

# **API Oil Shale Subcommittee Education and Outreach Activities**

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# API Oil Shale Subcommittee

- Recently reorganized from the U.S. Oil Shale Task Force
- Developed through the American Petroleum Institute Committee Structure
- Diverse members including oil and gas majors and oil shale only companies

# Goals

- Educate policymakers, energy consumers, etc., about the oil shale resource and its potential to contribute to national energy security;
- Promote vigorous administration of existing federal law enacted to promote research and development of domestic oil shale;
- Develop and promote legislative and regulatory initiatives to encourage responsible oil shale production;
- Identify advancements within the industry that support deployment of long-term sustainable development of domestic oil shale resources; and
- Encourage efforts to clarify appropriate oil shale deposits as proven reserves.

# Challenges

- Fulfillment of Section 369 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT '05) in the Congress and Administration;
- Develop Congressional support for oil shale to implement pro-active legislative and regulatory strategies;

# Key Accomplishments

- API has developed oil shale informational briefs representing industry consensus and establishing metrics on issues impacting oil shale development such as water use, air quality, technology, and the challenges and solutions for mitigating undesirable economic and social impacts on communities.
- This information has been used to provide industry input into public policy and public discourse on oil shale including:

# Key Accomplishments

- Comments to the U.S. BLM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of oil shale R, D, and D Leasing;
- Comments to the State of Utah on the Utah 10-Year Strategic Energy Plan;
- Oil Shale Section on API website; and (<http://www.api.org/aboutoilgas/oilshale/index.cfm>)
- Various op-eds and articles on oil shale in newspapers and blogs at the regional and local level.

# Current Projects

- October 2010 – Jack Gerard, President, API met with representatives from Enefit and OSEC; and
- November 2010 – Subcommittee will host a meeting of the Consumer Energy Alliance (members include air transport, trucking, courier, manufacturing, agriculture, petrochemical and fertilizer industries) for a presentation on oil shale resource and technologies.

# Future Work Planned

- Spring 2011 (est.) – API is working to develop a forum exploring Section 369 and a national oil shale/unconventional fuels technology with a major Think-Tank or university.



# Questions?

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