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Dear Members of the Regulatory Division:

Re Support of an Established Commercial  
Oil Shale Program

I support the BLM's decision to create standards for a commercial oil shale program on federal lands.

Regulatory certainty from such a program would go a long way to further assisting the development of domestic oil shale resources as part of a balanced national energy policy.

Care should be taken that royalty rates are not set at a level which hinder new technologies & innovation in oil shale developments. While I don't know what the exact royalty rate should be, I suspect that the proposed 5% is too high and that a lower rate should be considered.

Let's develop all of our domestic energy resources as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
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