UTILISING LEGAL FRAMEWORKS TO ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE EXTRACTION OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES: A CASE STUDY FROM NORWAY

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Legal institutions and frameworks are vital in ensuring that sustainable extraction of non-renewable resources occurs. The role that policy and legal structure plays in encouraging sustainable extraction cannot be underestimated.

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