <u>DIRECT</u> LEED points!

Geothermal Heat Pumps Make a Better Environment!



Typical geo system reduces overall carbon by over 50%

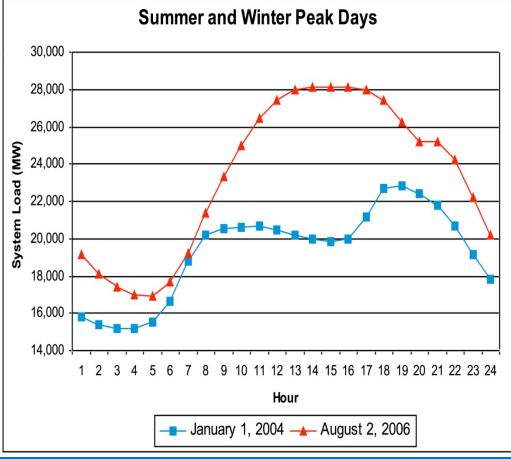
- Dirty bird! One Gallon of Fuel Oil= emission of <u>21 pounds of Carbon</u> <u>Dioxide</u> to the Environment!
- "The CLEAN<u>ER</u> blue flame" One Gallon of propane or CCF of Natural Gas = Emission of about <u>10 pounds</u> of Carbon Dioxide to the Environment

But wait, there's more!!!

ADD <u>11.6 # of CO₂</u> per gallon/CCF for TRANSPORTATION of fossil fuels to the home or business!

Reducing Peak Demand on the Grid

Constant earth temp "source" used via geo heat exchange process means dramatic reduction in peak load management for the utilities!!! AND up to 6 Xs the btus for each kilowatt purchased!





The Daddy of all federal tax credits!

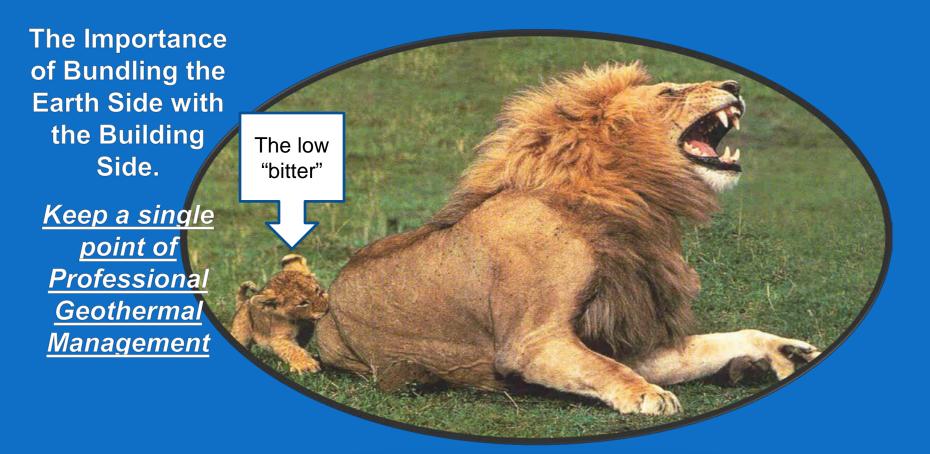
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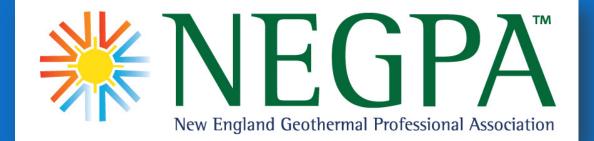
"30% of the entire geothermal install"
 Most N.E. states have utility rebates too!
 COMMERCIAL

"10% tax CREDIT and 5 year accel. depreciation"

USDA Rural Development Grants

DOER tax credits for private owners and municipal designer/project leaders Primary Rule for GeoExchange Pay Attention to the Little Things or they will BITE you Where Least Expected!





Thanks!

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Geothermal with Confidence!



EQUIVALENT ENERGY COST

COMPARISON OF CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES W/ GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMPS

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Installed efficiency for <u>ANY</u> heating and cooling system – Not all installs are create equal!!!

Geothermal with Confidence

FIRST in **PINK** AREA Enter your Geo Heat Pump's **OPERATING** Htg. and Cooling Efficiencies & Your Elec. Rates Enter the Heat Pump efficiencies and electric unit costs for Summer and Winter 4 = TOTAL operating system efficiency/COP Geothermal Heat Pump with a Heating Efficiency* of 24 = TOTAL operating system efficiency/EER Geothermal Heat Pumps with a Cooling Efficiency* of \$0.1800 per KWh (delivered) for Heating (Winter) and local delivered electric utility costs of \$0.1955 Use ISO-13256 Efficiencies (Includes pump correction factors) per kWn (delivered) for Cooling (Summer) SECONDin GREEN AREA - Read the EQUIVALENT COST of Purchased Energy COMPARATIVE COST TABLE USING TYPICAL TECHNICAL VALUES - HEATING and COOLING TYPICAL VALUES ARE AS LISTED IN ENGINEERING SECTION BELOW - MAKE CHANGES CAREFULLY SUMMARY - If you install a Geothermal Heat Pump, the following conventional fuels would have to cost: \$1.27 #2 FUEL OIL MUST cost or LESS than per gallon Heating NATURAL GAS MUST cost or LESS than \$1.02 per CCF/gal. Heating \$0.84 PROPANE MUST cost or LESS than per gallon Heating \$0.045 per kWh ELECTRICITY MUST cost or LESS than Heating \$0.106 per kWh Cooling using SEER rating point Air Conditoner Electric Must cost or LESS than \$0.095 Air-Air Heat Pump Electric Must cost or LESS than per kWh Heating \$0.092 Air-Air Heat Pump Electric Must cost or LESS than per kWh Cooling using SEER rating point THIRD in **PINK** AREA - input your current annual fuel and maintenance cost(s) \$0 Annual \$ with #2 fuel oil Computation for Geovs. my Oil \$0 Annual \$ with Nat. Gas Computation for Geo on vs. Nat. Gas \$0 Annual \$ with Propane Computation for Geo on vs. Propane \$750 \$3,000 Annual \$ with electric heat/hot water Computation for Geovs. my Elec. Heat \$600 \$325 Annual \$ with high SEER A/C Computation for Geo vs. my Elec. Cooling \$150 Annual system maintenance cost \$300 Annual Geo maintenance \$3,900 \$1.075 TOTAL current annual heating/cooling/AC costs Total estimated annual Geo cost 72.4% \$2.825 Estimated annuals avings by going geo Estimated Simple Annual ROI Total installed cost of geo including tax credits and # of years for simple payback with 7.1 \$20.000 estimated current energy prices 1203125 Engineering Section - Items below based on typical HVAC performance factors

www.northeastgeo.com Homeowner's section – Calculate your savings **EXCEL** worksheet

Installed efficiency

Your electric rate

What you would pay? Installed fossil efficiency math fromeia

The belowin formation provides the assumptions and efficiencies used in the computation of the above

equivalent fossil and electric HEATING and COOLING COSTS. Also listed for comparison are normalized