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III. STATE FUEL PRODUCTION (1973) (C-6)

Type	Number	Units	Trillion Btu
Coal mines	0	0 thousand tons	0
Natural gas (liq.)	0	0 thousand bbl	0
Natural gas wells	0	0 million cu. ft.	0
Crude oil wells	0	0 thousand bbl	0

IV. GEOLOGY

The surface of the basement complex to the north of Wilmington dips to the southeast attaining a maximum onshore depth of approximately 10,000 ft. in the vicinity of Cape Hatteras. Coastal plain sediments, which range in age from Cretaceous to Recent, form a southeasterly thickening wedge that overlies the Precretaceous basement complex. An onshore positive basement structure, trending northwest-southeast, is the dominant structural feature south of Wilmington. This feature, the Cape Fear Arch, is covered by a thin (about 1500 ft.) veneer of sedimentary rocks.

V. RESOURCE DATA

The DOE/DGE sponsored geothermal drilling program drilled eleven 1000 ft. gradient holes in the North Carolina coastal plain. The geothermal gradients varied from 22°C/km to 41°C/km (1.2°F/100 ft. to 2.2°F/100 ft.). Since the depth to basement is 2000 to 3000 ft. over much of the coastal plain, estimates of temperatures at basement are modest, i.e., 30°C to 44°C (86 to 112°F). However for several holes on the mainland, to the west of Cape Hatteras, and where the depth to basement is 4000 to 5000 ft., temperatures at basement are estimated to be as high as 85°C (185°F) (3).

VI. GEOHERMAL ACTIVITIES

The geothermal gradient test holes sponsored by the DOE/DGE drilling program have been completed and the results have been assessed by VPI&SU. APL/JHU has conducted and published a study of the energy markets in the northern coastal region of the state (6). APL has forwarded information to a utility (Carolina Power and Light) on the nature and prospects for geothermal energy.

VII. LEGAL ACTIVITIES

NCSL may conduct a workshop for state legislature to consider geothermal legislation.

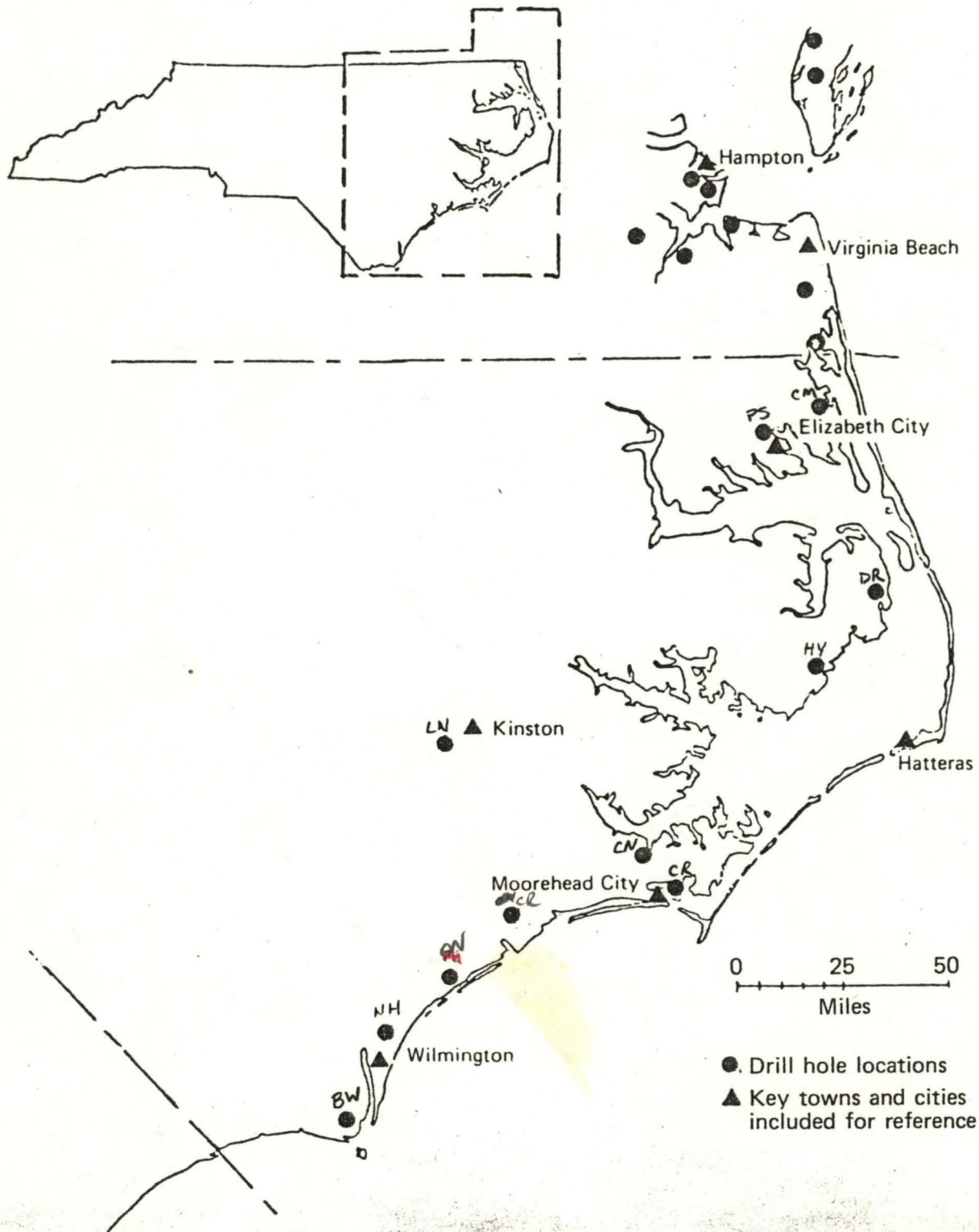
10. Environmental Impact Assessments, Division of Budget Management, 116 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27603, Crys Baggett, Clearinghouse Supervisor, (919) 733-7061.
11. State Coupled Reservoir Assessment Program, VPI&SU, Blacksburg, VA 24061, Prof. John Costain, Geothermal Program, (703) 961-5096.

REFERENCES AND LIST OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

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- (2) "Evaluation and Targeting of Geothermal Energy Resources in the Southeastern United States, Progress Report Oct 1, 1978 - March 30, 1979," VPI&SU, Blacksburg, VA, DOE Report VPI-SU-5648-5.
- (3) "Geothermal Resources of the Eastern United States," Gruy Federal, Inc., Arlington, VA, DOE Report DOE/ET/28373-T2.
- (4) "Geothermal Energy Market Study in the Atlantic Coastal Plain, Definitions of Markets for Geothermal Energy in the Northern Atlantic Coastal Plain," APL/JHU GEM-002 (QM-80-075), May 1980.

COMMON REFERENCES

(C-1), (C-4), (C-5), (C-6), and (C-7).



Locations of gradient test holes — Eastern North Carolina.

TABLE C-3.1

HOLE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	INTERVAL (M)	GRADIENT SIGMA (REGR, N) (°C/KM)	COND SIGMA (N)	HEAT FLOW	ESTIMATED BASEMENT SURFACE DEPTH (KM)	TEMPERATURE (°C)
<u>BW-T-1-79</u> SOUTHPORT, N.C. C14A	33	77 58.20	60-463	32 *			.465	32
WILMINGTON, N.C. C14	34	77 53.40	45-380	29 *			.385	28
SNEADS FERRY, N.C. C15A	34	77 27.30	30-475	31 *			.495	31
JACKSONVILLE, N.C. C15	34	77 19.00	50-500	30 *			.505	31
KINSTON, N.C. C16A	35	77 35.30	69-217	23 *			.210	21
CHERRY POINT, N.C. C16	34	76 53.30	80-308	22 *			.84	36
<u>CR-T-1-79</u> BEAUFORT, N.C. C17	34	76 38.70	45-302	25 *			1.36	51
ENGLEHARD, N.C. C18	35	75 59.26	49-304	36 *			1.84	81
STUMPY POINT, N.C. C19	35	75 47.65	53-269 187.1-221.7 196.7-205.8 248.1-296.3	40 * 57.05±0.77(0.988, 68)1 60.01±6.71(0.842, 17)2 54.14±1.38(0.966, 56)3	3.3±0.18(14) 3.3±0.18(14) 3.9±0.91(15)	1.94 1.9±0.1 2.0±0.3 2.1±0.6	1.78	85
ELIZABETH CITY, N.C. C20	36	76 12.58	50-313	31 *			.95	44
BELLCROSS, N.C. C21	36	76 03.54	23-308	33 *			1.22	55
CREEDS, VA. C22	36	76 00.43	89-307	34 *			1.08	50
OCEANA, VA. C23	36	76 02.62	75-296	38 *			.94	49
NORFOLK, VA. C24	36	76 16.20	17-316 152.4-173.3 161.7-174.3 252.8-316.7 303.2-308.5	37 * 44.14±0.57(0.994, 41)2 49.00±1.64(0.975, 25)2 24.75±0.04(1.000, 124)1 29.13±2.17(0.957, 10)2	3.4±0.45(25) 3.4±0.45(25) 3.7±0.96(12) 3.7±0.96(12)	1.34 1.5±0.2 1.7±0.3 0.9±0.2 1.1±0.4		
SUFFOLK, VA. C25	36	76 28.83	21-307 295.8-309.9	43 * 26.85±0.39(0.996, 23)1	5.0±1.04(24)	1.44 1.4±0.3	.557	39

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CR-T-2-79	16	345442	765318	0 - 960 W	CHERRY POINT, N.C.
DR-T-1-79	19	35457	754739	0 - 950 W	STUMPY POINT, N.C.
HY-T-1-79	18	353112	755916	0 - 980 W	ENGLEHARD, N.C.
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ON-T-1-79	15	3439.00	7719.00	0 - 960 W	JACKSONVILLE, N.C.
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