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Harold Thomas Collection

Background Information

Harold Thomas

Harold Thomas was a petroleum engineer with the Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. In his position, Mr. Thomas reviewed oil shale information generated by various National Laboratories and various projects funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. Although he was not directly involved with oil shale operations or research, "Hal" accumulated a sizeable collection of oil shale reports from the period 1973-1990.

The Harold Thomas Collection

The Harold Thomas Collection reflects his oil shale involvement , consisting primarily of government documents such as U.S. Department of Energy reports, and reports from the national laboratories such as Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory reports. There are no correspondence, maps, or drawings, visual aids, notes or news clippings in the Harold Thomas Collection.

The Harold Thomas Collection was delivered to the repository in two general shipments, one in early 1990 and one in 1991 and not all documents have been arranged in a chronological fashion. Most national laboratory reports are arranged in Archive Boxes 02-03 with additional reports found in Box 08; general reports are found in Archive Boxes 01 and 07.

There are two unique features in the Harold Thomas Collection. The first is an essentially complete collection of the Shale Country magazine published during the oil shale boom period of 1976-1982 (Box 01); the second is a complete set of reports describing the Paraho Module and Paraho-Ute Shale Oil Facility, developed under U. S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy Funding.

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