

Permit Brief – DLNR-ENG-3
Geothermal Drilling and Well Modification Permit
Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)
Engineering Division

Reason for Approval/Permit: To drill, modify, modify use, or abandon wells

References: Chapter 182 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS); Chapter 13-183 Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR)

Fees: \$100

Permit Prerequisite(s): HRS 343 compliance, Special Management Area, Conservation District Use, & State Historic Preservation compliance, if applicable

Website: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/eng/>

Checklist	Estimated Time
1. Applicant submits Geothermal Drilling and Well Modification Permit Application with fees and the following: a) Name, signature and address of the applicant, and land owner; b) Well designation; c) plot plan; d) statement of purpose and extent of proposed work; e) Description of the proposed drilling and casing program and plan or drawing of proposed work and vertical section of the well; f) Statement by applicant to file a bond; g) Statement by applicant to perform work, operate and maintain the well in accordance with rules, and all other federal, state and county requirements.	
2. Engineering Division reviews application for completeness and accepts application if complete.	
3. a) If the permit falls under a previously approved Geothermal Resource Mining Lease, or Geothermal Exploration Permit, where the proposed drilling activity is covered, then Engineering Division will review and submit to the Chairperson. b) Else, DLNR staff sends application to the following departments and divisions for review and comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) • Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE) • Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) • Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) • Land Division (LAND) • Commission of Water Resource Management (CWRM) 	
4. Chairperson issues approval (with conditions) or denial of application.	60 days after Receipt
5. Applicant files indemnity bond, within 10 calendar days after approval, not less than \$50,000 for each well or a blanket bond of \$250,000 for any number of wells. HAR 13-183-68.	
6. Permits shall be valid for a period of 365 calendar days from date of issuance, but may be renewed for an additional 180 calendar days at the discretion of the chairperson.	
Total Estimated Time from Application Acceptance	60 days