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Petroleum engineers test coal gasification process
By TOUMONAVA MULLINS
Battalion Staff
A clean-burning gas can be produced by burning lignite, Texas A&M University's petroleum engineering department is experimenting with the process termed coal gasification.
Dr. James W. Jennings, who heads the project, said 17 wells have already been drilled in the Yegua coal formation on Texas A&M property about three miles southwest of the main campus.
"This gas could be produced today at a cost equivalent to that of natural gas," Jennings said.
"Our main objective is not to develop a commercial process, but rather to look at some problems commercial operators would have and answer some of these questions," he explained. "And we're providing hands-on experience for students in this technology."
How does the process work?
"The wells have been drilled into a lignite bed 380 feet deep," Jennings said. "The basic system involves two wells; air is injected into one of these.
"Next, burning charcoal is dropped in to ignite the lignite bed. Gas escapes into fractures in the burning lignite. "Then air is injected into the other well resulting in reverse combustion."
"Sixty per cent of the gas driven off consists of carbon dioxide and nitrogen resulting in a gas that burns cleanly."
The researchers will light the underground fires when the Texas Water Quality Board issues a permit for the project. Board approval is expected by mid-August or September. "All experiments done the past and the lab work (most of the University of Texas) indicate effect on ground water is minimal," Jennings said.
"Gas produced by this process can readily be used in a natural gas power plant," he said. "This gives us an opportunity to use existing power plants."
Jennings said the Russians have been using gas produced by this process on a commercial basis since the 1950s.

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