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(f) After our review, we will notify you whether your permit has been approved or denied, as well as any conditions we require for conducting operations.

§ 3274.13 May I get a permit even if I cannot currently demonstrate I can operate within required standards?

Yes, but we may limit your operations to a set period of time, during which we will give you a chance to show you can operate within environmental and operational standards, based on actual facility and well data you collect. Send us a sundry notice to get BLM approval for extending your permit. If during this set time period you still cannot demonstrate your ability to operate within the required standards, we will terminate your authorization. You must then stop all operations and restore the surface to the standards we set in the termination notice.

Subpart 3275—Conducting Utilization Operations

§ 3275.10 How do I change my operations if I have an approved facility construction or commercial use permit?

Send us a complete and signed sundry notice describing your proposed change. Until we approve your sundry notice, you must continue to comply with the original permit terms.

§ 3275.11 What are a facility operator's obligations?

- (a) Your obligations are to:
 - (1) Keep the facility in proper operating condition at all times;
 - (2) Conduct training during your operation which ensure your personnel are capable of performing emergency procedures quickly and effectively;
 - (3) Use properly maintained equipment; and
 - (4) Use operational practices which allow for quick and effective emergency response.
- (b) Base the design of the utilization facility siting and operation on sound engineering principles and other pertinent geologic and engineering data; and,

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(c) Prevent waste of, or damage to, geothermal and other energy and minerals resources.

(d) Comply with the requirements of 43 CFR 3200.4.

§ 3275.12 What environmental and safety requirements apply to facility operations?

(a) You must perform all utilization facility operations to:

- (1) Protect the quality of surface and subsurface waters, air, and other natural resources, including wildlife, soil, vegetation, and natural history;
- (2) Prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of the lands;
- (3) Protect the quality of cultural, scenic and recreational resources;
- (4) Accommodate other land uses as much as possible;
- (5) Protect people and wildlife from unacceptable levels of noise;
- (6) Prevent injury; and
- (7) Prevent damage to property.

(b) You must monitor facility operations to identify and address local environmental resources and concerns associated with your facility or lease operations.

(c) You must remove or, with BLM approval, properly store all equipment and materials not in use.

(d) You must properly abandon and reclaim any disturbed surface to standards approved or prescribed by us, when the land is no longer needed for facility construction or operation.

(e) When we require, you must submit a contingency plan describing procedures to protect public health and safety, property, and the environment.

(f) You must comply with the requirements of 43 CFR 3200.4.

§ 3275.13 Does the facility operator have to measure the geothermal resources?

Yes, the facility operator must:

- (a) Measure all production, injection and utilization in accordance with methods and standards we approve (see 43 CFR 3275.15); and
- (b) Maintain and test all metering equipment. If your equipment is defective or out of tolerance, you must promptly recalibrate, repair, or replace it. Determine the amount of production and/or utilization in accordance