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Collection

Background Information

CONOCO

The Continental Oil Company ("CONOCO") is the only oil company to donate documents to the Tell Ertl Oil Shale Repository. Like most of the oil companies, CONOCO showed interest in oil shale developments after the U. S. Bureau of Mines oil shale research at Anvil Points, Colorado during the early 1950s. CONOCO was active in the subsequent research projects at Anvil Points, the Colorado School of Mines Operations (1963 -1969), the Paraho Demonstration Project (1974 -1976) and Commercial Module (1977 -1983, and TOSCO developments (1963 1985), and in establishing a oil shale property position.

The CONOCO Collection

The current CONOCO Collection represents only a fraction of the CONOCO's oil shale documents. Most are scheduled to be provided to the Tell Ertl Oil Shale Repository after current legal restrictions have been cleared.

The current CONOCO Collection consists of reports generated during the Colorado School of Mines Operations, the so-called "six company research" operations, carried out at Anvil Points (1942 -1969). More than 300 monthly progress reports and special reports and correspondence from this research program are included in the CONOCO Collection; it represents the most complete collection of documentation of this oil shale research. Also Included are extensive Paraho reports (1972 -1983) and TOSCO developments (1963 -1985).

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