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ABSTRACT

The production and transfer of knowledge are essential for producing oil. In this paper, I examine research relations paper his Authority among c drain Province regime. governm future re entrepre of the biosphere, I suggest this was a novel system of knowledge-enclosure of the

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"necrosphere." I stress how this knowledge-production-transfer regime only emerged in Alberta because of the specific material characteristics of bitumen and the Provincial government's tripartite role as resource rentier, funder of the research, and owner of the resource.

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