

15.4 **Overview: American Petroleum Institute Oil Shale Sub-Committee**

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As part of the policy discussion at the 29th Oil Shale Symposium, an overview of the newly formed national Oil Shale Task Force was provided. At that time, the Oil Shale Task Force (the Task Force) was a self-supporting special solicitation of the American Petroleum Institute (API) under the authority and oversight of API's Upstream Committee. The Task Force has now been converted to a sub-committee within API as part of the Upstream Committee. In a time of ever-increasing global energy demand and geopolitical challenges for access to hydrocarbon reserves in many of the producing regions of the world, the United States energy policy should include programs to promote research and development of technologies to extract the country's vast oil shale resources in an economically viable, environmentally responsible and socially sustainable manner. Domestic oil shale production could significantly increase domestic oil production, bring greater price stability to global oil markets, and enhance our country's energy security. The API Oil Shale Subcommittee was developed to address policy and public opinion issues associated with oil shale development and to educate policy-makers, thought leaders and the public-at-large on this significant domestic resource. The API Oil Shale Subcommittee has developed a Comprehensive Work Plan with these goals in mind. This presentation at the 30th Oil Shale Symposium will provide an update on the Oil Shale Sub-Committee activities and work plans.