

2.5 **Utah Oil Shale Development: Status and Policy Considerations**

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Utah is uniquely positioned in terms of its political and social climate to advance oil shale production in the state and move toward commercial operations in the near-term. This presentation will provide a broad overview of the emerging Utah oil shale industry, including an overview of technologies, participants and potential. It will also provide an update on policy considerations in the state and Federal government that affect the progression of resource development. Contained in this review will be an assessment of conditions necessary to support continued expansion of the industry.