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## General Comment

Mr. Southall,

I oppose ONRR-2012-0004(1012-AA13)) as a taxpayer and a local elected school board member. Cloud Peak Energy's Spring Creek Mine located in southeastern Montana shipped approximately 17.4 million tons of low-sulfur, federal lease coal in 2014. Last year alone, the Spring Creek Mine generated more than \$75 million in taxes and royalties. This funded a lot of essential government services at the federal, state and local levels, including our schools. Cloud Peak Energy is a valuable contributor of volunteer hours and money to many non-profits in our Wyoming communities of Ranchester and Dayton.

I feel the proposed rule could have a detrimental impact on the future of the Spring Creek Mine, its workers, and our communities. As proposed, this rule threatens to curtail responsible production of our natural resources. The people in our communities depend on reliable and affordable electricity for their homes and businesses. Please withdraw the rule that will keep coal in the ground rather than optimize revenues as per the Office of Natural Resource Revenue's mission.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Walters