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The world is rapidly approaching its limit for production of conventional petroleum according to "Peak Oil" experts. The United States imports over 60% of its petroleum, and the price of gasoline has increased dramatically. Our cars, trucks and planes run on liquid fuels made from petroleum, and there are no viable substitutes for liquid fuels from petroleum other than liquid fuels from oil shale, oil sands and coal. Oil shale deposits in the United States are estimated to contain over 2-trillion barrels of oil from oil shale averaging over 25-gallons per ton. The three states of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming alone contain an amount of oil from oil shale that is comparable with the conventional oil reserves in the Middle East. The mission of the National Oil Shale Association (NOSA) is to educate the public about oil shale and its potential to reduce petroleum imports and increase energy and national security. Education is accomplished via oral presentations, testimony, interviews, a Web Site (www.oilshaleassoc.org), publications, responses to requests, trade shows, letters to editors and a speaker's bureau. NOSA advocates the responsible development of oil shale, remains neutral politically, presents factual information, and encourages research, development and demonstration of well conceived programs.