

Senator METCALF. Will you make whatever acknowledgement has been made a part of the record?

Senator CHURCH. May I suggest, Mr. Chairman, that it would be helpful if we were to go a step further, with your permission. It seems to me that a very strong case has been made here by the western industry, the burden of which is that the original regulations which were proposed by the Department simply failed to take into account the realities of phosphate mining in the West. There seems to be some grounds for believing that the regulations were drafted with the situation in Florida and in other places in mind where the mining problems are entirely different. This is what occasioned the alarm in the western industry. A case has been stated here showing that the proposed regulations by the Department simply didn't fit the conditions of mining in the West.

So I think that it is not only necessary that this case be acknowledged by the Department, but I think it is necessary for the Department to reply point by point to the case that has been made, in specifics, so that this committee will have an opportunity to weigh the arguments of the western industry against whatever counterargument in fact exists point by point. That will give this committee the basis for making an appraisal of the situation and I certainly think the industry is entitled to a rejoinder on that basis when they make their case in this detail.

Senator METCALF. I hope that Mr. Finch will relay that to the Secretary.

Mr. FINCH. I shall.

(The exhibits previously referred to follow:)

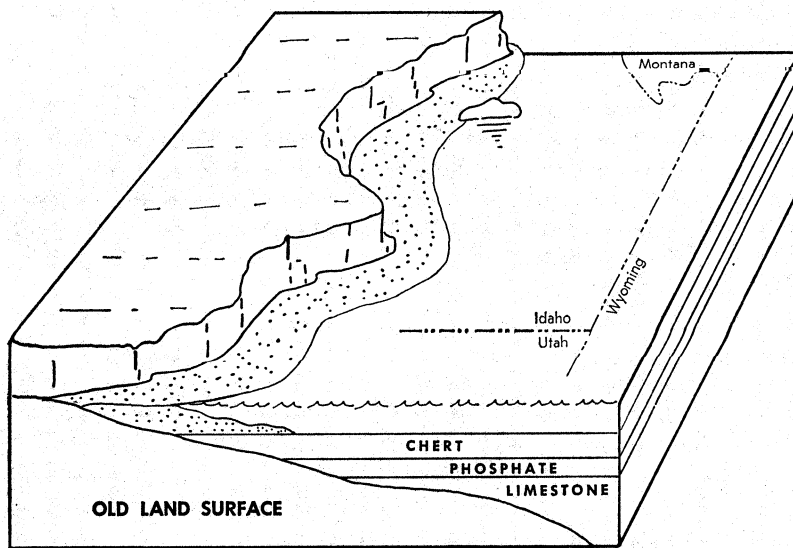


EXHIBIT A — Original Phosphate Deposition