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General Comment

Dear Mr. Southall:

As a Montanan, 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)) and 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with the Office of Natural Resource Revenues (ONRR) mission to optimize revenues from federal resources and should be withdrawn.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 likely 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.

Yours sincerely,

