



Ohaaki will be a spectacular sight



Above:

A DSIR scientist takes a fluid sample from a thermal spring in an explosion crater at Waiotapu.

Right:

Constant testing of the composition of thermal water is carried out in geothermal fields. This test was carried out at Ohaaki. The obviously reduced fluid level is the result of fluid withdrawal from the well.

Left:

Fluid reinjection is to be used for the first time in New Zealand on a geothermal power station when it is incorporated into the system at the new Ohaaki scheme. Experiments with reinjection, which means the water taken with steam from bores is returned to the field rather than being pumped into waterways, have been carried out for some time. Pictured is a technician regulating fluid flow during reinjection experiments.