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§ 3253.11 When must I abandon a temperature gradient well?
When you no longer need it, or when BLM requires you to.

§ 3253.15 When must I abandon a temperature gradient well?
(a) Before abandoning your well, submit a complete and signed Sundry Notice, Form 3260–3, describing how you plan to abandon wells and reclaim the surface. Do not begin abandoning wells or reclaiming the surface until BLM approves your Sundry Notice.
(b) You must plug and abandon your well for permanent prevention of interzonal migration of fluids and migration of fluids to the surface. You must reclaim your well location according to the terms of BLM approvals and orders.

§ 3253.13 How long may I collect information from my temperature gradient well?
You may collect information from your temperature gradient well for as long as your permit allows.

§ 3253.14 How must I complete a temperature gradient well?
Complete temperature gradient wells to allow for proper abandonment, and to prevent interzonal migration of fluids. Cap all tubing when not in use.