

include, but are not limited to, geophysical operations, drilling temperature gradient wells, drilling holes used for explosive charges for seismic exploration, core drilling or any other drilling method, provided the well is not used for geothermal resource production. It also includes related construction of roads and trails, and cross-country transit by vehicles over public land. Exploration operations do not include the direct testing of geothermal resources or the production or utilization of geothermal resources.

*Extended term* means an initial, and any successive, 5-year period beyond the primary term of a lease during which BLM will grant the lessee the right to continue activities under the existing lease.

*Facility Construction Permit* means BLM permission to build and test a utilization facility.

*Facility operator* means the person receiving BLM authorization to site, construct, test and/or operate a utilization facility. A facility operator may be a lessee, a unit operator, or a third party.

*Geothermal Drilling Permit* means BLM permission to drill for and test Federal geothermal resources.

*Geothermal Exploration Permit* means BLM permission to conduct only geothermal exploration operations and associated surface disturbance activities.

*Geothermal Resources Operational Order* means a formal, numbered order, issued by BLM that implements or enforces the regulations in this part.

*Geothermal steam and associated geothermal resources* are products of geothermal steam or hot water and hot brines, including those resulting from water, gas, or other fluids artificially introduced into geothermal formations; heat or other associated energy found in geothermal formations; and associated byproducts.

*Interest* means ownership in a lease of all or a portion of the record title or operating rights.

*Known geothermal resource area (KGRA)* means an area where BLM determines that persons knowledgeable in geothermal development would spend money to develop geothermal resources.

*Lessee* means a person holding record title interest in a geothermal lease issued by the BLM.

*MMS* means the Minerals Management Service of the Department of the Interior.

*Notice to Lessees (NTL)* means a written notice issued by BLM that implements the regulations in this part or geothermal resource operational orders, and provides more specific instructions on geothermal issues within a state, district or resource area. Notices to Lessees may be obtained by contacting the BLM state office which issued the NTL.

*Operating rights (working interest)* means any interest held in a lease with the right to explore for, develop, and produce leased substances.

*Operating rights owner* means a person who holds operating rights in a lease. A lessee is an operating rights owner if he/she did not transfer all of his/her operating rights. An operator may or may not own operating rights.

*Operations Plan*, or plan of operations, means a plan which fully describes the location of proposed drill pad, access roads and other facilities related to the drilling and testing of Federal geothermal resources, and includes measures for environmental and other resources protection and mitigation.

*Operator* means any person who has taken formal responsibility for the operations conducted on the leased lands.

*Pay instead of produce in commercial quantities* means payment in lieu of commercial quantities production, as used in section 6(g)(1)(A) of the Act.

*Person* means an individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, trust, municipality, consortium or joint venture.

*Primary term* means the first 10 years of a lease, not including any periods of suspension.

*Produced or utilized in commercial quantities* means a well producing geothermal resources in commercial quantities, or the completion of a well capable of producing geothermal resources in commercial quantities when BLM determines the lessee is diligently attempting to utilize the geothermal resources.