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Frank Lichnovsky: A Life in the Day Of A Geologist

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Frank Lichnovsky, P.G. (Chief Geologist) has worked for PowerTech Uranium Corp. since 2006. After graduating from high school in Kermit, Texas he attended Sucross State University at Alpine, Texas and graduated with a B.S. in Geology in 1965.

Frank went to work for Texaco in Midland, Texas and that is where he met and married his wife, Rhesa. They moved to Pecos, Texas where Frank worked for Duval Corporation. They discovered approximately 35 million tons of sulphur and the mine lasted roughly 20 years. Duval was closing the Midland office and asked Frank if he would like to go to Australia. Rhesa, Frank's wife, had already told him she would love to go there, so "yes" was a foregone conclusion. For 18 months they lived in a house overlooking the bay at Mosman Park, not too far from Perth. Frank worked on mineral exploration for all types of minerals and metals. John, one of his two children was born there. Frank smilingly said, "it was a great experience, the people were very friendly which helped make it a lot of fun."

From Australia they moved to Jeffrey City, Wyoming where Frank worked in an underground uranium mine for a little less than a year. He has two distinct memories of



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Frank Lichnovsky

Wyoming. A fond memory of fishing in the Sweetwater River which ran just outside of Jeffrey City. The not so fond memory is of mosquitoes

which chased everyone into the house at sundown. He says the mosquitoes were so resistant to even foggers, they would rise above the

fog and then come back down. However, that didn't deter him from fishing.

During the next couple years, Frank worked with uranium exploration. The Lichnovsky's second child, Lalinda, was born at Riverton, Wyoming in 1972. During the next several years he helped with at least seven more in situ mining locations from Alice, Texas to Australia. When he returned from his job in Australia he came home to a granddaughter, Tatijana born to Lalinda and her husband Gary.

At Midland again he did sample analysis with oil wells and worked 24 hours on and 24 hours off. He went back to Kingsville, Texas and worked with another in situ mine for a couple years.

In 2006 Frank and his family moved to Hot Springs, South Dakota. The president of Powertech previously worked with Frank and offered him a job. Now Powertech won't let him retire, and it's something Frank and the Powertech president laugh over.

It is obvious Frank loves what he does and Powertech affords him the opportunity to combine his great personality, his wealth of knowledge and his years of experience. In case anyone would like to talk to Frank, you will find he is very approachable and willing to share.