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LOUISIANA

Production of sulphur was resumed in Louisiana in 1932 when 13,401 long tons was produced. The output amounted to 229,830 tons in 1934 compared with 321,492 tons in 1933. Two companies, the Jefferson Lake Oil Co., Inc., and the Freeport Sulphur Co., were the producers in 1934. The State severance tax on sulphur was in-

creased from 27 to 60 cents per ton on August 1, 1934.

Freeport Sulphur Co.—In December 1933 the Freeport Sulphur Co. began to produce sulphur from the Grande Ecaille salt dome in Plaquemines Parish about 45 miles southeast of New Orleans. Production was continuous during 1934 and amounted to 153,362 long tons, according to the Supervisor of Public Accounts, State of Louisiana. The pumping of mud into the formations was continued during the year to obtain better thermal efficiency of the hot water used for production purposes. This process was developed by Freeport's engineers in overcoming similar difficulties in the development of Hos-

Jefferson Lake Oil Co.—This company continued to produce sulphur at the Jefferson Island salt dome but at a lower rate than in 1933. According to the Supervisor of Public Accounts, State of Louisiana,

the output totaled 75,802 long tons in 1934.

CALIFORNIA

Six operators in California produced 4,410 long tons of sulphur in The largest producer was the West Coast Sulphur Co., which leased the Crater group of claims in Inyo County on July 6, 1934. Production from this property during the first half of the year was reported by Smith, Carsten, and associates. The Crater group is 27 miles south of Oasis and 62 miles by road from Zurich, a station on the Southern Pacific Railroad. The ore contains about 85 percent sulphur, is produced from opencuts and underground operations, and is shipped to Los Angeles or San Francisco, where it is used for making sulphuric acid. The Hog Back and Sulphur Queen mines also produced sulphur in Inyo County in 1934.

The Leviathan Sulphur Co. continued to produce sulphur in 1934 from its Leviathan mine in Alpine County about 10 miles east of Markleeville. The sulphur at this property occurs in an andesitic tuff, and the ore is said to carry 40 percent sulphur. The ore is crushed and retorted, and the product (which contains 99.5 percent

sulphur) is shipped to San Francisco.

OTHER STATES

Utah.—No production was reported by the Utah Sulphur Industries, which is experimenting and adding new equipment.

New Mexico. Development work but no production was reported from the sulphur deposits near Jemez Springs.



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