

Discovery

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Abstract

Legacies that continue to shape Alberta flowed from the first Turner Valley drilling success, 60 kilometers southwest of Calgary. Historical records document formative experiences that began when the well started producing on May 14, 1914. Measured as an oil and natural gas supply source, the field was small by modern standards. The big contributions were to evolution of a distinctive business character and a durable, adaptable provincial regime of energy development governance.