

## **Using the Tell Ertl Oil Shale Repository to bring historical focus to today's efforts**

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This presentation will cover the challenges to introduce historical documents from the Tell Ertl Oil Shale Repository. A poster presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> Oil Shale Symposium led to funding for an educational display for the oil shale repository within the Arthur Lakes Library, Colorado School of Mines. From finding funding for projects within the repository, to **using the repository's materials as resources for educational classes, the repository is** becoming a useful resource for oil shale companies in Colorado. This presentation will cover the research goals of making oil shale resources more accessible, the developing best practices of using oil shale materials to teach oil shale employees, and keeping primary resources safe for future researchers. The Tell Ertl Oil Shale Repository is one of the largest known oil shale repositories in the nation. It continues to develop digital links within a specialized database, which is freely accessible to the world. The repository is a useful resource which can create more worldwide understanding of the history and current events of the oil shale industry. Even policy questions may be informed by reviewing the sociopolitical framework of past cycles of oil shale investigation. Highlights will include research themes found in the collections, on-going projects of newly accessible materials, the usefulness of oral histories, and educational classes being developed about oil shale history.