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Geothermal energy is thermal energy extracted from the Earth's crust. It combines energy from the  
formation of the planet and from radioactive decay. Geothermal energy has been exploited as a source  
of heat and/or electric power for millennia. Geothermal heating, using water from hot springs, for  
example, has been used for bathing since Paleolithic times and for space heating since Roman times.  
Geothermal power (generation of electricity from geothermal ener