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# HotRock Geothermal Research Consortium kicks off in Austin, Texas

**The HotRock Geothermal Research Consortium held its kickoff meeting at the Bureau of Economic Geology, discussing projects for the geothermal anywhere movement.**

The HotRock Geothermal Research Consortium (<https://hotrock.beg.utexas.edu/>) has held its kickoff meeting at the headquarters of the Bureau of Economic Geology in Austin, Texas. Present at the meeting were representatives from founding member companies of the consortium, Shell USA, SLB, and Chesapeake Energy, as well as representatives from additional interested organizations.

The HotRock Geothermal Research Consortium is an industry-funded research consortium that works to find and fill science and technology gaps to further develop the geothermal-anywhere ecosystem. This will incorporate science, engineering, economics, policy, and

entrepreneurship efforts and will be led by the Bureau of Economic Geology.

During the meeting, HotRock researchers reported results from their recent studies and discussed their ongoing work across a wide range of geothermal energy topics and recent additions to the consortium's research capabilities. Representatives from member companies were particularly enthusiastic about HotRock's potential, and shared their priority research topics for the near future.

*"Through a multidisciplinary approach,"* observed Ryan Sonntag, Senior Staff Geologist and Geothermal Lead at Chesapeake Energy, *"the HotRock consortium is prioritizing research on the critical economic drivers to improve commercial competitiveness of next-gen geothermal, while providing companies with valuable data and insights to make informed business decisions."*

The HotRock Geothermal Research Consortium was recently featured a part of our Focus on Geothermal webinar series (<https://www.thinkgeoenergy.com/webinars/>). Learn more about the work that the consortium is doing with the webinar recording below.

Source: Bureau of Economic Geology, UT Austin (<https://>

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