

Technical Editor's Page

The purpose of the JOURNAL OF ENERGY RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY is to publish technical papers of permanent interest relating to research and engineering applications in the fields of energy resources technology, offshore technology, and ocean engineering technology. Success of this transactions journal depends upon the efforts of many people.

In order for this journal to fulfill its stated purpose, there must be an adequate supply of high quality technical papers in the areas of interest to the readers. These papers come primarily from the Energy-sources Technology Conference and Exhibition (ETCE), the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC), and the Winter Annual Meeting of ASME. Unsolicited papers for publication without presentation will also be published subject to the usual review process.

For a successful journal, there must also be an interested readership who provide feedback by means of written discussions of previously published papers and who communicate their ideas for journal improvement to the technical editor. We wish to encourage you to provide us with your comments.

In keeping with an ASME policy that the Transactions journals should be financially self-supporting, there is a critical need for paid subscriptions by libraries and individuals. Please request that your organization consider subscribing to JERT. Page charges through the author to the author's company, institution, or agency also provide needed financial support. Although publication is not dependent upon payment of the page charge, it is hoped that such payment will be made whenever possible since it constitutes an important part of the journal's operating budget.

The contributions of those who have made this issue of the journal possible are gratefully acknowledged. Authors have shared their accomplishments with us and their work is being recorded herein as part of the ASME permanent literature. Session developers and operating committee chairpersons have been responsible for bringing together many excellent papers for oral presentations at ASME meetings. These papers form the nucleus for this journal.

Our associate editors obtain reviews of papers being considered for the journal and make recommendations regarding publication of these papers. Their job is especially difficult for a new journal where a list of potential reviewers is not available. Technical reviewers have aided the authors and editors by carefully studying manuscripts and offering critiques which, in many cases, have provided information that enabled the authors to present their work more clearly and with greater technical accuracy.

After all of the aforementioned contributions have been made, the task of actually getting the journal produced is the responsibility of our production editor, Ms. Lynn Rosenfeld. The technical editor has depended upon Mr. Paul Drummond and Ms. Donna Higgins at ASME headquarters for many tasks associated with getting this issue in print. Their help is sincerely appreciated.

Finally, we want to thank you, the reader, for reading the JOURNAL OF ENERGY RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY.

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