

Welcome to the SMU Geothermal Lab newsletter for March. In this newsletter we have an update on federal tax credits for geothermal heat pumps, an opportunity to contribute to geothermal production from oil and gas fields at the GRC Annual meeting, and information on a webinar on geothermal turbine control.

### SMU Geothermal Lab News and Notes

Maria Richards, Cathy Chickering Pace, Joe Batir and Shar Fields had very informative visits to the Brazos natural gas plant in Weatherford, Texas and Eastman Chemical natural gas plant in Longview with the team from NREL and TAS. Eastman's plant is the site of our Deep-Direct Use research project looking at ways to use geothermal fluids to make chilled water at night for inlet cooling in the afternoons.

### Geothermal News and Notes

**AAPG Field Trip ACE FT 10 The Changing Power Generation Scene in Utah**, will be held **May 24-25, 2018** from Salt Lake City, Utah. The trip includes visits to a natural gas plant, a state-of-art binary geothermal plant, a traditional geothermal power plant, a windfarm, a solar PV array and a salt dome energy storage facility. More information: <http://ace.aapg.org/2018/technical-program/field-trips/field-trip/articleid/44582>.

**Save the Date** for TREIA's 2018