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**SUBJECT:** Revised Fees for Closed-Loop Geothermal Wells

Since 1994, the policy of the Department has been to charge one application fee for each ten geothermal wells. During the 2009 legislative session, Section 32.1-176.4 of the *Code of Virginia* was amended to require only a single application fee per construction application for closed-loop geothermal well systems.

Effective on July 1, 2009, only a single application and a single application fee will be collected for each closed-loop geothermal well system regardless of the number of wells (vertical loops) in the system.