

Proceedings of coal meeting available

The proceedings from "Focus on Alaska's Coal 1975," held at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, late last year, are now available from the university's School of Mines.

The conference examined the future of coal, its sources, possible consumers, quantities in Alaska, recovery methods, transportation, mining and environmental considerations and other factors.

In a preface to the proceedings Earl Beistline, dean of the School of Mines writes: "As a result of the conference the following points were brought into focus: Alaska's coal deposits are much more extensive than hitherto known.

The development of a coal industry in Alaska to supply West Coast markets is no longer a dream, and will in fact be a reality before long.

"Additional research on characterization and upgrading of coals is needed to further evaluate the potential of the enormous reserves."

The 281-page volume of the proceedings is available by writing to The School of Mines, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.