

BILL KING: Hello, my name is Bill King. I am a civil engineer at the Bowie Resource Partners Dugout Mine. I am also one of the many hard-working, taxpaying, positive society contributing husbands and fathers helping to ensure a healthy environment for current and future generations. As the United States Department of the Interior performed comprehensive review of the Federal Coal Program, the Programmatic Environmental Statement stated issues and policies including the following, whether Americans are receiving a fair return for federal coal and how federal coal effects the environment. The government is asking the wrong question. They should be asking for economically and environmentally safe ways to obtaining maximum coal extraction rates which would in turn provide an increased return of revenue while protecting the environment. If the BLM and other government agencies believe that increasing royalties causing coal to stay in the ground will benefit the environment, they are honestly mistaken. The cost of reducing emissions are enormous. While the reductions in atmosphere concentrations of greenhouse gasses are nonexistent. Remember federal coal when combusted only contributes to 10 percent of the U.S. total greenhouse gas emissions. The supreme court decision to uphold the federal agency's ability to artificially make green energy more cost efficient was upheld by fraud and deceit. Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, or MIT, have confirmed what many in the energy world already knew: Without government support or high taxes green energy will never be able to compete with conventional, more reliable fossil fuel power plants. Their study concluded that the government should make green energy only work when energy prices are extremely high. The International Energy Agency estimated that developing wind and solar power enough to cut global warming could cost up to 16.5 trillion. Windmills, solar panels, and ethanol could not compete with coal, natural gas, and oil without mandates and subsidies even when the price of the convention fuels are relative high. Now that the price for fossil fuels have plummeted, very little renewable energy capacity will install unless the mandates and the subsidies are raised even higher. Green power alone will add billions, if not ten of billions, to cost of individual consumers and the American economy. Studies have also shown that general results in higher electricity costs for consumers which disproportionally harms the poor. Is green energy really green when costs associated are so high that the general public can no longer afford it? What happens when families, communities or a country turns to wood burning stoves

due to the fact they can no longer afford green energy? I will tell you what happens. The same thoughtless, ignorant power that the federal government used in all its wisdom to take away fossil fuels will mandate no wood-burning stoves causing countries, families, children, and elderly to suffer and possibly perish during the cold winter months. Your choices will not only affect the coal-dependent communities but will impact an entire nation. Increasing the royalty rate and imposing other additional burdens on protection of federal coal will not increase revenues but will actually decrease the revenues occurring to the public. Please help the nation understand that maximizing coal extraction through the economically environmentally safe practices is the best alternative to the Federal Coal Program. Thank you.