

Your letter of June 16 regarding Willard Wirtz' Radiation Standards for Uranium Mining has been passed on to the Uranium Committee of the Wyoming Mining Association. This committee is deeply concerned with arbitrary ruling of Mr. Wirtz and I am sure will be expressing their joint opinion to you in the near future.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the opinion of the Wyoming Mining Association on matters concerning mineral extraction.

Best regards.

Yours truly,

R. F. LOVE, *Resident Manager.*

CONTINENTAL OIL Co.,
Washington, D.C., June 15, 1967.

Hon. CLIFFORD P. HANSEN,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR HANSEN: I am enclosing a copy of Continental Oil Company's response to the proposed Interior Department oil shale research and development regulations, as requested in your June 13 letter.

I have also sent a copy of your letter to the Conoco officials who prepared the enclosed letter so they will be aware of your request in the event they have any further views to express on the proposed regulations.

We certainly appreciate the leadership you have provided in prodding the Department of Interior to expedite its programs for the development of our oil shale resources. Your daily attendance at the recent Senate Judiciary Subcommittee hearings on the antitrust aspects of oil shale development was also most helpful.

If I can be of any further assistance to you or Dave Dominick, please let me hear from you. Meanwhile, I would appreciate it very much if you would have Dave let me know when the Senate Interior Committee reschedules its hearing on the proposed regulations.

Sincerely yours,

TERRY RICE, *Manager.*

CONTINENTAL OIL Co.,
New York, N.Y., June 7, 1967.

Hon. BOYD L. RASMUSSEN,
Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: As a company with great interest in shale oil as a potential source of energy, Continental applauds the efforts of Interior to stimulate shale oil research and development. We have examined the proposed regulations with considerable care.

Our reaction is not a favorable one. Overall it is our view that the rights to be granted are circumscribed with restrictions and conditions to such an extent that sufficient economic incentive will be lacking. It is our view that private industry will not be warranted in making the necessary capital, organizational and technological commitments which will be required.

The improved technology sought by Interior, and so obviously in the long term public interest, is incidental to what will be essentially a manufacturing operation. We see a future shale oil industry as one with large capital requirements, limited return on investment, and modest profit potential.

Conoco believes that a competitive bidding method must be devised for making public domain shale oil lands available. Criteria should be established under which prospective bidders may qualify. Acreage limitations and all other restrictions and covenants should be liberal enough, to attract capital in an innovating and highly competitive economy.

Conoco will continue to pursue its interests in shale oil research. We expect to be a participant if the development of shale oil lands becomes a viable business. We hope this rather frank expression of our views is useful in connection with the decisions which must be made concerning this important subject.

Yours respectfully,

WAYNE E. GLENN,
Executive Vice President.