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- Meeker Questionnaire -

Do you know about the proposal for underground nuclear blasting at Rio Blanco?

	<u>Absolute Number</u>	<u>%</u>	0159006
YES	175	99.4	
NO	1	.6	

No response = 5

According to the information I have received, the major purpose of the project is ...

<u>Absolute Number</u>	<u>%</u>	
<u>23</u>	<u>13.1</u>	To develop an oil shale industry
<u>151</u>	<u>85.8</u>	To stimulate natural gas production
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	To develop a new means of hard rock mining
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	To obtain underground water
<u>2</u>	<u>1.1</u>	I am not aware of the purpose
<u>151</u>	<u>85.8</u>	Correct responses
<u>25</u>	<u>14.2</u>	Incorrect responses

No response = 5

According to the information I have received, the commercial sponsors of the project are ...

<u>Absolute Number</u>	<u>%</u>	
<u>29</u>	<u>16.8</u>	Shell Oil & TOSCO
<u>1</u>	<u>.6</u>	Superior & Uranium
<u>5</u>	<u>2.9</u>	Austral & Continental
<u>105</u>	<u>58.0</u>	Equity & CER
<u>33</u>	<u>19.1</u>	I am not aware of the sponsor
<u>105</u>	<u>58.0</u>	Correct responses
<u>68</u>	<u>42.0</u>	Incorrect responses

No response = 8

According to the information I have received, the total number of nuclear blasts that will eventually be required to develop the Rio Blanco field is ...

<u>Absolute Number</u>	<u>%</u>	
7	4.0	a. 1
23	13.3	b. 3
6	3.5	c. 10
11	6.4	d. 50
67	38.7	e. 100 or more
59	34.1	f. I am not aware of the number of blasts
<u>67</u>	<u>38.7</u>	Correct responses
<u>114</u>	<u>61.3</u>	Incorrect responses

No response = 8

Please check the sources of your information about the proposal for underground nuclear blasting.

<u>Absolute Number</u>	<u>%</u>	
<u>143</u>	<u>79.8</u>	Meeker Herald
<u>100</u>	<u>55.2</u>	Out of town newspapers
<u>67</u>	<u>37.0</u>	Friends
<u>54</u>	<u>29.8</u>	Public Meetings
<u>45</u>	<u>24.9</u>	Radio
<u>37</u>	<u>20.4</u>	Television
<u>17</u>	<u>9.4</u>	Magazines

No response = 7

What is your attitude toward the underground nuclear blast proposed for next year at Rio Blanco?

	<u>Absolute Number</u>	<u>%</u>	
Strongly in favor	37	20.4	21.5
Mildly in favor	49	27.1	28.9
Mildly oppose	23	12.7	13.4
Strongly oppose	63		36.6

No response = 9

What is your attitude toward the long term development of the Rio Blanco field by underground nuclear blasting?

	<u>Absolute Number</u>	<u>%</u>	
Strongly in favor	36	19.9	20.
Mildly in favor	44	24.3	25.
Mildly oppose	25	13.8	14.4
Strongly oppose	69	38.1	39.

No response = 7

The project will benefit the Meeker area economically.

DEFINITELY
AGREE

PROBABLY
AGREE

PROBABLY
DISAGREE

DEFINITELY
DISAGREE

34.5 41.4 11.5 12.6

The blasting will contaminate underground water supplies.

20.5 34.9 30.1 14.5

Not enough is known about the nuclear blasting to allow the project to continue.

36.4 16.4 27.9 19.4

The blasting will damage buildings in Meeker and the surrounding area.

22.2 29.2 28.1 20.5

The blasting will interfere with the development of oil shale industry.

23.7 25.4 27.8 23.1

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