

## Mill helps meet needs

CHEYENNE — A new bentonite mill at Worland will help meet the increased demand for the product.

Forrest K. Root of the Wyoming Geological Survey reports that the new Worland mill will come into production in July of 1974.

Root said Wyoming bentonite will be in greater demand because of drilling for oil and gas. "Production from existing mines and mills has been at near capacity levels," he reported.

Most of Wyoming's bentonite production, 41 per cent, is now used for iron ore pelletizing, followed by drilling mud, 29 per cent; foundry sands, 25 per cent; animal feed, three per cent, and water proofing and sealing, one per cent.

Root also noted an expected greater use of bentonite in water pollution control.

"This, along with greater demand for drilling muds and increasing export business can be expected to produce a growth of seven to ten per cent a year in demand over the next few years," he said. "Additional new production facilities will be needed to meet that demand."

## Percentage of Bentonite Use

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