

FOREWORD

The papers presented at the 11th Oil Shale Symposium reflect the promises and concerns of the present with respect to the commercial development of oil shale. It is both significant and of great concern that there is little to report in the area of development policy. The Federal Government has been wrestling with an overall energy policy for the past five years and, as of this moment, has not produced a policy statement of merit. Until federal and state policies are implemented, there can be no significant commercial development of oil shale.

There are many very worthwhile and thought-provoking papers in these proceedings. As always, the success and value of these symposia are due to the efforts of the authors of the papers and the willingness of the organizations for whom they work to share their experiences with others. All of us owe them a strong vote of thanks.

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