

1.5 **Update on U. S. Department of Interior Oil Shale Program**

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The Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have achieved significant milestones in formulating regulations and completing the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for commercial oil shale development since the 27th Symposium of 2007. The milestones would have significant impact on oil shale development and the oil shale industry. The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals will provide an update on the regulations, and on other issues of importance to characterization and development of this resource.