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Discharge changes of geothermal wells related to the geologic structure and shocks of the 2011 large earthquake

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Water lebel and its temperature are changed at some geothermal wells situated in Yamagata, southern Fukushima and northern Ibaraki Prefectures just after the 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake.

Such hange of geothermal wells beared in fractures by large earthquake is known at previous large earthquakes.

Water level and its temprature increase when the secondary stress by a deformation of the surface of the crust by the quake effects compressionally to the fractures, and they decrease when the secondary stress effects reratively tentionally to the fractures. Change of water level and its temprature at the 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake should be caused by the secondary stress change to the fractures bearing geothermal wells.

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