

**WAC 332-17-200 Transfer of jurisdiction to department of ecology.** Transfer of jurisdiction over a well to the department of ecology may be permitted provided it has been established that it is not technologically practical to produce electricity commercially or usable minerals cannot be derived from the well and provided, further, the department of ecology has by affidavit indicated its willingness to assume such responsibility. Transfer of such jurisdiction will relieve the owner or operator of further compliance with the provisions of the Geothermal Resources Act and these rules and regulations, however, the owner or operator shall be subject to applicable laws and regulations relating to wells drilled for appropriation and use of groundwaters.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 79.76.050(2). WSR 79-02-001 (Order), § 332-17-200, filed 1/4/79.]