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Regional Seminar Held in Albuquerque

“Energy, Water, and the West,” a conference coorganized by the AAAS Division of Public Sector Programs and the National Conference of State Legislatures, was held in Albuquerque from 2 to 5 November 1975. Most of the approximately 100 participants were legislators from the Rocky Mountain states. Throughout the meeting, they explored a spectrum of problems and suggested solutions relating to the technical, social, economic, environmental, and political aspects of the anticipated increase in the development of Western energy resources.

Panelists and speakers included representatives from federal and state agencies, as well as scientists and technical experts from Western energy development industries, universities, and research institutes. The program featured a 1-day visit to the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories. This was highlighted by a panel discussion on nonwater-intensive energy resources and water resource enhancement, which was moderated by Robert Gillette of *Science*.

Two broad questions underlay much of the concern expressed by the conference participants. To what extent is it justified to exploit the West in order to service the demands of the more populous energy-importing regions of the country? Who will determine water allocation permits, the state or the federal government?

Governor Jerry Apodaca of New Mexico set the tone of the conference by emphasizing New Mexico's and other states' "commitment to help the nation meet its energy needs." However, he asserted, "at the same time we are also determined that this national commitment will not result in the destruction of the quality of our environment or the loss of our Western way of life."

In a luncheon address, Governor Thom-

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Boston Meeting Accessible to the Handicapped

Physically disabled scientists and interested lay persons are encouraged to attend the AAAS Annual Meeting in Boston, 18-24 February 1976. Efforts are being made to make the meeting fully accessible to people who are in wheelchairs, who have visual or auditory disabilities, and who need assistance because of other disabilities. These activities are being coordinated by the AAAS Project on the Handicapped in Science of the Office of Opportunities in Science in cooperation with the AAAS Meetings Office, Boston hotels, the Massachusetts Council of Organizations of the Handicapped, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission personnel, and other interested individuals and groups.

The Project on the Handicapped in Science will operate a resource center at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel in the Beacon E Room on the third floor. The center will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day of the meeting to offer special services. These will include (1) transportation for persons in wheelchairs to and from all sessions and to and from all public transportation terminals; (2) interpreters for the hearing impaired; (3) assistance for the visually handicapped; (4) repair service for wheelchairs and crutches; (5) special tour and sightseeing information for handicapped persons; and (6) round-the-clock telephone service for emergency needs. A "hotline" number will be posted in the resource center.

All handicapped persons who plan to attend the meeting are urged to contact the AAAS Project on the Handicapped in Science as soon as possible so that the most adequate services can be planned. Please call Martha Redden at the Project office at (202) 467-4497, or write to her at AAAS, Project on the Handicapped in Science, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.