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General Comment

Please DO NOT pass this proposed rule! This rule punishes miners that sell to small industrial customers and export coal. It will hurt coal cooperatives and captive mine power plants. This rule gives way too much power to the Secretary of the Interior. I believe this rule will hurt coal mines thus causing a loss of jobs. It will cause a loss much bigger than it will gain in tax revenue. In 2014, coal producers in Montana and Wyoming paid over \$600 million in federal royalties alone. Half of the royalties were disbursed back to the states for education and infrastructure.

The changes in the proposed rule will cause higher power prices in the US that will be passed down to the consumer. It will hurt industry, the Native American people, lower income families and the working middle class which supports this great country.

This rule will ruin towns and counties across America not to mention individual livelihoods. It will have a negative trickle down affect starting with coal miners and their families, railroad workers, their families, public schools, the public transportation system, local businesses and the list goes on.

Keep the royalty valuation the same. DO NOT PASS THIS PROPOSED RULE.