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## General Comment

Dear Mr. Southall:

As a coal miner, Wyoming native, and Montana tax payer. I am concerned with the Department of Interiors recently proposed rule Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform (ONRR-2012-0004 (1012-AA13)). The rule directly affects my future employment stability thus affecting my ability to provide for my family. The coal industry provided important middle class jobs and economic stability to the region. Without coal, I would struggle to continue to live in this area that I enjoy so much.

I agree with the concerns outlined by Cloud Peak Energy in their comments on the rule. As proposed, this rule threatens to significantly curtail responsible production of natural resources, and so we ask that the Department of Interior withdraw the rule.

The proposed rule is deeply flawed and incompatible with the Office of Natural Resource Revenues (ONRR) mission to optimize revenues from federal resources and should be withdrawn. The new rule is a thinly veiled attempt to keep federal coal in the ground rather than to optimize revenues.

I believe this proposed rule would have a negative impact on our community by reducing important royalty revenue to Montana and the Federal government. The Office of Natural Resource Revenue has an important charge, and appropriate development of Americas natural

resources is essential for economic growth, prosperity and funding of important government services.

Thank you for your attention to this matter of significant importance.

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