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Background Information

The Office of Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves

The Office of Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves is responsible for the control and development of the Naval Oil Shale Reserves 1, 2, and 3, located in the Piceance and Unita Basins in Colorado and Utah. Environmental and socioeconomic issues are an important aspect of the office.

The Collection

Although this is one of the smallest collections in the Repository, it contains numerous unique documents dealing with water rights and water law. Many of the documents in this collection concern the legal and geological issues of water rights.

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