

Overview: American Petroleum Institute Oil Shale Subcommittee activities toward realizing goals and objectives of Section 369 of the 2005 Energy Policy Act

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In 2005, the U.S Congress passed into law the Energy Policy Act (EPACT) of 2005. Section 369 of the act was titled *Oil Shale, Tar Sands, and Other Strategic Unconventional Fuels*. Subsection 369 (h) directed that the Secretary of Energy establish a Task Force on Strategic Unconventional Fuels comprised of the Secretaries of Energy, Defense, and Interior and the Governors of key states in which resources are located. The Task Force completed its report in February 2007 and made proactive recommendations to institute a program to address the concerns surrounding the development of the U.S. unconventional oil resources. None of those recommendations have been implemented and the program mandated in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 has been totally vacated. The API Oil Shale Subcommittee proposes a number of coordinated actions over the course of 2011 and 2012 that seek to highlight the failure of the federal government to fulfill the unconventional fuels goals and objectives outlined in Section 369 of the 2005 Energy Policy Act. The goals and objectives include:

- developing an update on the recommendations provided by the Strategic Task Force on Unconventional Fuels that is reflective of the next generation of oil shale technology being developed by dozens of technology and resource development companies;
- developing a forum in tandem with the Colorado School of Mines and a key U.S. House or Senate Committee that examines technology updates and industry progress and compares U.S. progress to those of other nations developing oil shale such as China, Brazil, Estonia and Jordan; and targets key Congressional staffers to update them on these issues.

The presentation for the 31st Annual Oil Shale Symposium will be an update on the Oil Shale Sub-Committee activities toward realizing these goals and objectives.