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# Study day – shallow geothermy a geological potential in Belgium ?

*overview of the legislation  
in the Brussels region*

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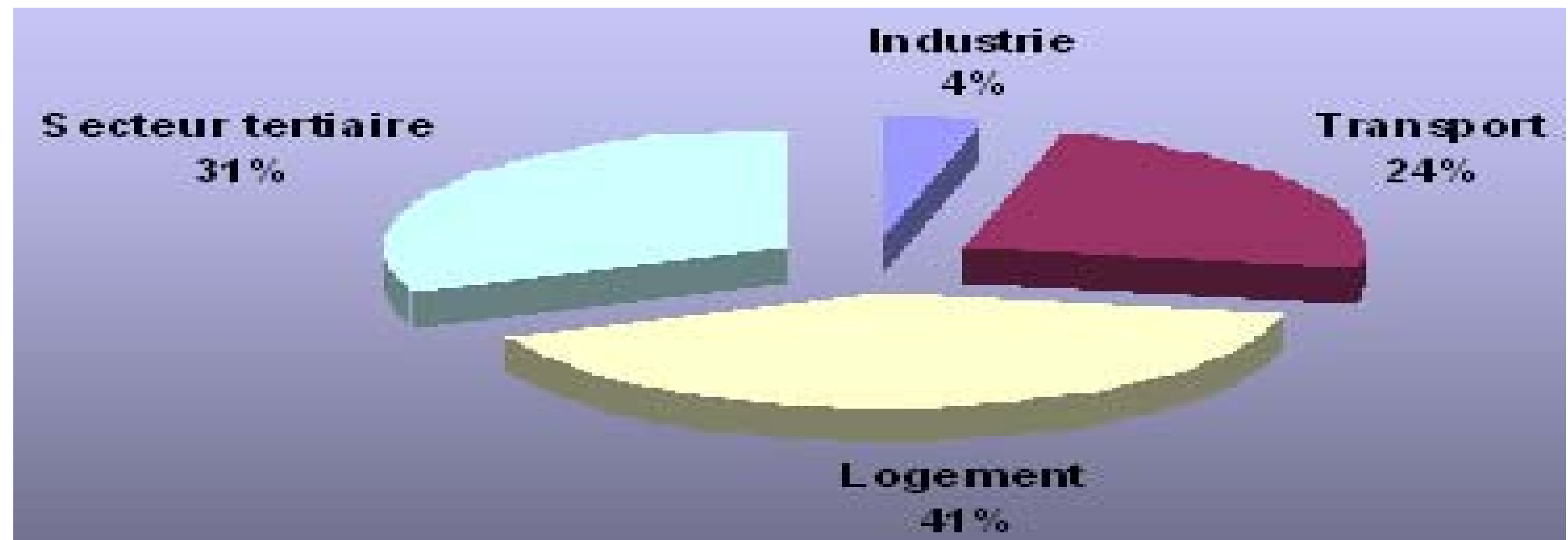
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Buildings = 70% of total consumption  
(housing, offices, trades, hospitals,....)

Residential (housing) ± 40% of total consumption  
Tertiary sector (offices,...) ± 30% of total consumption



## Open system

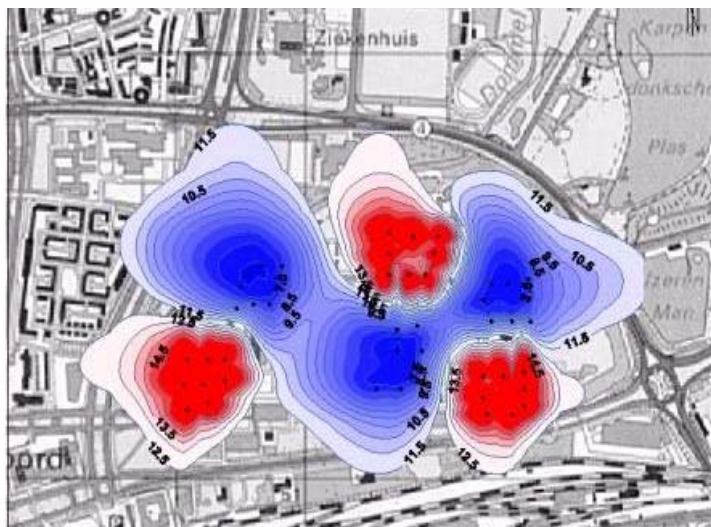
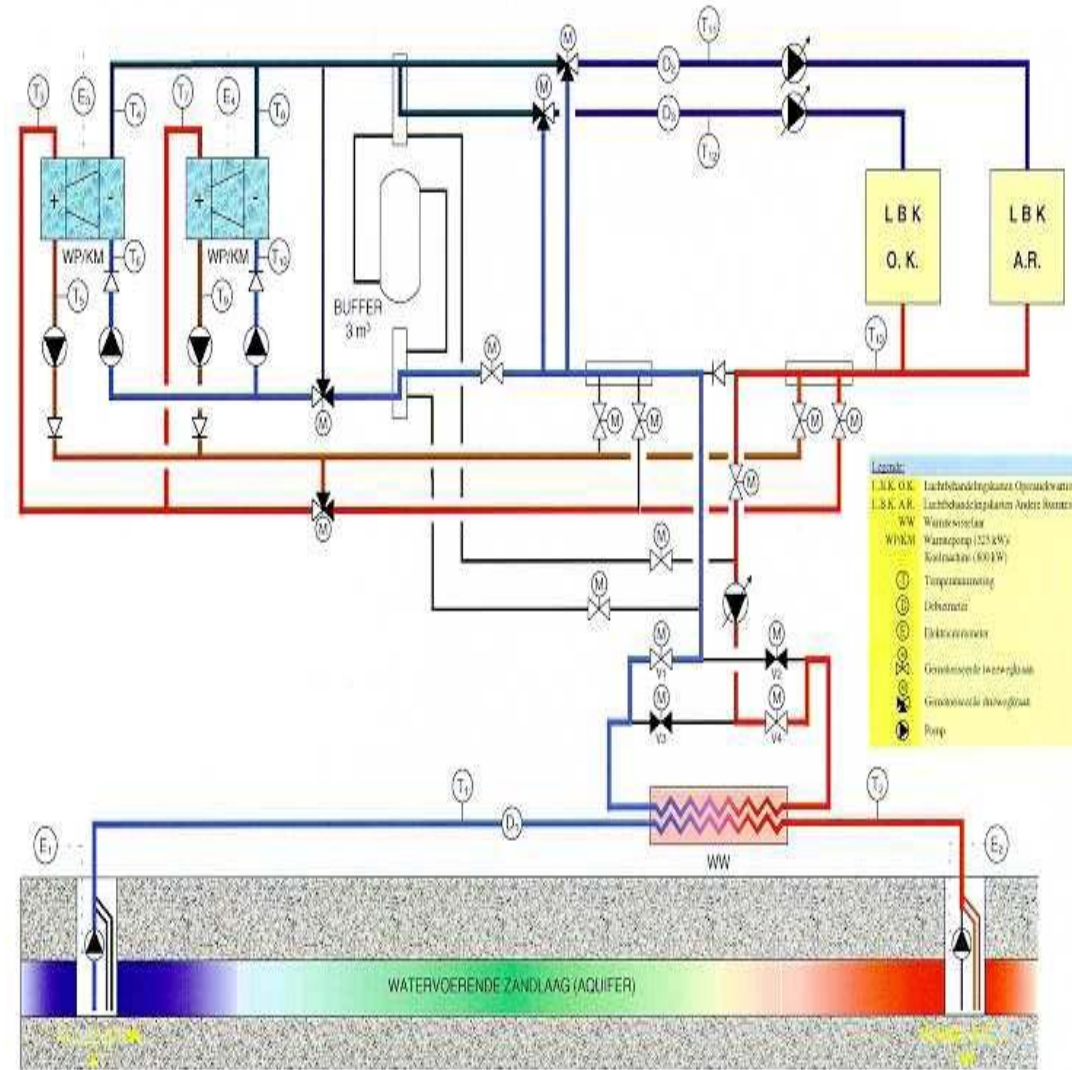
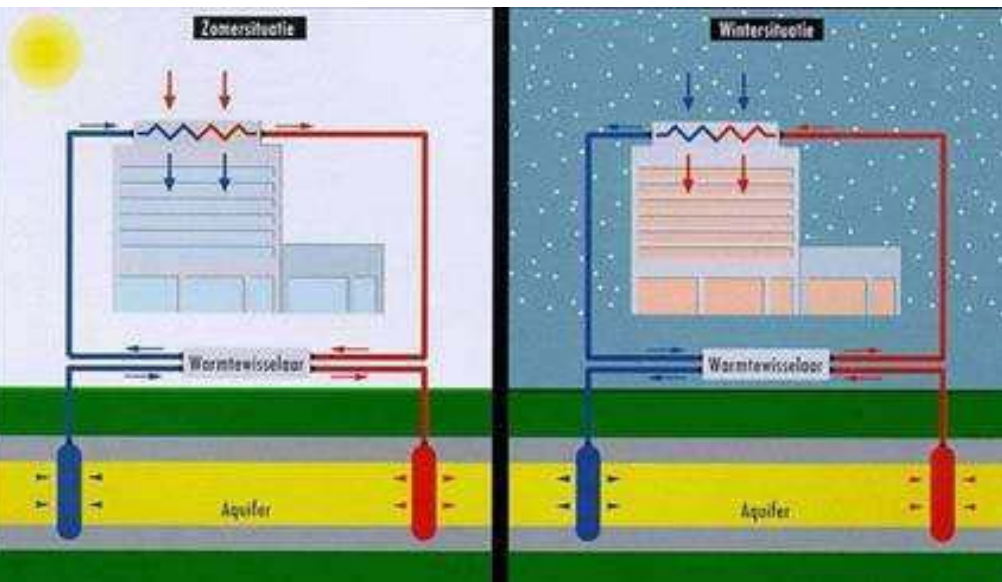
In the winter: Geothermal heat pump (HP) with groundwater at the evaporator side of the HP

- ⇒ needs groundwater extraction and re-injection
- ⇒ if you use the system for cooling (geocooling) in the summer (with a plate head exchanger or with reversible HP)  
than we speak about *ATES (Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage)*

## Closed system

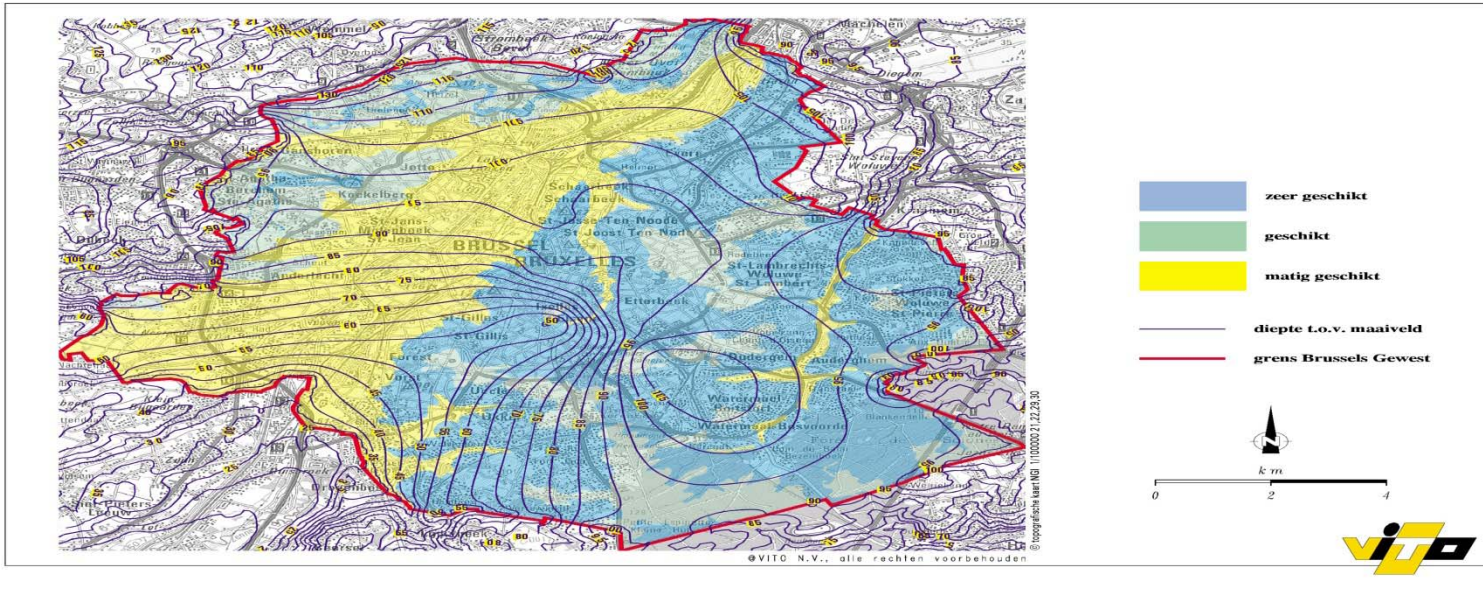
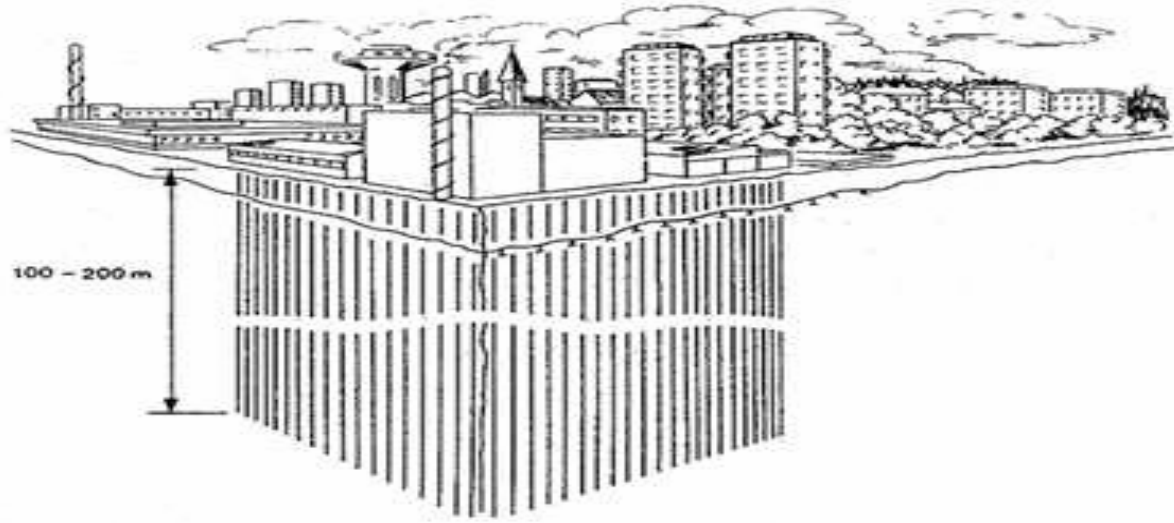
In the winter: Geothermal heat pump (HP) with a mix of water and glycol at the evaporator side

- ⇒ needs a field of vertical geothermal probes
- ⇒ if you use the system for cooling in the summer (with a plate head exchanger or with reversible HP)  
than we speak about *BTES (Borehole Thermal Energy Storage)*





# TES (Borehole Thermal Energy Storage)



# permit for a geothermal system

Situation at the end of January 2010

<b>Environmental permit</b>	<b>BTES</b>	<b>ATES</b>	<b>HP + horizontal probes</b>	<b>Canadian well</b>
<b>Number of applications</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>delivered</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>in treatment</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>/</b>	
<b>abandoned project</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>/</b>	



# GEOHERMAL SYSTEM

Heat Pump

**Environmental permit**

Open and closed systems  
ATES and BTES

Groundwater extraction

**Environmental permit**

**+ authorization - extraction of  
groundwater**

Open systems - ATES





**Groundwater extraction (with or without injection) is an activity submitted to an environmental permit (head. 62) – qualitative aspects (risk of pollution)**

▶ **Pumping with a waterflow > 20.000 m<sup>3</sup>/day => « class 1A »**

⇒ competent authority = at the regional level = IBGE – BIM

⇒ Long procedure – max. 450days – public survey - opinion of various public authorities

!!! For low temperature geothermal systems with heat pump  
always less than 20.000 m<sup>3</sup>/day !!!

▶ **Pumping waterflow > 96m<sup>3</sup>/day and < 20.000 m<sup>3</sup>/day => « class 1B »**

⇒ competent authority = at the regional level = IBGE – BIM

⇒ Report of environmental impact

⇒ Max; 160 days for the permit

▶ **Pumping with a waterflow < 96 m<sup>3</sup>/day => « class 2 »**

=> competent authority = municipality where the project is located

=> ± 60 days for the permit

But: if it is a public applicant

⇒ competent authority = at the regional level = IBGE – BIM

**PAY ATTENTION:**

if in a project you have more than one activity or installation submitted to a permit then type of the permit will be that of the activity or installation with the highest « class »

Example:

new building with an ATES of 60 m<sup>3</sup>/day (class 2 ) and with a carpark of 70 places (class 1B)

=> you have to request a permit of type 1B for the whole project (new building)

**For a groundwater extraction (with or without injection) you need also a specific authorization - quantitative aspects**

=> competent authority = IBGE – BIM

### **Specific authorization**

as a measure to enforce/apply a specific law regulating subterranean water use

Protection of the resource limiting the pumping flow in function of local conditions (pumping well in the vicinity, level of the water table,.....)

### **different type of authorizations**

- Authorization for a flow  $< 96\text{m}^3/\text{day}$

- Authorization for a flow  $> 96\text{m}^3/\text{day}$

- **Authorization for pumping and re-injection after passage over heat exchanger**

for an open system => this last type of authorization

**A head pump contains substances depleting ozone layer**

**=> HP is an installation submitted to environmental permit**

*function of electrical power of the compressor of the head pump*

▶ **Head Pump < 10 kW (electrical power)**

=> no permit and no declaration

▶ **Heat Pump > 10 kW and < 100 kW => « class 3 » - declaration**

⇒ competent authority = municipality

⇒ Declaration – simple procedure

▶ **Heat Pump > 100 kW => « class 2 » - permit**

=> competent authority = municipality where the project is located

=> ± 60 days for the permit

But: if it is a public applicant => competent authority = IBGE – BIM

# REMEMBER !! General principle

if in a project you have more than one activity or installation submitted to a permit then the type of the permit will be that of the activity or installation with the highest « class »

## Exemple:

new building with an BTES with a head pump of 60 kW electrical power (class 3)  
and a carpark of more than 50 and less than 200 places (class 1B)

⇒ you have to request a permit of type 1B for the whole project (new building)

## Exemple:

new building with an BTES with a head pump of 60 kW electrical power (class 3)  
and a carpark of more than 200 places (class 1A)

⇒ you have to request a permit of type 1A for the whole project (new building)



the request for a permit must contain a **technical description**

**the system and its characteristics:**

characteristics of the building and his HVAC-system

characteristics of the geothermal system and his integration  
the HVAC system

geological and hydrogeological profile

Most of the time it's  
absent and we have to  
demand it !!!

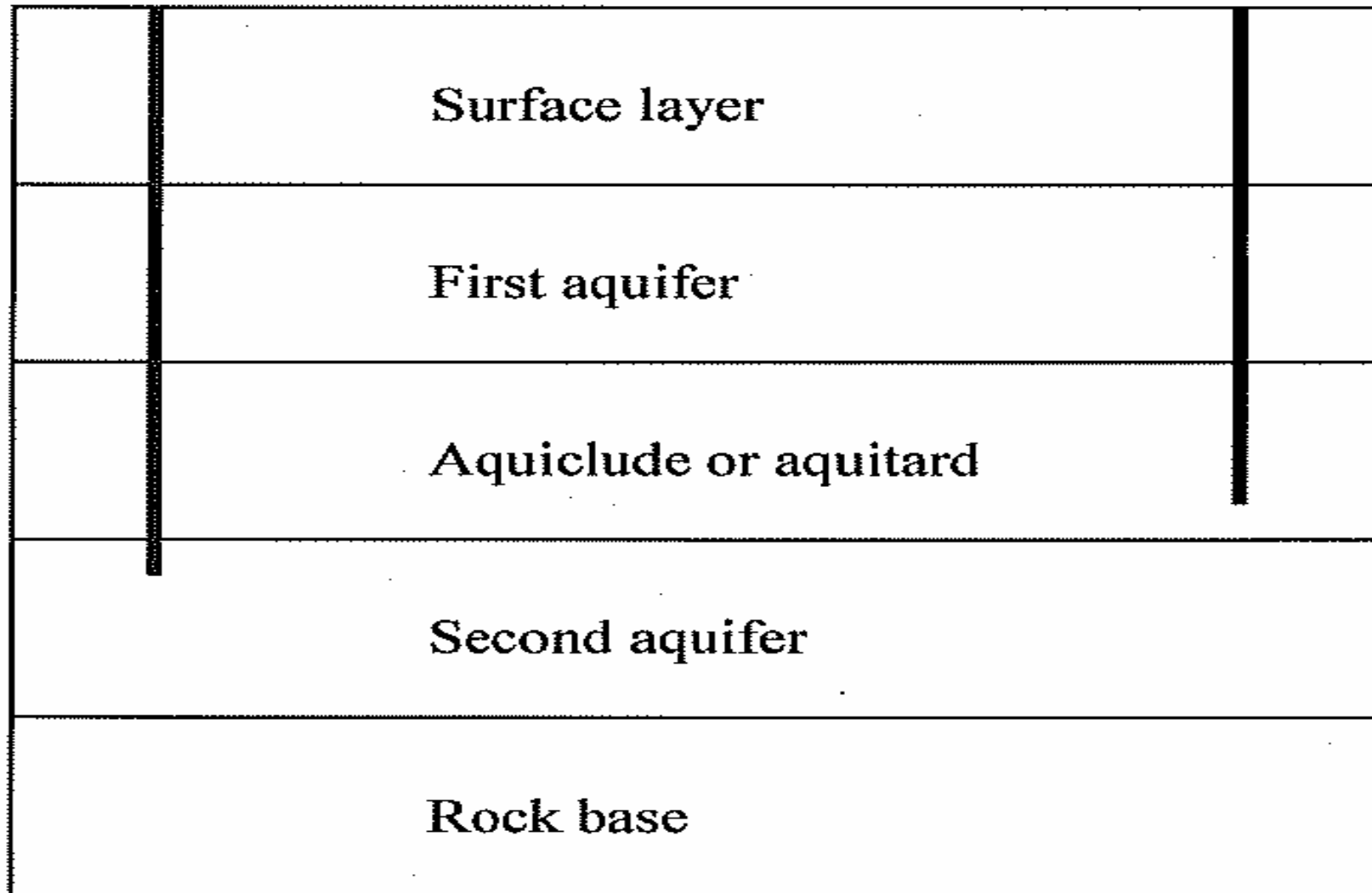


Examples of conditions included in a permit

- bentonite stoppers in section of ground between 2 aquifers
- ATES: Limiting temperature of water re-injection at 25°C
- BTES: Use of monopropylene glycol instead of ethylene glycol
- obligation to place energy meters and to carry out a monitoring
- .....

**Sondes géothermique  
Difficilement autorisée**

**Sondes géothermique  
plus facilement autorisée**



# SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION for groundwater extraction

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Captages avec prise d'eau souterraine suivi de passage par un échangeur de chaleur ou par une pompe à chaleur et ensuite de réinjection dans le sous-sol	-	

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• *étude de faisabilité => 50% du montant de l'étude.*

• *Pompe à chaleur => 30% de la facture*

• *.....*

***Merci pour votre attention!***

***dank u voor uw aandacht !***

