
**Back to the future: oil from the Green
Point Formation, western Newfoundland**

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The Green Point Formation has long been recognized as a rich hydrocarbon source rock and the origin of oil found in seeps and early shallow wells from Parson's Pond in the north to Shoal Point in the south. While significant but low volume production was established from this horizon in Parson's Pond in the late 1800s and early 1900s, the possibility of obtaining economic production from the Green Point itself has been discounted in the more recent past because it did not fit the classical description of a reservoir. However, the application of new technology to similar shale formations elsewhere has demonstrated that so called unconventional plays can, indeed, be commercial in today's price environment. This presentation will discuss the current project to test the commerciality of the Green Point in the Port au Port Bay area.