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General Comment

Dear Mr. Southall:

The proposed rule (ONRR-2012-004 (1012-AA13)) Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform is deeply troubling, and is opposed by our ranching family.

Our family ranch is located approximately 11 miles from Cloud Peak Energy's Spring Creek Mine. The negative impact this ruling may have on the coal industry in this small of an area would be devastating. The impact on the community from this uncertain proposed rule would not only affect individuals perhaps losing their jobs, but also the services that are funded at the federal, state and local levels. Spring Creek Mine has been a valuable neighbor and has provided employment opportunity for our small area.

With the uncertainty of the oil, gas and coal industries, why would we as a nation want to further curtail and limit our source of affordable electricity and oil?

Thank you.