



The Politics of Energy Research

Federal energy research money is unlikely to be allocated to hot rock geothermal research because there is no lobby to demand it. The existing major energy production industries have huge resources at their command to make sure they maintain their market share and their share of the research dollars. Part of the Obama Administration's efforts to get a climate bill passed has been to include large sums for carbon sequestration and nuclear development. You have seen how the current energy debate has been conducted. The funds for geothermal are very small versus the money for coal and nuclear energy. And almost none of the geothermal money is for hot rock geothermal.

We will see billions of Federal Tax dollars wasted on additional coal and nuclear programs that can not deliver clean energy soon enough or cheap enough to facilitate the end of the burning of fossil fuels.

Research Needed

MIT reported in a 2006 study that about a billion dollars would need to be spent over 15 years to make the commercialization of geothermal resources viable by 2050. It was a timid request. The realistic figure is one billion starting now with 40% spent over the next five years.

Conclusion and Your Next Step

50% or more of the projected future US fossil fuel burning can be eliminated by the development of MEGS, but this important source of energy will not be developed without a widespread grassroots organization to press for, and provide, the research funds needed for its development. For more information (and a Membership Form) visit us at www.megsorg.org. Join us in enabling the creation of a clean, abundant and reliable energy source – MEGS.

Note 1. Discussions about future energy production require projections. Projections made by MEGSorg, Inc. will be updated as more accurate data becomes available.

Note 2. Parsimony is the scientific principle that simpler is better. Contrast what it takes to get energy from sequestered coal or nuclear plants with MEGS. The possibility of base load electricity for 50% less than the cost of coal or nuclear demands that we seriously explore MEGS.