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General Comment

I am submitting 20769 public comments on behalf of Greenpeace USA supporters. These supporters signed their names to the comment below, however many of them wrote their own comments, which you can read in the attached document.

"I am writing to ask that the federal government stop leasing out public lands to the coal industry. In order to curb climate change and protect the planet, it is critical that we keep publicly-owned coal underground. Until we close this loophole, the federal coal program will continue to undermine President Obama's climate plan and his legacy.

It is time for the Department of the Interior (DOI) to close up loopholes that let the coal industry rip off the American public. Companies should not be allowed to profit at the expense of our climate and our public lands. With 40% of our nation's coal coming from public lands, the Department has a vital role to play in ensuring industry pays its fair share. Closing this coal export loophole is a good first step to fix the DOI's giveaways to the coal industry, but much more is needed.

Ultimately, coal needs to stay in the ground in order to keep us from pushing past an irreversible climate tipping point."

Attachments

