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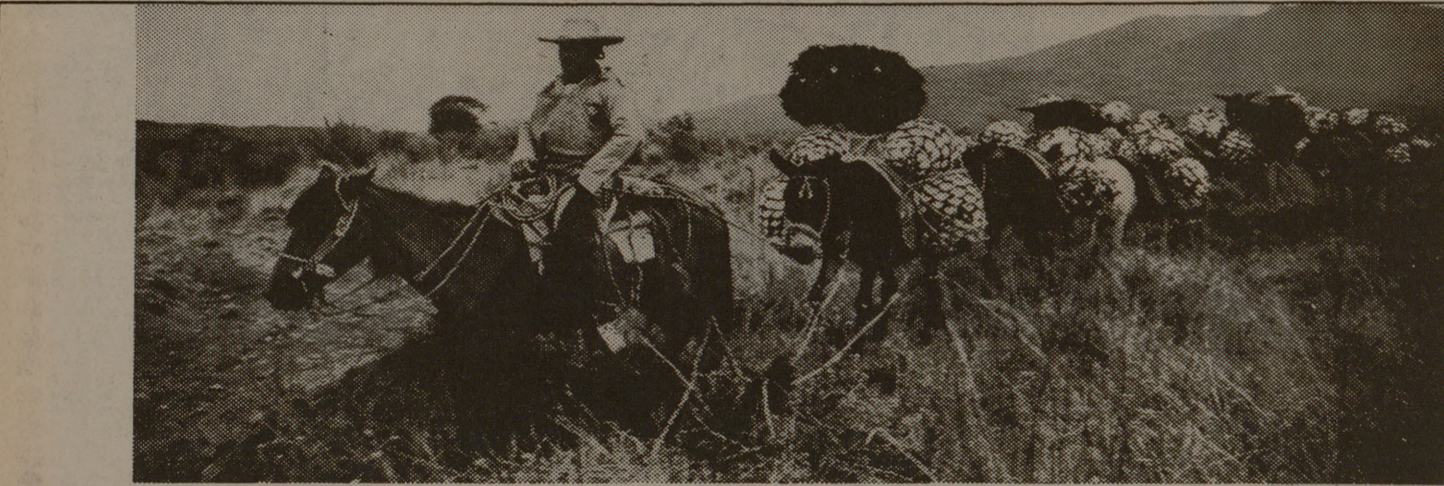
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Radioactive waste disposal

Report says burial can be

WASHINGTON — The dangerous leftovers of nuclear fuel and weapons can be stored safely underground, a federal review group concluded today. But it said such a program can be successful only if there is "much more attention to institutional issues" such as environmental concerns, a greater role for state and local officials, and a regional approach to storage.

The report, which will be subjected to a month of public comment before becoming final, was made by the interagency review group set up by President Carter to look at nuclear waste disposal problems. "We think the technical basis exists for reliance on disposal of

high-level wastes in geologic media," said John Deutch, chairman of the review group.

His panel suggested a facility could be operating on an intermediate scale by late 1986, while work continues on potential sites for long-term and larger-scale repositories.

He defined the intermediate scale facility as something larger than merely a research-and-development facility, furnishing a full test of technical and engineering aspects of getting rid of atomic wastes.

The main "candidate" for that is the Waste Isolation Pilot Project site at Carlsbad, N.M., Deutch told reporters.

Whether salt, basalt or granite sites are best is not really a matter of the materials as much as it is a question of the geologic character of the specific site, Deutch said.

Possible earthquakes, characteristics of water in the area, and other factors — "the geologic context" — should determine the choice, he explained.

Because the public's confidence is essential, Deutch said, officials should seek a "social consensus" on disposal techniques, by laying out the scientific information, giving scientists a chance at thorough and independent review, providing practical experience, and leaving room for corrections.

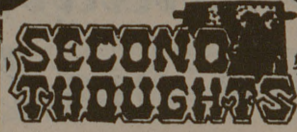
New readers' letter section

The Battalion is offering a new reader's letter section to give students more access to the newspaper and to the University.

"Talk with Dr. Miller" is a forum for readers to address questions to the administration about University policies and procedures.

Questions should be addressed to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, and should specify that they are to be used for this column. Names and phone numbers will be required on all questions and Dr. Miller has the option to decline to answer a question or request others on the staff or faculty to answer it.

Questions and answers will be published on the editorial page.



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Oil storage begun to cure shortages

HACKBERRY, La. — Oil began flowing Thursday through one of the nation's largest pipelines to an underground federal crude oil stockpile site in southwest Louisiana.

The oil is shipped from Persian

Gulf countries in supertankers to Caribbean port and then loaded on smaller tankers for a trip to New land where it is unloaded and put in the pipeline.

The 42-mile pipeline, 42 inches in diameter, can carry 11.7 million barrels of oil daily.

The oil was sent Wednesday to Nederland and tracked through the pipeline slowly behind a mechanical "pig." After initial tests the flow increased from 165,000 gallons per hour to more than twice that in 19 hours, reached the West Hackberry dome storage site Thursday, and was one day ahead of schedule.

The oil is to be stored underground for use by the federal government as a hedge against an Arab oil embargo.

So far, almost 50 million barrels of crude oil — about 2.1 billion gallons — are in storage at the three federal Strategic Petroleum Reserve sites, but Hackberry, La., Choctawhatchee, La., and Bryan Mound.

Plans call for the eventual storage of 1 billion barrels nationally.

William Parker, deputy director of the reserve program, said another Jamieson completion of the \$23 million pipeline would speed up placement of the product supplies in underground caverns. The initial flow was pumped into cavern No. 8, one of several being preserved out in the underground geological formation.

Parker said through a spokesman that completion of the pipeline meant the government would meet its scheduled target of 51 million barrels at Hackberry by early spring. An expansion program of new wells and underground caverns will then be under way to quadruple the capacity, which eventually expected to reach 211 million barrels.

Cavern No. 6 at the site and above-ground drilling wells were the scene of an explosion last week that killed one man and injured another.

The spectacular fire that resulted burned for six days and destroyed estimated \$1 million worth of oil.

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