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be used in every city. A new recycling technology is needed. We was stop throwing metals away!

URBANIZATION OF THE NATION'S FLOOD PLAINS

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Should urbanization continue in an unregulated manner on the flood planding rock glaciers are progressively of the United States? Flood plains appear to be deforder of the deforder of the states of the virtual states of the st of the United States? Flood plains appear to be inferior places for banization for a number of compelling reasons. They are subject to :: ing from the stream and from interior drainage. The alluvium in fleet plains are water saturated and frequently contain soils of poor bearing properties. The high water table makes these areas unsuitable for page kinds of waste disposal. During earthquakes, water saturated alluvia: soils may become fluidized causing building failure. Flood plains (f ; gy bottoms) frequently are air pollution basins. Inversions have longe duration in valleys. Cold air moves downslope carrying pollutants. Cross winds can cause fumigations. What are the societal effects of 1: ing in an undesirable environment? The more affluent tend to move to : better location, leaving the poor to occupy the flood plains. The taxpayer subsidizes the occupancy of flood plains through protective works lost taxes, disaster relief, and welfare payments. There is a need for a national land use conscience.

EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES IN CENTRAL AMERICA Bennett, Richmond, and Catheryn M. Bennett, Interscience Laboratoric P.O. Box 8307, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

Geothermal prospects in El Salvador and Nicaragua are in the process of being developed for generation of electric power. Producing steam well, have been drilled in El Salvador but the Nicaraguan prospect has not passed the exploratory drilling stage.

The Ahuachapan geothermal area is located within the central grabe of El Salvador; the areas explored in Nicaragua lie within the Nicaragua Depression. These two structures constitute the dominant structural  $f e^{i \phi}$ ture of Central America. The Nicaraguan Depression contains a chain of Pleistocene and Recent volcanoes and many surface geothermal manifestations near the geothermal prospects. The Ahuachapan area is within a deeply eroded, partially filled caldera and has only small surface indications of geothermal activity.

Exploration involved geology, geophysics, geochemistry, and drilling of temperature-gradient wells. Geologic exploration included reconnaissance mapping, surface and water temperature measurements, and detailed mapping of geothermal prospect areas. Magnetic, gravity, and resistivit surveys in conjunction with the geochemistry of gases and water from  $h {\boldsymbol \omega} t$ springs and fumaroles aided in delineating the most favorable areas for drilling temperature-gradient wells: Shallow temperature-gradient wells were used as a guide for locating deeper wells from which the base temperature of the geothermal reservoir could be measured.

Disposal of waste water from the projects may be best accomplished by re-injection wells. High boron content makes surface disposal difficult in agricultural regions.

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sapped as Temple Lake, including thermal, because the boulders are ering rinds. Hence, late Pinedalis altitude cirques than previously

PRE-HERMAN STRANDLINES IN SOUT Bluemle, John P., North Dakota

58201 The Herman Beach has long been extensive level of Lake Agassiz. However found in southeastern North Dakota at Herman level. Most of the newly-marge adjacent areas of wave-washed till, but with faulted and contorted bedding at a found in the area, which covers about where it is level-bedded, or on hill d commonly faulted and contorted. The that flooded a widespread area of the melted, resulted in the disturbed bed found elsewhere in North Dakota. collapsed lake deposits associated with lake sediment formed while Lake A when the glacier still filled much of the of the ice margin, the lake drained lake plain below the Herman Beach.

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