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WHITE RIVER SHALE PROJECT  
ERDA PRESENTATION

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# WHITE RIVER SHALE PROJECT

Technology Development  
and  
Demonstration Program

WRSP

To Produce Shale Oil  
from Federal Leases  
U-a and U-b in Utah

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## **THE WRSP PRESENTATION WILL:**

### **Part 1— Review**

- Progress in development of U-a and U-b

### **Part 2— Present**

- Proposed technology development and demonstration program

### **Part 3— Review**

- Schedules
- Cost estimates
- Financing plans
- Continuing development requirements

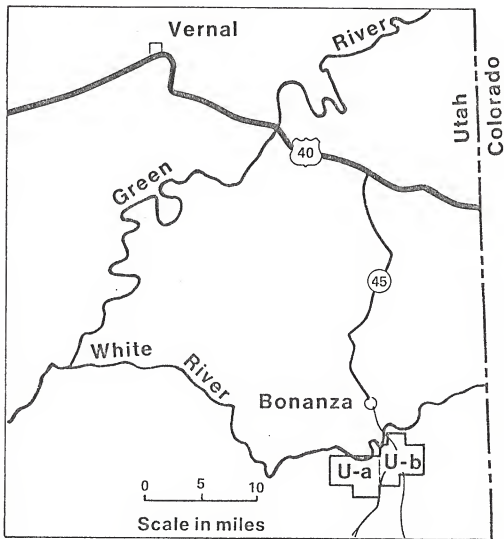
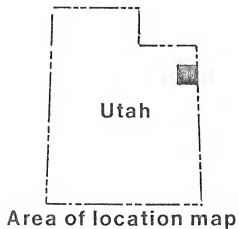
## **THE FEDERAL PROTOTYPE OIL SHALE PROGRAM WAS INTENDED TO:**

- **Provide a new source of energy by stimulating development of commercial oil shale technology by private industry**
- **Ensure the environmental integrity of the area and develop restoration techniques**
- **Permit an equitable return to all parties**
- **Develop federal management expertise in the supervision of oil shale development**

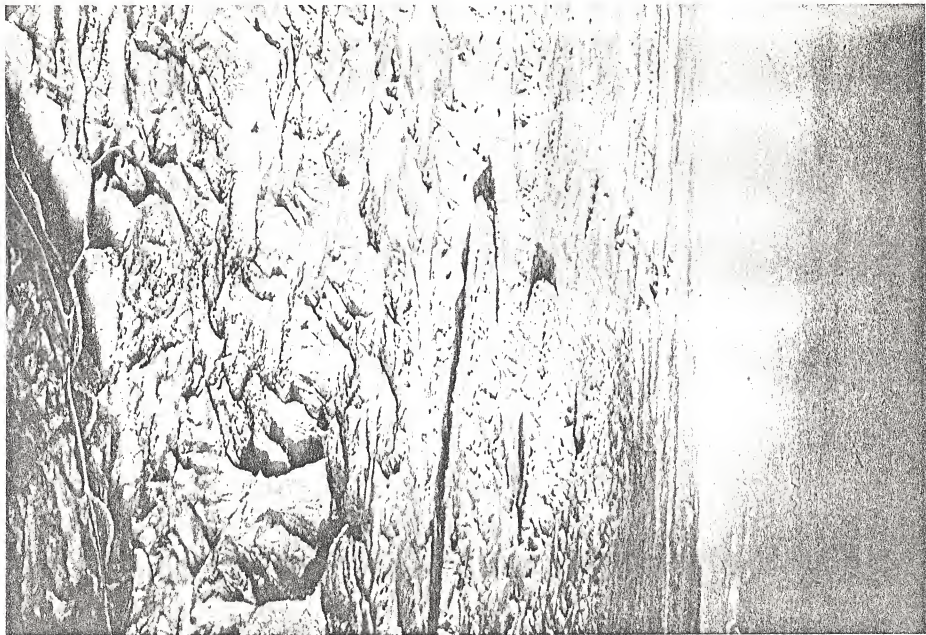


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# WRSP LOCATION





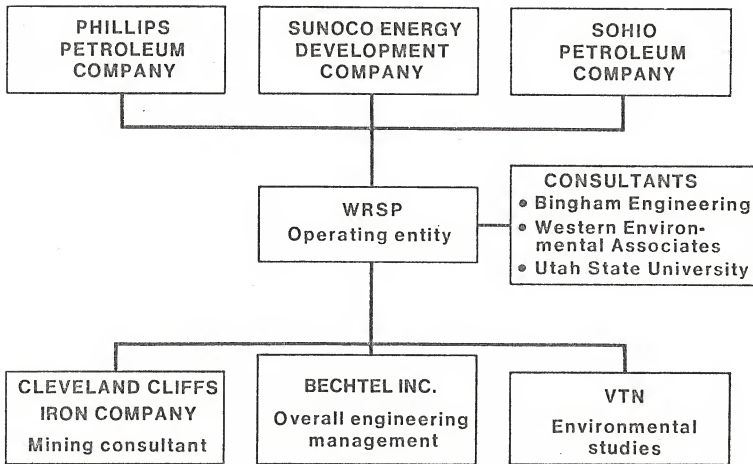


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## WRSP ORGANIZATION CHART



## **WRSP ACTIVITIES**

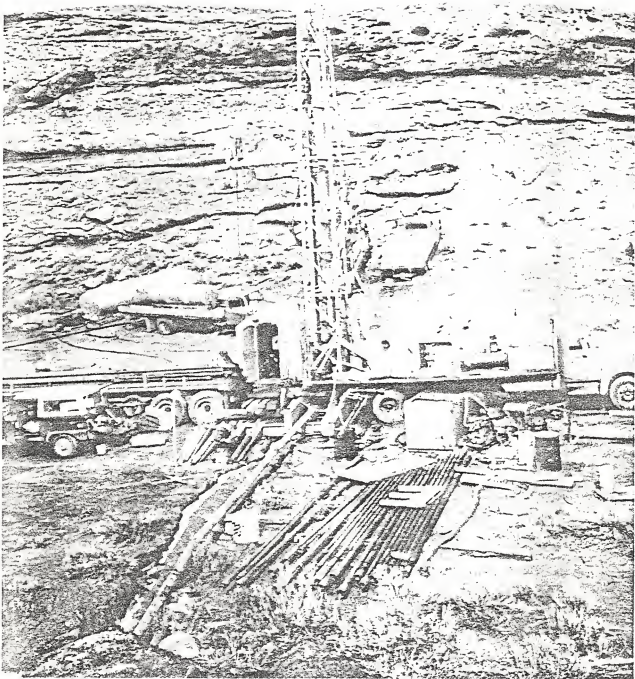
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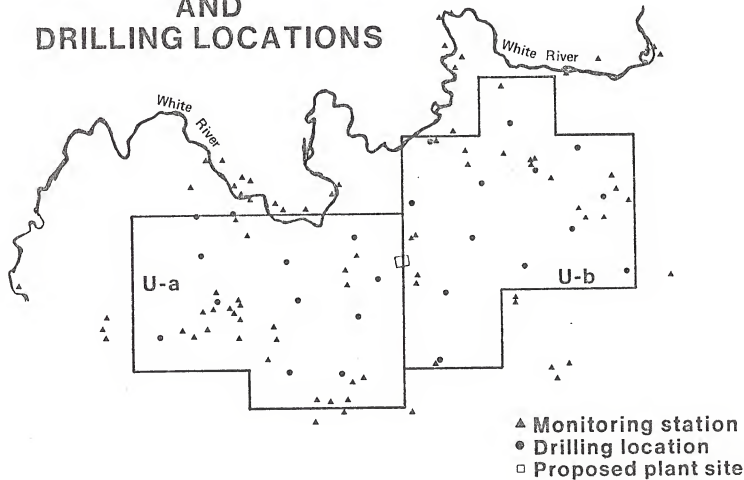
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# MONITORING STATIONS AND DRILLING LOCATIONS

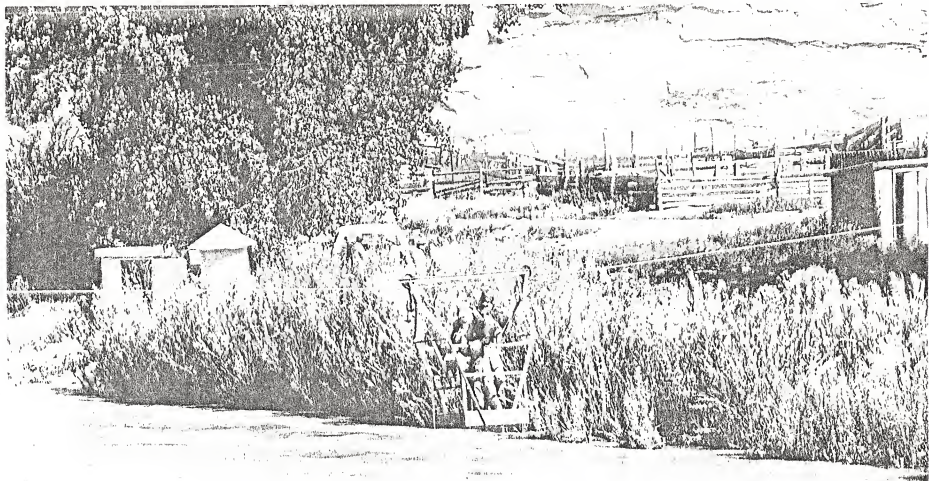


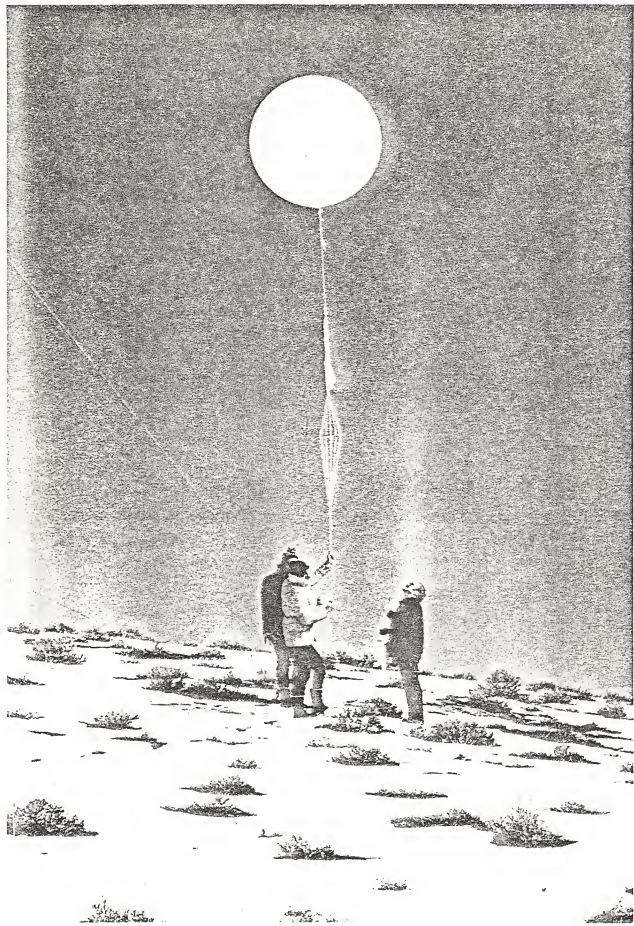


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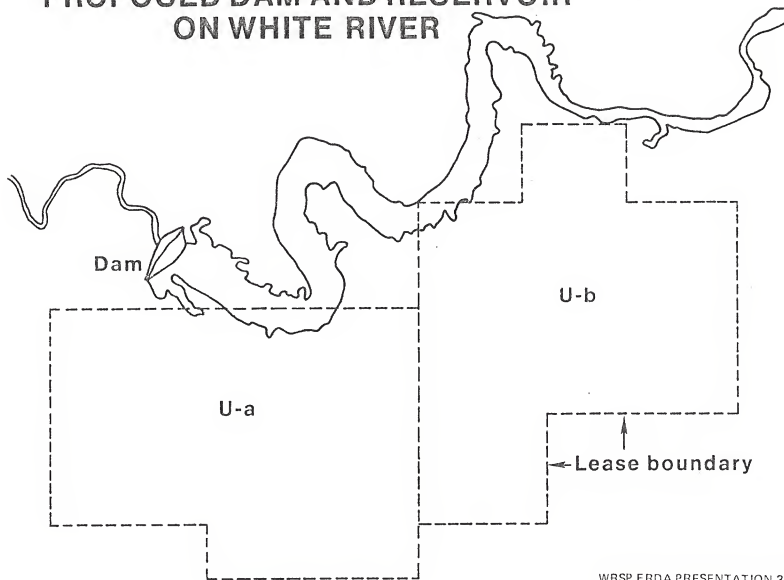




## **STATE OF UTAH WHITE RIVER DAM AND RESERVOIR**

- **Proposed multiuse water storage**
- **Located adjacent to tracts U-a and U-b**
- **Sponsorship**
  - **Uintah Water Conservancy District**
  - **Ute Indian tribe**
  - **Utah State Board of Water Resources**
- **Objectives**
  - **Provide water for:  
Ute land irrigation  
Oil shale development**
  - **Improve water quality**
  - **Protect against floods**
  - **Provide recreation**

**STATE OF UTAH  
PROPOSED DAM AND RESERVOIR  
ON WHITE RIVER**







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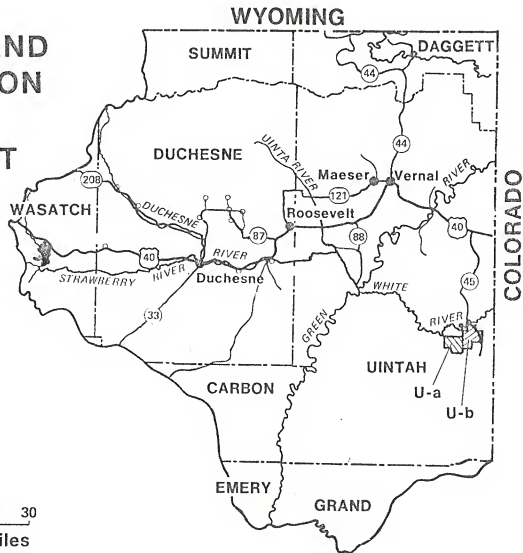
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# URBAN AREAS AND TRANSPORTATION ROUTES IN NORTHEAST UTAH

0 10 20 30  
Scale in miles



## **UTAH COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS**

- **Energy Manpower Task Force**
- **Uintah Basin Energy Council**
- **Uintah Basin Human Development Council**
- **Uintah Basin Economic Development  
District Committee**

## **ENGINEERING STUDIES COMPLETED**

- **Preliminary economic report**
- **Commercial development reports**
- **Retort evaluation studies**
- **Processing evaluation study**
- **Water supply and drainage plan**
- **Mining studies**
- **Detailed development plan (DDP)**



## **SUMMARY OF DDP FINDINGS**

- **Modular demonstration on Utah shale required**
- **Joint government and industry funding required**
- **Resolution of problems necessary**
  - **Air quality**
  - **National energy policy**
  - **Prototype program lease provisions**

## **POST DDP ACTIVITIES**

- **Exploration and mining studies**
- **Retort evaluation**
- **Retorting of Utah shale**
  - **Paraho DH**
  - **Union B**
- **Raw shale oil combustion tests**
- **Raw shale oil pumpability tests**
- **Environmental studies**
- **Technology development  
and demonstratratin program**

**PART 2**

**WRSP PROPOSED  
TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT  
AND  
DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM**

## **OBJECTIVES OF PROPOSED PROGRAM**

- **Demonstrate:**
  - **Room-and-pillar mining in Utah oil shale**
  - **In-situ retorting technology**
  - **Surface retorting technologies**
  - **Environmental protection techniques**
- **Optimize resource recovery**
- **Promote development of Utah oil shale**

## **TECHNOLOGIES SELECTED FOR DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION**

### **Mining:**

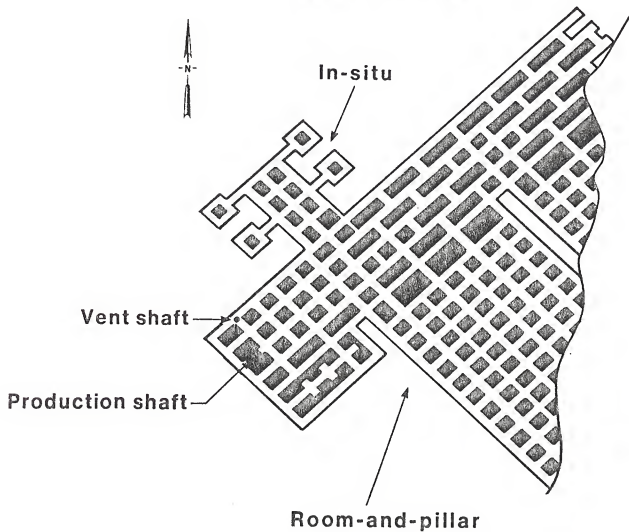
- Two level room-and-pillar
- In-situ retort preparation

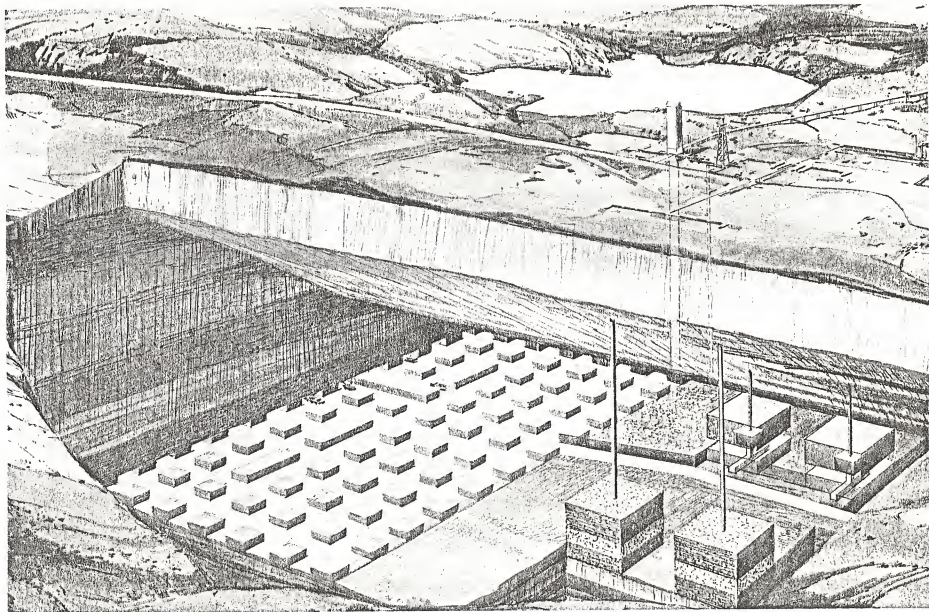
### **Retorting:**

- In-situ
- Paraho DH – direct heated process
- Union B – indirect heated process

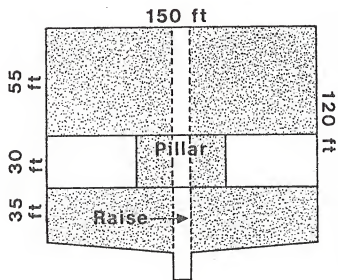


# MINE PLAN

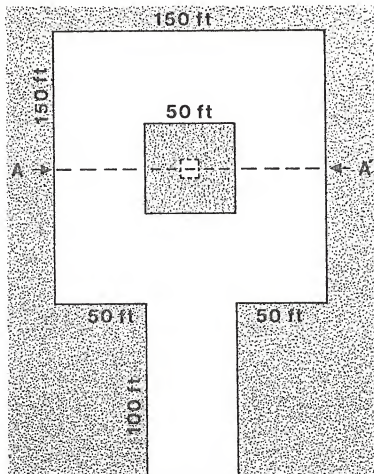




# IN-SITU RETORT CROSS SECTION AND PLAN

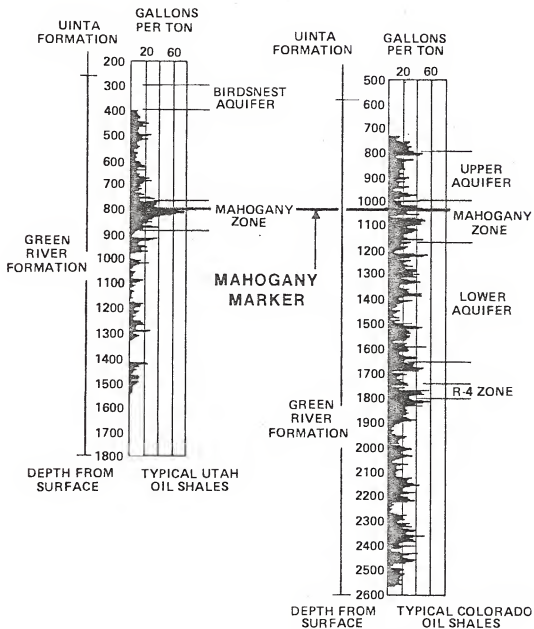


VERTICAL CROSS SECTION  
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Haulage way  
PLAN VIEW

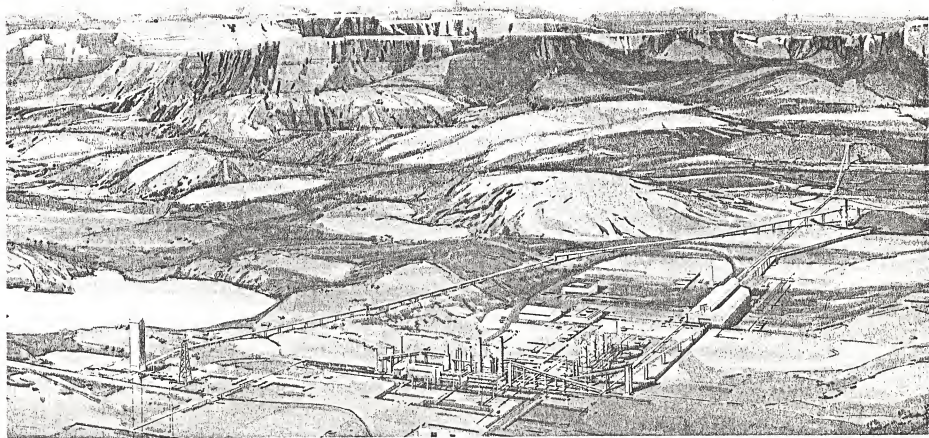
# COMPARISON OF UTAH AND COLORADO HISTOGRAMS





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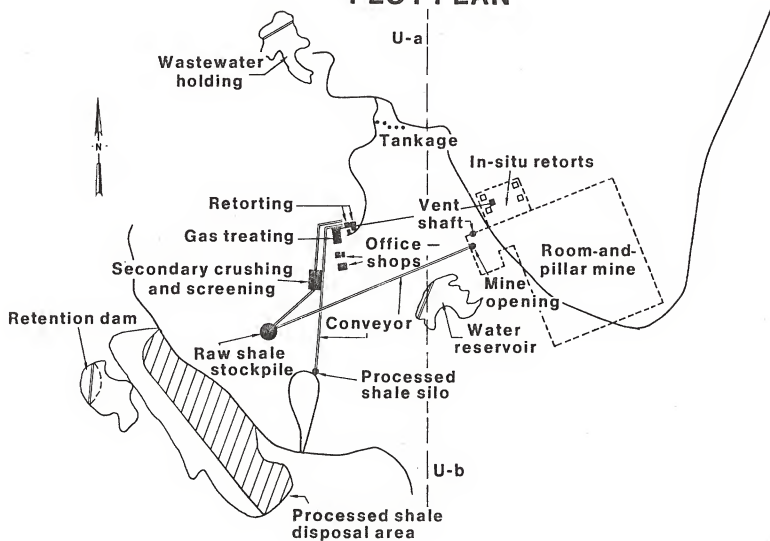


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## **SURFACE FACILITIES**

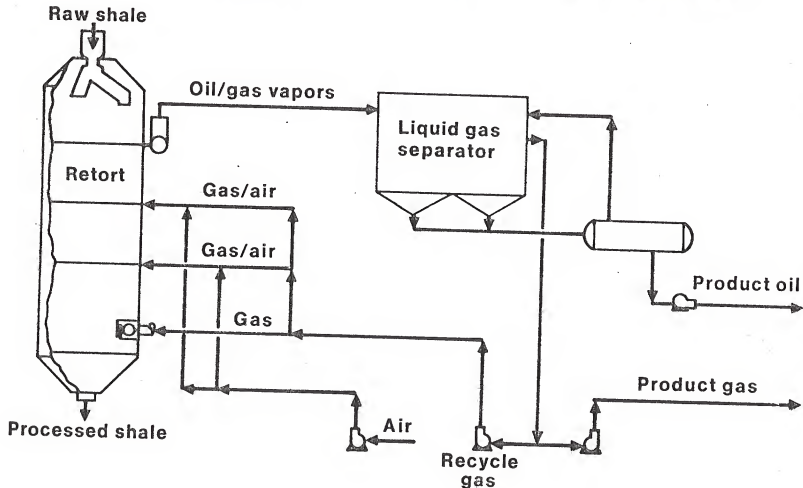
- **Mine—hoist, ventilation fans**
- **Materials handling systems**
- **Retorts—Paraho DH, Union B**
- **Processed shale systems**
- **Supporting facilities**
- **Environmental**

# PLOT PLAN

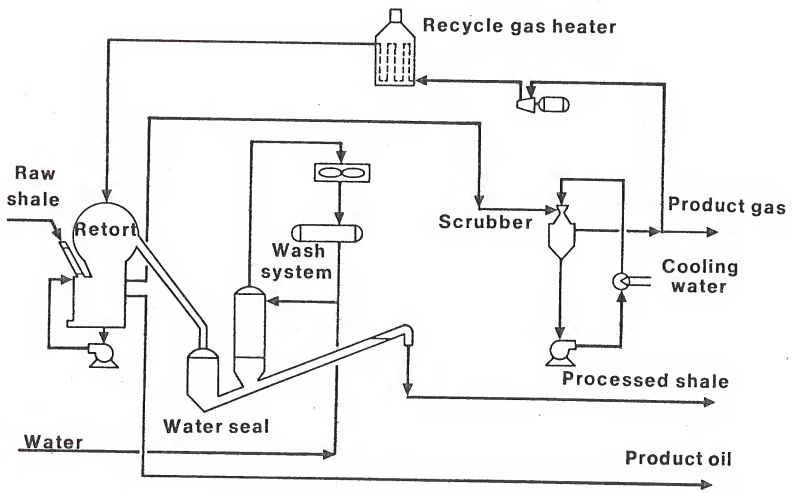




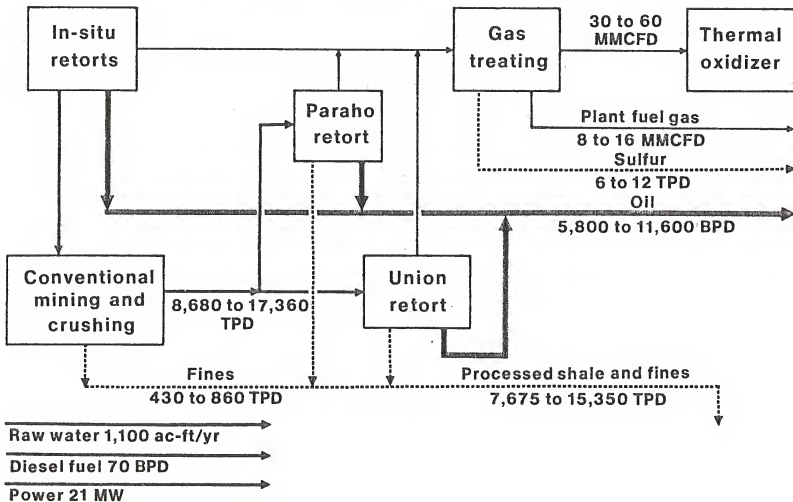
## PARAHO DH PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM



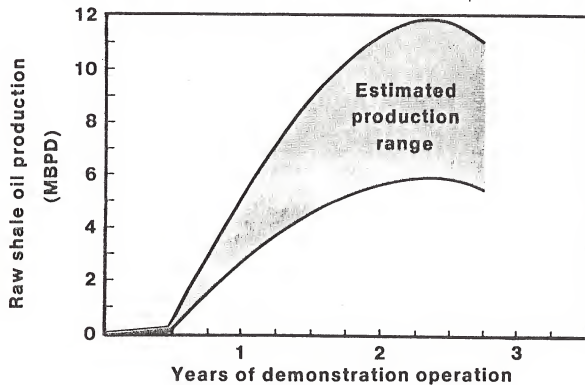
# UNION B PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM



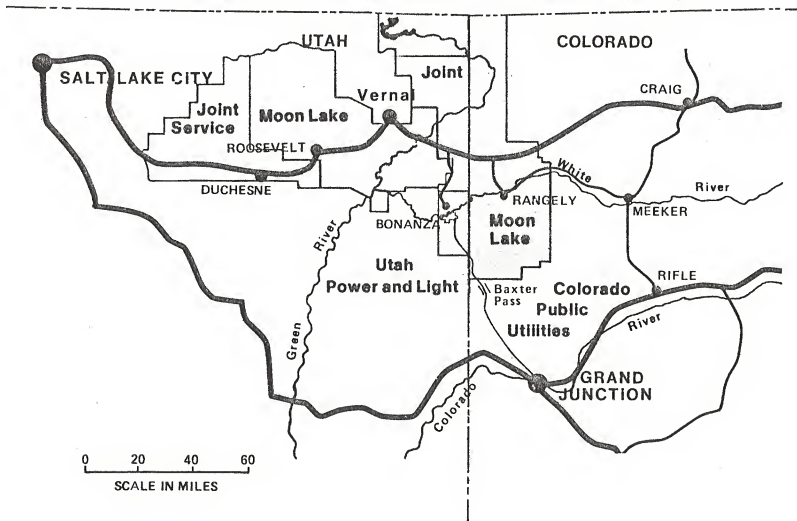
# MATERIALS BLOCK FLOW DIAGRAM



## ESTIMATED RANGE OF PRODUCTION



# POTENTIAL RAW SHALE OIL MARKETS



## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PLAN**

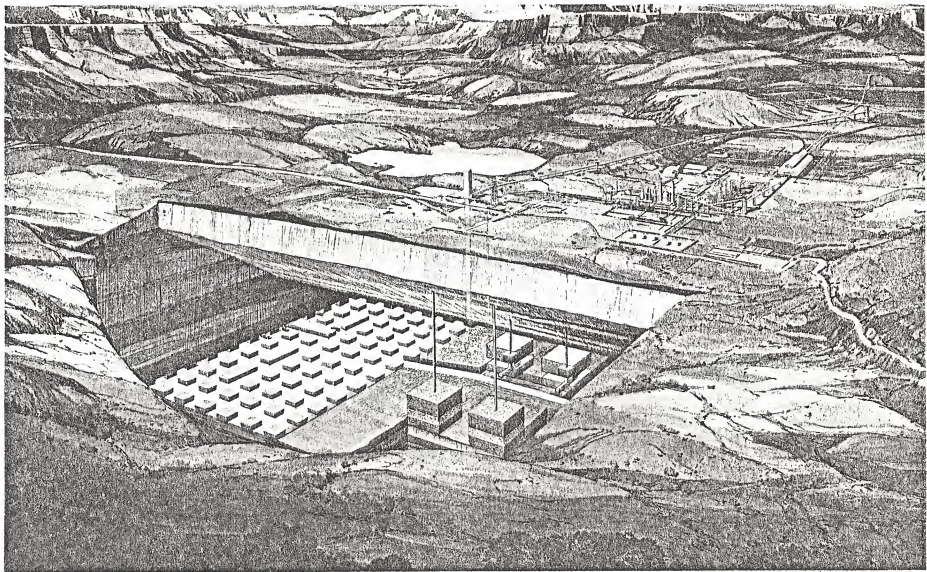
- **Characterize emissions**
- **Evaluate control strategies**
- **Monitor impacts**
- **Develop commercial management program**



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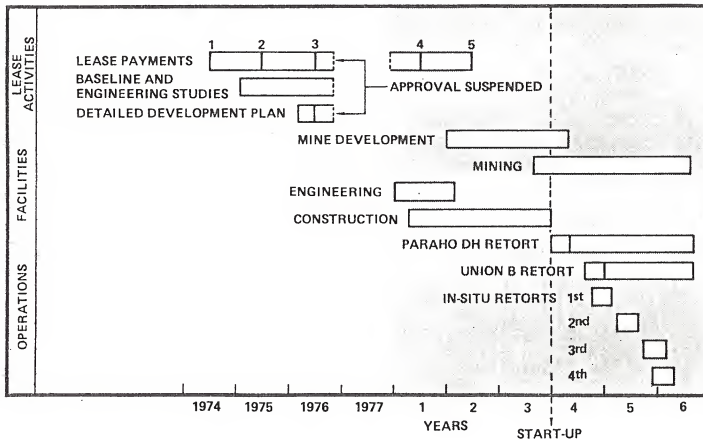


## **PART 3**

### **REVIEW**

- **Schedule of events**
- **Costs**
  - **Investment**
  - **Operating**
- **Financing Plans**
- **Continuing development requirements**
- **Summary**

# PROGRAM - SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT



## DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM CAPITAL INVESTMENT

(1977 \$)

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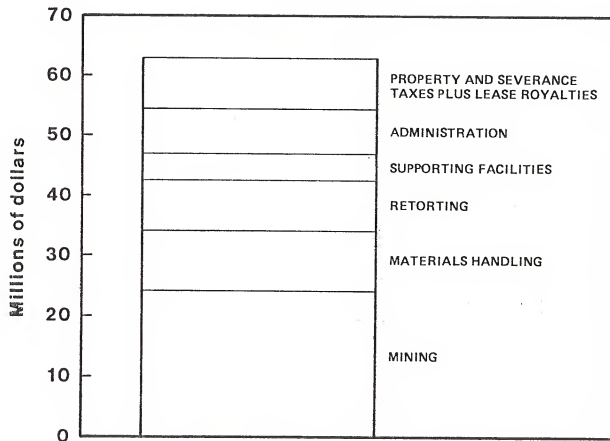
	\$ millions
Mining and materials handling	34.7
Retorting	64.2
Processed shale disposal	3.6
Site preparation	10.5
Supporting facilities	33.6
Total contractor costs	<hr/> 146.6

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Environmental monitoring	6.3
Startup and other costs	24.4
Total capital investment	<hr/> 177.3

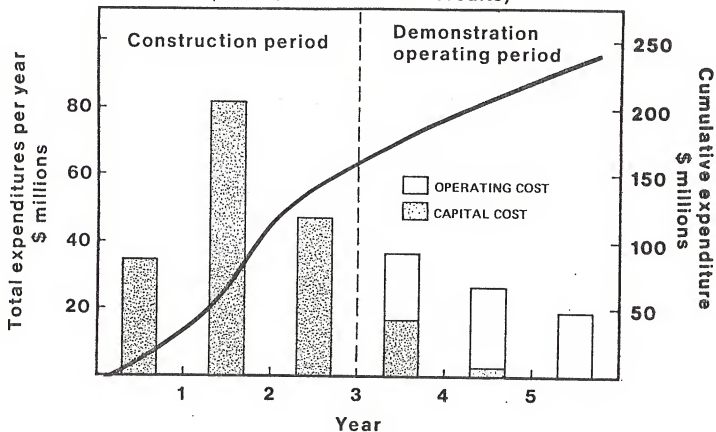
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# DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM TOTAL DIRECT OPERATING COST FOR 2.75 YEAR OPERATION (1977 \$)



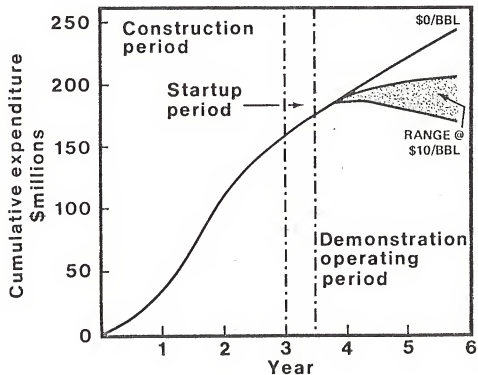
# DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

(1977 \$ - No Product Credits)



# DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM COSTS WITH SHALE OIL SALES CREDIT AT \$10/BBL

(1977 \$)



**DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM  
PROPOSED PROGRAM FINANCING**  
(1977 \$)

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<b>COSTS</b>	<b>\$ millions</b>
Capital investment	177
Operating cost	63
Modification capital	6
Total	246

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<b>SOURCES</b>	
• WRSP	
Predevelopment engineering	6.0
Environmental studies	7.5
4th and 5th lease payments	48.3
	61.8
• Government financing	184.2
Total sources	246.0

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Potential oil credit  
@ \$10/bbl 37 to 74

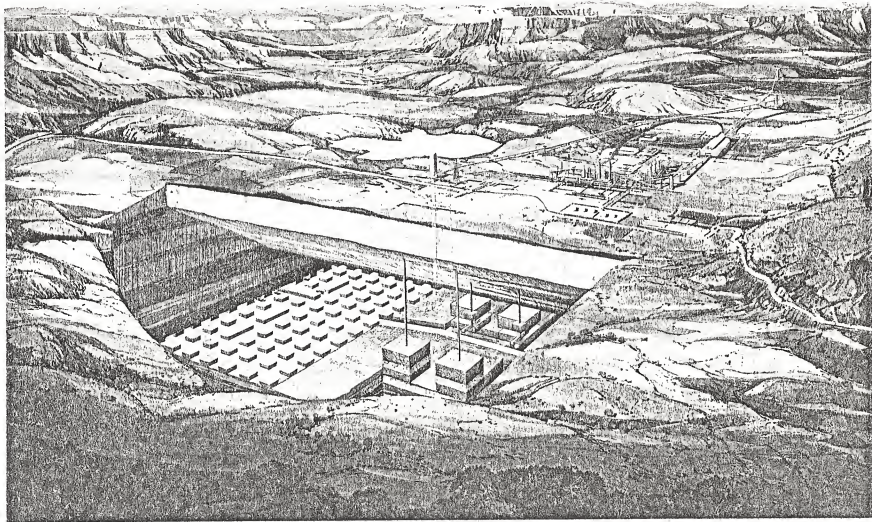


## **CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS PROBLEM AREAS**

- **Air quality regulations**
  - **Baseline readings exceed ambient air standards**
- **Lease schedules**
  - **Credit of 4th and 5th lease payments**
- **National energy policy uncertainties**

## **SUMMARY**

- **Commitment to oil shale development**
- **Assets employed or pending commitment**
  - **Employed to date – \$85 million**
  - **4th and 5th lease payments pending – \$48 million**
- **Post DDP tests and studies**
- **Utah support of oil shale development**
- **Oil shale – most attractive synthetic fuel**
- **Demonstration program required before commercialization to:**
  - **Assess technology and economics**
  - **Determine environmental protection measures required**
  - **Evaluate Utah oil shale**



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(June 1968)

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