
JAMES W. LOVEKIN

PRESENT POSITION

Manager of Field Operations

EXPERTISE

Mr. Lovekin has been actively involved in geothermal reservoir engineering and field management since 1985. His specialties include:

- Planning and execution of geothermal well tests
- Assessment of geothermal reserves and sustainable reservoir capacity
- Interpretation of well logs, pressure transient tests, tracer tests, and geochemical trends
- Design and supervision of well workovers
- Prevention of scale in geothermal wells and surface facilities
- Selection of optimal injection strategies for geothermal fields
- Forecasting reservoir performance and estimating make-up drilling requirements
- Budgeting and cost control for drilling and for monitoring reservoir performance.

EDUCATION

Engineer's Degree in Petroleum Engineering, Stanford University, 1987

B.S. in Geological Engineering, University of Nevada, Reno, 1980

B.A. in American Studies, Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, 1977

Fluent in French; speaks and reads Spanish; and reads Russian

Mr. Lovekin is a Registered Professional Engineer in Petroleum Engineering in the State of California (Certificate Number 1594)

EXPERIENCE

GeothermEx, Inc., 1996 - present

As GeothermEx's Manager of Field Operations, Mr. Lovekin is responsible for:

- planning field development

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- assessing well capacities
- monitoring reservoir performance
- preparing and reviewing field operating budgets; and
- evaluating drilling budgets

Mr. Lovekin has undertaken these types of analyses at numerous geothermal fields in the United States (The Geysers, Mammoth Pacific, Salton Sea, Puna, Stillwater, Steamboat, and others), Indonesia (Dieng, Patuha and Wayang Windu), the Philippines, Kenya, and Central America.

CalEnergy Company, Inc., Ridgecrest, California, 1987 - 1996

As Director of Geothermal Resources (1991 - 1996), Mr. Lovekin:

- Managed reservoir engineering, geology, and drilling activities for CalEnergy's operating geothermal fields in the United States, including Coso (270 MW), Salton Sea (326 MW), Roosevelt Hot Springs (25 MW), and Desert Peak (9 MW).
- Supervised resource-related aspects of exploration, drilling, and field assessment for CalEnergy's geothermal projects under development, including Newberry Crater, Oregon; Glass Mountain (Medicine Lake), California; Dieng, Indonesia; and Patuha, Indonesia.
- Coordinated a program of relocating injection at Coso by drilling in-field wells to improve pressure support in the reservoir.
- Successfully negotiated an agreement between different partnership interests and royalty holders at Coso to permit exchanges of steam between lease areas, to provide greater flexibility in utilizing available steam and to minimize the drilling of make-up wells.

As District Reservoir Engineer of the Coso Geothermal Field (1987-1991), Mr. Lovekin:

- Directed reservoir engineering at the Coso Geothermal Field in Inyo County, California, during its first four years of commercial operations.
- Conducted flow tests of approximately 50 productive wells at Coso.
- Established a reservoir monitoring program incorporating flow rate measurements, pressure and temperature surveys, geochemical sampling, and tracer studies.
- Made forecasts of make-up drilling requirements and participated in the site selection for new wells.
- Prepared reserve estimates and performed economic evaluations of Coso and other geothermal properties being considered for acquisition.

Production Engineer, Chevron USA, Inc., Ventura County, California, Summer 1986

- Estimated reserves for the Pliocene Gas Pool in the West Montalvo Field in Ventura County, California, and recommended a plan of depletion.

Engineering Assistant, Unocal Geothermal, Santa Rosa, California, Summer 1985

- Performed pressure transient analysis and assisted in the construction of the annual isobaric map of The Geysers Geothermal Field.

Petroleum Engineer, Amoco Production Company, New Mexico and Texas, 1980 - 1984

- Worked with oil and gas fields in the Permian and Delaware basins, with the Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Field in northeastern New Mexico, and with offshore oil operations in the Gulf of Suez.
- Evaluated water flooding projects for expansion, designed well simulations, analyzed well logs and pressure transient data, and estimated reserves.

Geologist, Amax Exploration, Inc., Colorado, Summer 1980

- Performed field work on a project to assess the geothermal potential of the Rio Grande Rift area of New Mexico.
- Measured geothermal gradient in water wells and took water samples from wells and hot springs.
- Wrote descriptions of surface geology at sample locations.

MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Geothermal Resources Council (Member of the Board of Directors 1993 – present)

International Geothermal Association

Society of Petroleum Engineers

American Association of Petroleum Geologists

Association of Engineering Geologists

PUBLICATIONS

Lovekin, J. W., Sanyal, S. K., Sener, A. C., Tiangco, T., and Gutiérrez-Santana, P., “Potential improvements to existing geothermal facilities in California,” Geothermal Resources Council, Transactions, Vol. 30, pp. 885-890, 2006.

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