

Neil Kornze  
Principal Deputy Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
1849 C St. NW  
Room 5665  
Washington, DC 20240

RE: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Request for Comment: Oil and Gas; Well Stimulation, Including Hydraulic Fracturing, on Federal and Indian Lands

June 3, 2013

Dear Mr. Kornze:

The Energy Producing States Coalition (EPSC) is a group of state legislators working together to develop positions on matters of common interest to energy producing states and advocate for sound public policy on issues that affect domestic energy production and transmission. The group was founded in 2011 and currently includes legislators representing Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

With regard to the Bureau of Land Management's recent proposed rule related to hydraulic fracturing on Public and Indian lands, EPSC believes that the thirty-day comment period is inadequate. Thirty days will not provide our members and their constituent's sufficient time to adequately evaluate the potential impacts of the new proposed rule, nor time to address issues that arise from their evaluation.

The Energy Producing States Coalition respectfully requests that the Bureau of Land Management revise the time frame for accepting comments related to its newly proposed rule on hydraulic fracturing on Public and Indian lands. A minimum of 90 days is recommended for the comment period.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Representative Roger Barrus  
Utah State Legislature  
Chairman, EPSC



Speaker Thomas Lubnau  
Wyoming Legislature  
Immediate Past Chairman, EPSC



Senator Cathy Giessel  
Alaska Legislature  
Chairman-Elect, EPSC