

Tell Ertl Oil Shale Repository Arthur Lakes Library Colorado School of Mines

Robert N. Heistand Collection

Background Information

Robert N. Heistand

Robert (Bob) N. Heistand is a chemist who spent most of his career in energy and environment. After more than a decade as a research chemist in petrochemicals and petroleum, Bob spent nearly twenty years in oil shale with Paraho Development Corporation as Supervisor of the Control Laboratory, Manager of Research and Engineering, and Vice President of Environmental Affairs and as an independent consultant.

As an independent consultant, Bob has been the principal in establishing the Tell Ertl Oil Shale Repository at the Colorado School of Mines. In this work he was ably assisted by various members of the staff of the Arthur Lakes Library as well as part-time assistance of several students from the Colorado school of Mines.

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The Robert N. Heistand Collection mirrors Bob's involvement in the fields of energy and the environment. More than one third of the collection consists of Paraho Demonstration Reports and other Paraho reports and correspondence. Another third consists of Environmental Impact Statements including a complete set of the Draft and Final EIS for the Uintah Basin Synfuels Development as well as the supplemental reports provided by each of the participating developers. The balance consists of various government documents, including many of the U. S. Environmental protection Agency guidance documents for oil shale development as well as proceedings of the oil shale symposia sponsored by the Colorado School of Mines. Included in these government documents is a folder containing documents pertaining to the U.S. Synthetic Fuels Corporation --the quasi-government agency responsible for much of the oil shale projects planned from 1980 through 1985. One box contains more than 100 copies of the numerous reports and presentations made by Mr. Heistand during his career.

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