Transition Team Question #13

Q: Why is NPR-3 still on the books at DOE and not with some other agency?

- **Deliverable: Provide answer to the question as to why NPR-3 is still with DOE and not at some other agency.**

A: NPR-3

NPR-3 is a stripper oilfield with limited production value. The Department has decided that to better maximize it's value, it would be made available for the Rocky Mountain Oilfield Testing Center (RMOTC) to partner, on a cost shared basis, with other government entities, academia, and industry to test the application of energy technologies that will reduce the environmental impact of oil and gas production and reduce the US dependence on foreign oil. The majority of activity at NPR-3 is now associated with RMOTC activities.

The Department made this decision based on an independent study that was commissioned by Gustavson and Associates in 1996 on the alternatives for operation of all the NPR-3, along with the other Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale (NOSR) properties. Based upon this study the Department determined that it would retain NPR-3 only and continue to operate and use it for RMOTC.