

Geothermal Project Makes Deep Impact

The Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport (SDF) geothermal system will be the largest of any airport in the United States. It includes 648 vertical wells, each drilled 500 feet deep into the earth. The system saves massive amounts of energy by using the earth's natural temperature to heat in the winter, cool in the summer and replaces the need for additional equipment. The HVAC system will also increase the amount of outside air that is brought into the terminal, which contributes to a healthier and more comfortable environment for travelers and airport staff.

The geothermal project at SDF will cut carbon emissions by more than 80% and save \$400,000 each year in heating and cooling operating costs. This geothermal system will use 40% less energy than traditional heating and cooling systems and will require less maintenance over the course of the system's operating life. Geothermal systems have a much longer use expectancy than traditional systems and contribute to a more resilient terminal overall. With the geothermal system in place, old systems that require large, loud cooling towers and boilers will be removed, making space for terminal expansion in the future.

Sustainability Metrics

Carbon Footprint Reduction

Vertical Geothermal Wells (Largest of Any Airport in U.S.)

\$400,000

Annual HVAC Operating
Cost Savings with Additional
Savings to be Realized

40% Energy Reduction vs. Traditional Systems

100,000

Square Feet of Future Terminal Expansion

2-3 The Average Traditional System Life Span





HOW GEOTHERMAL WORKS

