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ARNOLD SILVERMAN OF UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA APPOINTED TO BOARD OF MINERAL RESOURCES

MISSOULA --

Dr. Arnold J. Silverman, professor of geology at the University of Montana in Missoula, has been appointed to the Board of Mineral Resources of the National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Engineering.

Silverman, who joined the UM geology faculty in 1959, said the board is designed "to formulate a national and international U.S. minerals policy." As a board member, the UM professor will attend board meetings, review reports, recommend studies and consult with representatives of the executive and legislative branches of the federal government.

The Board of Mineral Resources will meet at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, on Nov. 23.

Silverman received his bachelor's degree at Boston University and he was awarded the master's degree and doctorate in geology at Columbia University.

Under a National Science Foundation grant of \$175,000, Silverman is directing a research project that will attempt to develop baseline information about the Fort Union Coal Basin in eastern Montana. Main research sites are in Rosebud and Big Horn Counties, and additional work is being done in Treasure, Custer and Powder River Counties.