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Oil Shale and Tar Sands Draft Programmatic EIS Comments
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RE: Responsible Development of National Oil Shale and Tar Sands Resources

Please reply to

I would like to express my strong support for the development of our national oil shale and tar sands resources, including the leasing in Utah, Colorado and Wyoming as proposed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in its Draft Programmatic EIS. The federal government must allow for the thoughtful and appropriate use of our nation's natural energy resources in order to reduce our reliance on foreign energy imports.

Consumers, industry and businesses throughout the nation are struggling with rising energy prices, tighter supplies and increased dependence on imports from politically unstable areas. Government estimates conclude that the oil shale and tar sands in those areas of Utah, Colorado and Wyoming that BLM has proposed for leasing have enough oil to meet America's gasoline demand for more than 18 years.

With today's technology, this enhanced development can be conducted in an environmentally sound manner. There is a great need to develop unconventional fuels, such as oil shale and tar sands, in ways that reduce environmental impacts and increase socio-economic benefits for the community.

Further, production of domestic unconventional fuels will have a positive impact on America's energy security. For example:

- . In spite of significant conservation efforts, world energy demand is projected to increase by 50% during the next 20 years and could double in 50 years.
- . Business and industry struggle with rising energy prices. The airline industry, for example, paid \$9.6 billion more for energy in 2005 than previous years.
- . The United States military currently uses approximately 500,000 barrels of oil daily - over 75% of which is imported. According to the Department of Defense, such reliance on imported oil constitutes a national security threat to the US.

Finally, development of unconventional fuels will produce a strong workforce and will support the local and regional economies of Utah, Colorado and Wyoming.

The utilization of oil shale and tar sands from these leasing areas will offer significant benefits to the local communities and will strengthen our national energy security while bringing the necessary supplies of oil into the markets to offset increased global demand. I encourage developing these areas while protecting the environment, local communities and other economic interests.

Sincerely,

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