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APPENDIX D – Geophysical Logging Requirements

Region 9 Temperature Logging Requirements

A Temperature “Decay” Log (two separate temperature logging passes) must satisfy the following criteria to be considered a valid MIT as specified by 40 CFR §146.8(c) (1). Variances to these requirements are expected for certain circumstances, but they must be approved prior to running the log. As a general rule, the well shall inject for approximately six (6) months prior to running a temperature decay progression sequence of logs.

1. With the printed log, also provide raw data for both logging runs (at least one data reading per foot depth) unless the logging truck is equipped with an analog panel as the processing device.
2. The heading on the log must be complete and include all the pertinent information, such as correct well name, location, elevations, etc.
3. The total shut-in times must be clearly shown in the heading. Minimum shut-in time for active injectors is twelve (12) hours for running the initial temperature log, followed by a second log, a minimum of four (4) hours later. These two log runs will be superimposed on the same track for final presentation.
4. The logging speed must be kept between twenty (20) and fifty (50) feet per minute (30 ft/min optimum) for both logs. The temperature sensor should be located as close to the bottom of the tool string as possible (logging downhole).
5. The vertical depth scale of the log should be one (1) or two (2) inches per one-hundred (100) feet to match lithology logs (see 7(b)). The horizontal temperature scale should be no more than one Fahrenheit degree per inch spacing.
6. The right hand tracks must contain the "absolute" temperature and the "differential" temperature curves with both log runs identified and clearly superimposed for comparison and interpretation purposes.
7. The left hand tracks must contain (unless impractical, but EPA must pre-approve any deviations):
 - (a) a collar locator log,
 - (b) a lithology log which includes either:
 - (i) an historic Gamma Ray that is "readable", i.e. one that demonstrates lithologic changes without either excessive activity by the needle or severely dampened responses; or
 - (ii) a copy of an original spontaneous potential (SP) curve from either the subject well or from a representative, nearby well.
 - (c) A clear identification on the log showing the base of the lowermost Underground Source of Drinking Water (USDW). A USDW is basically a formation that contains less than ten thousand (10,000) parts per million (ppm) Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and is further defined in 40 CFR §144.