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MINING OF THE OSAGE MINERAL ESTATE FOR OIL AND GAS
25 CFR 226
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1 comments up until March 17th.

2 So the format for tonight. This should be

3 much like other public meetings you may have attended

4 in the past. There will be two parts of it. First,

5 we have two presentations. We have some copies of

6 them up here. These will also posted online. But

7 those will come first. And we will hear first from

8 the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide more

9 information about the proposal and the second we'll

10 hear from the Office of Natural Resources Revenue.

11 Then Principal Chief Standing Bear will also provide a

12 statement as a personal comment and then we may kind

13 of move on from there. And that will start the

14 kickoff. The second part of our meeting, which will

15 be the most important part of the meeting, which is

16 all of you to make your comments. So please talk

17 about what you might want us to know about that

18 represents you individually or your organizations that

19 you're representing tonight.

20 There will -- sorry, multiple ways to get your

21 comments into the public record. You can come up and

22 do it tonight, you can go online to regulations.gov

23 and submit electronically, you can also mail or hand

24 deliver your comments to me.

25 All right, I think that's it. So without

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1 MS. GENOVA: All right, we still have seats up

2 here in the front, seats up here if you like, a few in

3 the middle back there where it's closer to hear us.

4 So feel free to come on up, don't be shy.

5 So I just wanted to welcome all of you. My

6 name is Leslie Genova and I'll just be your

7 facilitator for the meeting tonight. This is the

8 meeting on the Mining of the Osage Mineral Estate for

9 Oil and Gas Pumping Units. So welcome everyone.

10 Okay. I just want to talk a little

11 housekeeping matters as we get going here. The

12 purpose of the night is to hear from you. We'll also

13 be providing some information and some presentations.

14 We have a court reporter here who is here to make sure

15 your words are accurately captured. As you came in

16 you should have been asked to fill out a comment card

17 if you're interested in speaking tonight. If you have

18 one and you filled it out and you would like to speak

19 you have to turn it in at some point, come up front

20 and give it to the guy, he will put it in the pile for

21 you.

22 And let's see, and also if you change your

23 mind and later on you'd like to make a public comment,

24 you can also do that towards the end and certainly

25 after you leave there's other opportunities to give

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1 further adieu, I will call Eddie Streater from BIA to

2 the podium. Thank you.

3 MR. STREATER: Good evening, everyone. I know

4 quite a few people here, but my name is Eddie Streater

5 and I'm the regional director for the Eastern Oklahoma

6 Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs. I want to

7 express my appreciation for everybody coming out. The

8 weather certainly wasn't the best in the world this

9 evening, but we managed to make it here and looks like

10 we're going to have a full house and be able to do

11 what we want to do and we'll going to get a lot of

12 good public comments and a lot of good ideas here and

13 that's what we plan on doing. I'm going to give an

14 overview, it's of the rule and then ONRR will also

15 follow up with their presentation and then we'll get

16 into the public comment, but that's what we're here

17 today is to hear from you. So we'll let them set up

18 the lectern there and then we'll get started.

19 All right. As everyone knows, this public

20 meeting is regarding the BIA's proposal to revise the

21 regulations in 25 CFR 226 which cover oil and gas

22 mining as designated in the video. And I want

23 everybody to keep in mind the proposed rule is just

24 that. It's proposed revisions to the current

25 regulations that we would like for feedback on. The

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1 provisions to the regulations are not set in stone and
 2 there are no changes that lessee or operator need to
 3 make right now. The currently regulations in 25 CFR
 4 226 are still authoritative and lessees and operators
 5 must comply with those regulations until a final rule
 6 has been issued and goes into effect. So nothing is
 7 going to change. This is a proposal for rule. We are
 8 still operating under CFR 226 as of current. As you
 9 can see --
 10 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Can we get you closer to the
 11 mic?
 12 MR. STREATER: I'm not really sure. We'll see how
 13 this goes. Can you hear that better?
 14 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah.
 15 MR. STREATER: Okay. Could we change the slide?
 16 We're having a little background of what is --
 17 why 226 is in place currently. The Congress passed
 18 the Act June 28th, 1906 to provide for a lot of the
 19 Osage Indian reservation. Section 3 of the Osage Act
 20 severed the surface estate of the reservation from the
 21 1.47 million acre subsurface mineral estate, which
 22 we'll refer to as the Osage Mineral Estate, and
 23 reserving all oil and gas and other minerals in the
 24 Osage Nation in perpetuity. Accordingly, the United
 25 States holds the Osage Mineral Estate in trust for the

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1 benefit of the Osage Nation pursuant to the 1906 Act.
 2 The 1906 Act authorizes the Osage Nation to lease the
 3 Osage Mineral Estate for oil and gas mining subject to
 4 the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and
 5 under such rules and regulations as the secretary may
 6 prescribe. The regulations governing oil and gas
 7 leasing and development within the Osage Mineral
 8 Estate are set forth in 25 CFR 226.
 9 Next slide. The regulations in 25 CFR 226
 10 need to be revised for several reasons. First, the
 11 regulations have not been updated in 49 years. The
 12 last substantive revision of the regulations took
 13 place in 1974. Second, the regulations do not account
 14 for advances in technology since the 1970s. Third,
 15 the regulations do not reflect modern oil and gas
 16 operations within the Osage Mineral Estate. Fourth,
 17 the regulations are inconsistent with industry
 18 standards for oil and gas operations. Fifth, the
 19 regulations are inconsistent with oil and gas
 20 regulations governing the rest of Indian country. And
 21 finally, the regulations must be revised to implement
 22 certain recommendations from the 2014 Office of
 23 Inspector General OIG report regarding the BIA's
 24 management of the Osage Nation's mineral resources.
 25 Next slide. The BIA's goals for revision of

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1 the regulation are to, one, strengthen BIA's
 2 management of the Osage Mineral Estate, two, improve
 3 production accountability to ensure that the Osage
 4 Nation receives the full value of oil and gas
 5 resources, three, allow the Office of Natural Resource
 6 Revenue, or ONRR, to take over the Osage Agency's
 7 royalty management program, which includes royalty
 8 payments, processing, royalty reporting, production
 9 reporting and related audit and enforcement functions,
 10 modernize the regulations and make them consistent
 11 with the regulations governing all other Indian oil
 12 and gas leases DOI administers nationwide, clarify the
 13 superintendent, lessees, operators and reporting
 14 obligations to safe environmentally sound operations.
 15 Next slide. Due to the length of time that
 16 has passed since the last update to the regulations, a
 17 number of changes must be made to accomplish the goals
 18 identified in the prior slide. And the following is
 19 an overview of some of the significant proposed
 20 changes of the regulation.
 21 Next slide. The current regulation provides
 22 for three types of leases of the Osage Mineral Estate,
 23 oil only leases, gas only leases and a combination of
 24 oil and gas leases. Under the proposed rule there's
 25 just one time of lease, combination oil and gas.

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1 Combination oil and gas leases issued under the
 2 proposed rule by combination oil and gas leases that
 3 issue under the current regulations give the lessee
 4 the right to produce both oil and gas from a lease but
 5 do not require the lessee to produce both oil and gas.
 6 This change only applies to leases issued after the
 7 effective date of the final ruling. Oil only and gas
 8 only leases issued before the effective date of the
 9 final rule will remain valid until they terminate due
 10 to lack of production or are surrendered by the lessee
 11 or canceled by the superintendent for cause.
 12 Next slide. The current regulations set the
 13 annual rentals at one dollar per acre, or fractional
 14 acre, for oil and gas and gas only leases and two
 15 dollars per acre, or fractional acre, for combination
 16 oil and gas leases. As previously noted, under the
 17 proposed rule all new leases will be a combination oil
 18 and gas lease. Those leases will be eight dollars per
 19 acre or a fraction of that. This change only applies
 20 to combination oil and gas leases issued after the
 21 effective date of the final rule. The rental rate for
 22 all leases issued before the effective date of the
 23 final rule will remain the same.
 24 Next slide. The current regulation require
 25 the filing of insurance bonds for each lease. Three

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1 types of bonds are allowed, a lease bond, which is
 2 5,000 for each quarter section or fractional quarter
 3 section covered by the lease, two, a collective bond,
 4 which is 50,000 for oil and gas leases to which lessee
 5 is, or may become, a party to in total mine acres of
 6 10,240 acres or less, and three, a nationwide bond,
 7 which is 150,000 for all oil and gas leases to which
 8 the lessee is, or may become, a party within the
 9 United States. Under the proposed rule there are also
 10 three types of performance bonds available. Number
 11 one is the individual well bond, which will be six
 12 dollars per foot of measured well depth for existing
 13 wells or projected well depth for proposed wells, the
 14 individual well put on to replace the lease bond.
 15 Two, the county wide bond, which is 75,000 for oil and
 16 gas leases and saltwater disposal easements to which
 17 the lessee is, or may become, a party within the Osage
 18 Mineral Estate with a total mine acreage of 10,240
 19 acres or less. And the countywide bond replaces the
 20 collective bond. And three, the nationwide bond,
 21 which \$150,000 for all oil and gas leases to which the
 22 lessee is, or may become, a party within the United
 23 States and all saltwater disposal easements within the
 24 Osage Mineral Estate.
 25 The \$5,000 lease bonds and \$50,000 collective

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1 bonds filed valid producing leases before the
 2 effective date of the final rule will remain valid,
 3 subject to limitations. Grandfathered leases and
 4 collective bonds are an acceptable form of financial
 5 security for the lessee of record on the effective
 6 date of the final rule only. The right to maintain
 7 the grandfather bond cannot be transferred by
 8 assignment or otherwise to any other person or entity.
 9 Grandfather leases and collective bonds only cover
 10 unplugged wells located on the lease or leases that
 11 the lessee drilled and completed, operated or
 12 controlled before the effective date of the final
 13 rule. Lessees with grandfather leases and collective
 14 bonds must file bonds that comply with the new bonding
 15 requirements in the proposed rule for all wells they
 16 drill, reenter, recomplete or accept the assignment
 17 after the effective date of the final rule.
 18 Next slide. The current regulations do not
 19 specify bonding requirements for geophysical
 20 exploration operations, but provide the superintendent
 21 has broad authority both in pre bond amounts and apply
 22 any regulatory requirements in 25 CFR 226 to parties
 23 conducting geophysical exploration operations. The
 24 proposed rule imposes specific bonding requirements
 25 for geophysical operations on lease tracts of the

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1 Osage Mineral Estate. And three types of bonds are
 2 allowed for geophysical exploration, the individual
 3 exploration bond, which is \$5,000 covering a specific
 4 tract of the Osage Mineral Estate identified in the
 5 application for the geophysical exploration permit,
 6 two, countywide exploration bonds, which are 25,000,
 7 covering all geophysical exploration operations within
 8 the Osage Mineral Estate, and three, the nationwide
 9 exploration bond, which is \$50,000, covering all
 10 geophysical exploration operations within the United
 11 States. Lessees with valid countywide or nationwide
 12 bonds for lease operations under the proposed rule may
 13 file bond rider to cover geophysical exploration
 14 operations.
 15 Next slide. The current regulations require
 16 lessees to submit a monthly report by the 25th day of
 17 the month following the production month indicating
 18 the total amount of oil, gas and other products
 19 subject to royalty payment. Production is currently
 20 reported by lease. Lessees submit monthly reports to
 21 the Osage Agency and the report shall be paper form
 22 that must be submitted by mail. Under the proposed
 23 rule the lessee would submit a separate royalty and
 24 production report. Lessees must submit monthly
 25 royalty reports on or before the last calender day of

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1 the month following the production month. Lessees
 2 must submit a monthly production report on or before
 3 the 15th day of the second month following the
 4 production month. Production will be reported by
 5 well. Both royalty and production reports will be
 6 submitted to ONRR. Forms will be submitted
 7 electronically using ONRR's eCommerce reporting system
 8 unless the report qualified for an exemption in the
 9 electronic reporting.
 10 Next slide. The current regulations require
 11 lessees to pay royalty based on the actual selling
 12 price, but not less than the highest posted price by a
 13 major purchaser in Osage County that purchases the
 14 oil, gas -- purchases oil produced from the Osage
 15 Minimal Estate. Under the proposed rule lessees will
 16 pay a royalty based on the greater of the NYMEX
 17 calendar month average price of oil at Cushing,
 18 Oklahoma for the month in which the oil was removed or
 19 sold, adjusted for gravity or, two, the actual selling
 20 price adjusted for gravity.
 21 Next slide, please. The current regulations
 22 have a different settlement value for gas depending on
 23 whether the gas was produced from an oil lease or a
 24 gas lease. For gas produced from an oil lease the
 25 lessee must pay royalty based on the market value of

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1 the casinghead gas and all products extracted
 2 therefrom, less a reasonable allowance for
 3 manufacturing or processing. For gas produced from a
 4 gas lease the lessee must pay royalty based on the
 5 value of all natural gas and products extracted
 6 therefrom. Under the proposed rule the settlement
 7 value for gas is the same regardless of whether it's
 8 produced on an oil lease, gas lease or a combination
 9 oil and gas lease. The lessee must pay royalty for
 10 all gas and gas plant products based on the measured
 11 volume of gas, heating value, and ONRR monthly index
 12 zone price of gas for Oklahoma Zone 1. No deductions
 13 or allowances are permitted but a monetary
 14 volumetric --

15 Next slide. Commencement money and tank
 16 siting fees are paid in certain prior to the
 17 commencement of operations or siting of tanks on a
 18 lease and are a credit for the settlement surface
 19 damage. The current regulations require commencement
 20 money and tank siting fees of \$300 per well, \$25 per
 21 seismic shot hole, \$100 per tank for tanks that are 50
 22 feet square or less and amounts of less -- the amount
 23 the lessee and the surface owner negotiate for tanks
 24 that are 50 feet square or larger. Under the proposed
 25 rule commencement money and tank siting fees are

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1 \$1,500 per well, \$25 per seismic shot hole, \$12 per
 2 acre or fractional acre occupied while conducting the
 3 seismic survey, and \$200 per tank regardless of
 4 volume. And remember that under the proposed rule
 5 that would be a credit for the final settlement.

6 Next slide. The current regulations require
 7 lessees to conduct all operations in a safe and
 8 workmanlike manner but not specific requirements for
 9 operations for hydrogen sulfide areas. Under the
 10 proposed rule lessees must test the H2S concentration
 11 of the degree as well and production facilities
 12 completed and calculate the radius of exposure of the
 13 wells and facilities that have an H2S concentration of
 14 100 parts per million or more. Lessee must submit
 15 public protection plans for notification of the DIA,
 16 tribe, public, federal and state agencies and public
 17 safety personnel in the event of a release of
 18 potentially hazardous volumes of H2S if 100 parts per
 19 million or a 500 parts per million radius of exposure
 20 is of sufficient distance that includes certain areas.
 21 The proposed rule also imposes operating, safety and
 22 training requirements for operators.

23 Next slide. The current regulations generally
 24 require lessees to report accidents, theft and
 25 vandalism like other provisions to ensure proper

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1 production and accountability and site security.
 2 Under the proposed rule with several new requirements
 3 designed to improve both of those. One, site facility
 4 diagrams are required for all permanent facilities,
 5 two, facility measurements points, or FMPs, will be
 6 used in production reporting, lines leaving and
 7 entering oil storage tanks must have valves capable of
 8 being sealed and valves to provide access to
 9 production before it is measured for sale is also to
 10 be sealed. Existing valves may be modified to meet
 11 the seal requirement.

12 Next slide. The current regulations broadly
 13 requires lessees to measure oil using methods the
 14 superintendent approves and meters and installations
 15 must be tested as a directed by the superintendent.
 16 The proposed rule incorporates specific requirements
 17 for oil measurement and equipment by clarity and
 18 improving accountability. The proposed rule
 19 incorporates American Petroleum Institute, or API,
 20 standards for oil measurement by reference. The
 21 proposed rule explicitly states that tank gauging,
 22 LACT system, and the Coriolis measuring system are
 23 authorized for the measuring of oil and excepts for
 24 the installation and operation of measuring equipment.
 25 The proposed rule also specifies procedures and that

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1 must be used for measurement of tanks by tank gauging
 2 to ensure consistency and accuracy. The proposed rule
 3 also imposes specific meter proving requirements. All
 4 equipment and procedures used to measure oil that was
 5 in use on lessee's approved -- on leases approved
 6 before the effective date of the final rule must
 7 comply with the new requirements within one year from
 8 the effective date of the final rule. All leases
 9 approved after the effective date of the final rule
 10 must comply to the new measurement requirements
 11 immediately.

12 Next slide. The current regulations require
 13 gas to be measured by an orifice meter unless the
 14 superintendent agrees to an alternative method of
 15 measurement. The proposed rule imposes specific
 16 requirements and standards for gas measurement to
 17 provide clarity and approve accountability. The
 18 proposed rule incorporates API, GPA Midstream and
 19 American Gas Association (AGA) standards. The
 20 proposed rule provides specific requirements for the
 21 installation and operation of orifice meters as well
 22 as mechanical recorders and electronic gas measurement
 23 (EGM) systems, and flow computers. The proposed rule
 24 imposes specific inspection, calibration and
 25 verification requirements for gas measurement

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1 equipment and components thereof. The proposed rule
 2 also imposes detailed gas sampling and analysis
 3 requirements. All equipment and procedures used in
 4 gas leases approved before the effective date of the
 5 final rule must comply with the new requirement within
 6 one year from the effective date of the final rule.
 7 All leases approved after the effective date of the
 8 final rule must comply with the new measurement
 9 requirements immediately.

10 Next slide. The current regulations contains
 11 general prohibition on conducting operations in a
 12 manner that results in the waste of oil and gas. But
 13 the definition of waste is broad and the payment of
 14 royalty or wasted volumes is not specifically
 15 discussed, though it is required. The proposed rule
 16 explicitly states the royalty is due on all oil and
 17 gas avoidably lost or wasted including the final
 18 production of unavoidable -- and is unavoidable versus
 19 unavoidably lost or wasted. The proposed rule also
 20 imposes the allegation to prevent drainage from wells
 21 on adjacent leases with lower royalty rates and
 22 requirements to pay compensatory royalty for drainage
 23 if production action is not taken within a reasonable
 24 time.

25 Next slide. Under the current regulations the

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1 superintendent issued a Notice to Lessees prohibiting
 2 the venting and flaring without prior approval. The
 3 proposed rule codifies the existing prohibition on
 4 venting and flaring without the superintendent's prior
 5 approval and sets forth specific exceptions for, one,
 6 initial production testing, two, subsequent well
 7 tests, three, downhole maintenance and, four,
 8 emergencies. The proposed rule also requires lessees
 9 to measure or estimate and report the volumes of gas
 10 vented or flared regardless of whether royalty was
 11 due.

12 Next slide. The current regulations impose
 13 civil penalties for violation of the terms and
 14 conditions of the lease, the regulations in 25 CFR
 15 226, and orders or notices the superintendent issues
 16 consisting of five and/or cancellation of the lease.
 17 In lieu of such penalties, the current regulations
 18 allow the superintendent to impose specific civil
 19 penalties for the violation of certain operating
 20 regulations. The proposed rule updates the civil
 21 penalties so that they're consistent with the
 22 penalties the BOI imposes for the same violation.
 23 Under the proposed rule there are immediate
 24 assessments for the violation of certain operating
 25 regulations and civil penalties for violation of terms

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1 and conditions of the lease. The regulations in 25
 2 CFR 226 and orders or notices the superintendent issue
 3 shutting in and actual cancellation of a lease is also
 4 permitted. The BIA and ONRR will determine the amount
 5 of civil penalties to be assessed by considering, one,
 6 the severity of the violation, two, history of
 7 noncompliance, and/or three, the size of the lessees'
 8 report -- the lessee's, reporter's or payor's
 9 business.

10 Next slide. Under the current regulations the
 11 party may appeal decisions or orders the
 12 superintendent issues with the BIA regional director
 13 pursuant to 5 CFR Part 2. Subsequent appeals of the
 14 BIA regional director's decisions are made to the
 15 Interior Board of Indian Appeals, the IBIA, pursuant
 16 to 43 CFR Subpart D. Under the proposed rule appeals
 17 of the decisions of the superintendent and BIA
 18 regional director issue are still filed pursuant to 25
 19 CFR 2 and 43 CFR 4 Subpart D respectively. However,
 20 appeals decisions and ONRR issues must be appealed to
 21 the director of ONRR under 25 CFR 226. Subsequent
 22 appeals of the director of ONRR's decision must be
 23 made to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, IBLA,
 24 pursuant to 43 CFR 4 Subpart E.

25 Public comments on the proposed rule must be

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1 submitted to the BIA on or before March 17th, 2023.
 2 You may submit public comments orally at the public
 3 meeting today, which that's what we're here for today,
 4 online at regulations.gov or by mail/courier or hand
 5 delivery. Additionally, the information regarding the
 6 submission of public comment including the delivery
 7 addresses for comments submitted by mail/courier or
 8 hand delivery are in the Federal Register notice. As
 9 I noted earlier, we would like your feedback on the
 10 proposed rule when you submit a public comment. And
 11 if you could for the court reporter, please identify
 12 the specific regulatory provision and paragraphs
 13 you're commenting on. Be as specific as possible and
 14 explain your reasoning and if your comment is based on
 15 research or formal documentation, please be sure to
 16 include citations and provide a copy of the materials
 17 you relied on, if possible. And feel free to propose
 18 alternatives for our consideration. If there's
 19 another industry standard you think should apply than
 20 the one we selected or if there's a better, easier,
 21 less burdensome way to achieve the same result.

22 And as noted before, the public comment period
 23 on the proposed rule closes on March 17th, 2023.
 24 After the public comment period closes, the BIA will
 25 review the public comments received and make changes

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1 to the rule as proposed. Once additions are complete
 2 the BIA will publish the final rule with the Federal
 3 Register. The final rule will go into effect 30 days
 4 after it's published, not 30 days after the comment
 5 period ends.
 6 So, and with that, I will turn it over to
 7 ONRR, I believe. We'll have a short overview of how
 8 the wording will look.
 9 MS. LOCKLER: Good evening. I'm April Lockler.
 10 I'm the program manager for data intake solution and
 11 coordination program. We are responsible for the
 12 intake validation processes as they pertain to the
 13 customer, reference, oil production and reporting.
 14 Thank you. This presentation is guidance and
 15 not binding on ONRR. It does not provide legal advice
 16 and should not be construed as stating ONRR's legal
 17 interpretation or position. Any reliance on this
 18 presentation does not limit ONRR in its compliance
 19 activities or in the appealable decisions and orders
 20 it may issue.
 21 Next slide. Today I'm going to briefly cover
 22 our eCommerce, which is our electronic reporting
 23 portal, and then we will take a short dive into the
 24 oil and gas operations report, or the OGOR report, and
 25 then we will wrap up with the ONRR form 2014, which is

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1 our electronic report.
 2 Next slide. ONRR got developed as a storage
 3 for all reporting entities' references. To those new
 4 to reporting the page is at ONRR.gov. On the very
 5 first page you will learn about the steps needed to
 6 take for establishing your reporter ID, access
 7 requests to be prepared for electronic reporting
 8 requirements.
 9 Next slide. Once you have the access
 10 requirements granted, we will next venture over to the
 11 ONRR.gov reporting page. Here you will find a way to
 12 access our eCommerce portal as a reporting portal on
 13 that page or you can also just go directly to the
 14 site, which is [https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/ZSY9Cwp6DjipBWHK2Aef?](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/ZSY9Cwp6DjipBWHK2Aef?domain=onrrreporting.onrr.gov)
 15 domain=onrrreporting.onrr.gov.
 16 Next slide, please. If you are like me and
 17 sometimes forget your password, when you come to the
 18 log in page you can enter your user name that was
 19 given to you when you had your access granted and then
 20 you hit the nice little password button and it will
 21 take you, it will get your password reset as well. So
 22 that's a nice little trick just if you're like me and
 23 you can't remember the passwords you have.
 24 Next slide, please. Once you all log on to
 25 the eCommerce system you will be seeing a document.
 This is the one stop shop for all the reports that you

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1 have access and permission to submit. Here you will
 2 see different things like the document type. So if
 3 you're reporting production and royalties you will see
 4 a header for the quarter and 2014. You will also see
 5 a report ID. This report ID is helpful in tracking
 6 reports that you have submitted. If you need to stop
 7 and start you can always reference that report ID the
 8 system generated. In this document list you can also
 9 find the registration information. This will be the
 10 place that you go to upload a file if you want to
 11 submit your reporting in that manner. You can also
 12 view your upload history. If you want to look at your
 13 last month's report you'll be able to access the
 14 report in there. There's also a wonderful help
 15 section within eCommerce. It will take you to the
 16 fact sheet and some tips and tricks for using the
 17 system and even for reporting.
 18 Next slide, please. There's two main ways to
 19 create a report. The first option is uploading a
 20 file. Two of the common file types are the ASCII,
 21 which is a text file, and a CSC. On that ONRR.gov
 22 page that I mentioned earlier, that reporting section
 23 available to you sets up in an ASCII and a CSC port.
 24 Once you have your file updated and ready to go, you
 25 just hit that select button right there and it will

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1 ask you what file you want to upload and you check the
 2 file and it will upload and make sure that it's
 3 consistent with the format provided to you.
 4 Next slide, please. The second comment which
 5 I'm actually going to walk through for both the OGOR
 6 and the 2014 is the data entry activity. On your
 7 document list in that other section based on your
 8 access you will see either a new 2014, EMP 2014,
 9 compliance 2014 an oil and gas operation report or
 10 production allocation schedule report, which is only
 11 used for offshore reporting. So you all don't need to
 12 worry about that. So, if you sit there and you hit
 13 that new 2014 button or the new OGOR button we'll kind
 14 of walk through what that looks like.
 15 The oil and gas operations report, Form 4054,
 16 allows ONRR to account for oil and gas production
 17 activity. This form while provided and used for ONRR
 18 activities really helps drive the production program
 19 of our federal --
 20 Next slide. The OGOR report Form 4054 is
 21 broken up into four parts, the header page, the
 22 OGOR-A, which is the production volume by well, the
 23 OGOR-B, which is production volume by dispositions,
 24 and then the OGOR-C, which is the oil inventory and
 25 sales table.

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1 Next slide, please. The OGOR header. This is
 2 the screenshot that you will see in the first piece
 3 when you log onto that new OGOR reporting and this is
 4 what I was talking about in that data entry
 5 perspective. What you'll see here in the header is
 6 report type, you're operator ID will be assigned to
 7 you, the agreement number or lease number that you are
 8 producing from, the agency lease number, so the number
 9 generated by BIA, production month, so wherever you're
 10 producing, when you are producing it, and then last
 11 but not least the ONRR signed document A. That
 12 operator document name is an eight digit alphanumeric
 13 and it is called --

14 Next slide, please. The OGOR-A accounts for
 15 all production and injection data on a lease area
 16 improvement by well in producing intervals including
 17 the well check. The OGOR-A identifies the status and
 18 the volume for each well on your lease or agreement
 19 for which the operator is responsible. The key
 20 component of the OGOR-A includes the U.S. well number
 21 or what was previously known as the API. That well is
 22 added to a producing gas well, you know, if oil shut
 23 in well or as well as the production and production
 24 volumes associated with that well.

25 Next slide, please. Made me turn the page.

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1 Bear with me.
 2 The OGOR-B, this encompasses the total
 3 disposition of the lease production for each product
 4 produced on that OGOR-A. My favorite part of these
 5 forms is here in the OGOR, you'll see the total volume
 6 section, so the volumes that you showed on the well
 7 information on the Part A then will carry over to that
 8 Part B. So if an oil well here you'll see that 225
 9 barrels, you'll see that on the Part A, the Part B and
 10 I'll get to the Part C is there too. Disposition may
 11 include direct sales, transfers, in any lease or
 12 agreement in use. Dispositions and adjustment codes,
 13 what we call DC codes, are used to account for the
 14 total disposition of the product being produced on
 15 those lands. They will be direct sales, transfers,
 16 and lease agreements. Here you'll see the disposition
 17 detail for product volumes for that well produced and
 18 you'll see two lines for the gas that was produced
 19 from the first well on A and it's broken up into
 20 basically royalty volumes and then beneficial use on
 21 this.

22 Next slide, please. The OGOR-C accounts for
 23 production and sales attributable to a lease that are
 24 produced into inventory report production is sold from
 25 a storage facility. It identifies any inventory,

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1 inventory production, sales and adjustments. The key
 2 function and components of the OGOR-C include use only
 3 for oil condensate accounting when inventory can be
 4 carried on from month to month, it tracks your
 5 inventory overage. The reported inventory must match
 6 prior and subsequent months. That beginning inventory
 7 plus the production minus your sales and adjusted
 8 volumes equals that ending inventory, which will be
 9 your next month's beginning inventory.

10 Next slide, please. Next will be the review
 11 the form 2014, the report of sales and royalty
 12 remittance.

13 Next slide, please. Very similar, when you
 14 select the new 2014 button you'll see that the report
 15 total is broken up into three parts, you have your
 16 header, you have your detail and your trailer. The
 17 header captures very similar to the OGOR but a payor
 18 code, the type of report, is it federal or Indian, and
 19 then also the payor assigned document, which is very
 20 similar to operator assigned document. The details
 21 shows basically the information attributable to those
 22 sales, what lease was it, what month was it, were
 23 there any adjustments made, were there processing and
 24 transportation allowed. And then the trailer is
 25 really for the payment information that goes in

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1 accordance with that royalty and sales report.
 2 Next slide, please. After clicking that new
 3 2014 button you've created a new report that you can
 4 track that automatically generated ID. The report
 5 will have a drop down menu, a list of the payor codes
 6 that they have responsibility for. Once you populate
 7 that payor code section it will also coordinate with
 8 the company's -- following that. As I mentioned, that
 9 payor's same document number is an eight digit
 10 alphanumeric that is company generated.

11 Next slide, please. The key components to the
 12 detail section of form 2014, you will have an ONRR
 13 lease number and ONRR agreement number in reporting
 14 allocated sales production. You will also report a
 15 product code and a sales type code, are you with an
 16 arm's length contract or a non arm's length contract
 17 or are you reporting under index type. You will also
 18 be reporting your sales rates. And then the key
 19 components to the royalty equation are the sales
 20 volumes and sales value, the royalty value prior to
 21 allowance, any transportation and processing
 22 allowances and then the total royalty due, which is
 23 royalty value less --

24 Next slide, please. We are here to help
 25 provide assistance for submitting accurate and timely

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1 reports. Here you will see that we have two
 2 envelopes, one for production reporting, one for
 3 royalty reporting. We also have an Indian Payor
 4 Handbook where if you need scenarios on Indian land
 5 and then we also provide training videos and have a
 6 YouTube channel as well for report submission.
 7 Thank you.
 8 MS. GENOVA: Okay. We have made it to the public
 9 comment portion of the meeting. In order to provide
 10 public comment we would ask please let us just know in
 11 advance if you can so that we can ensure your names
 12 and put you into the order. I know there were some
 13 folks who took a sheet to your seats. Is there anyone
 14 who would like to comment who hasn't had a chance to
 15 turn their form in yet? If so, you can just bring it
 16 the font, but I just need to collect them if you want
 17 to say something.
 18 Okay. So, how this will work is we'll call
 19 you up two at a time. When the first person is
 20 speaking the second person will start to work their
 21 way up to the front to be on deck to speak. If you
 22 need some help getting the microphone to you, you can
 23 just let me know and we'll run one over to you. And I
 24 would like to remind everybody while you're making
 25 your comments that the agency will not be responding

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1 tonight, just be listening, but we'll take all your
 2 comments into consideration which will be reported by
 3 the court reporter and will be put into a response.
 4 Okay. We would like to ask that you limit
 5 your comments to two minutes and we have a little
 6 timer over here and we'll give you a 30 second warning
 7 when you're running out of time, so just keep that in
 8 mind as you're preparing your remarks. We will try to
 9 give you advanced warning. If you run out of time and
 10 we'll go through the speakers, you will be given the
 11 opportunity to go again as long as there's time at the
 12 end of the meeting. And when you come up to speak,
 13 please give us your name and your representative
 14 organization, please state the name of your
 15 organization prior to giving your comments. We will
 16 call the commenters from the cards that we have here.
 17 Again, you are welcome to continue to put those in as
 18 long as the meeting is open and we will allow more
 19 time once we get through the first set of commenters.
 20 So without further adieu, I will call the
 21 first commenter of the evening. Everyone please
 22 welcome our first commenter, Chief Standing Bear of
 23 the Osage Nation. He will be followed by Everett
 24 Waller, who is with the Osage Minerals Council.
 25 CHIEF STANDING BEAR: Test, one, two. Thank you.

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1 Chairman Waller, the Osage Minerals Council,
 2 please say hi. All you Osage shareholders and our oil
 3 and gas partners, I'm Geoff Standing Bear, principal
 4 chief of the Osage Nation. I've also been a headright
 5 owner since 1975. We thank the federal officials who
 6 have traveled here today. We want to remind everyone
 7 that our mineral estate is a product of the unique
 8 history of the Osage Nation. Unlike almost any other
 9 tribe, the Osage Nation purchased its reservation
 10 using our own funds which helped us resist traditional
 11 allotment policies and insist on unique provisions
 12 that are ultimately included in the 1906 Act. The
 13 1906 Act reserved the mineral estate as a trust asset
 14 for the benefit of the Osage people. This is a unique
 15 situation and we understand the BIA has put a great
 16 deal of effort into developing the proposed rule, but
 17 I have concerns. The proposed rule is too long, too
 18 detailed and, above all, very complicated. The main
 19 rationale for the proposed rule discussed in the
 20 preamble is the inspector general's 2014 report
 21 regarding management of the Osage Mineral Estate. The
 22 inspector general's report initially recommended that
 23 the regulations be amended to mirror other Indian oil
 24 and gas regulations, but the BIA did not agree with
 25 this recommendation based on discussions with our

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1 Osage Mineral Council. In the end the 2014 report
 2 accepted the BIA's position and considered the issue
 3 resolved. We have unique challenges. Oil and gas
 4 production on Osage Nation is dominated by small
 5 producers operating -- many on operating stripper
 6 wells that produce less than three barrels of oil per
 7 day. These low production wells do not allow for
 8 directional drilling and many producers must now rely
 9 on secondary and tertiary recovery methods.
 10 This mature oilfield is unique in Indian
 11 country and I have concerns that this long and
 12 complicated rule does not adequately consider this
 13 specific situation. The Minerals Council of the Osage
 14 Nation has asked that BIA not to issue a proposed rule
 15 and instead work collaboratively with the council in
 16 developing new regulations. The assistant secretary
 17 responded by telling the council that consultation
 18 would not be possible until after publication of the
 19 proposed rule, which he said had already been
 20 finalized, but then 11 months go by before the
 21 proposed rule is published just last month. Under the
 22 Department of Interior's tribal consultation policies
 23 issued November 22, before the proposed rule is
 24 published, these regulations should have been subject
 25 to the highest level of consensus seeking. They

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1 should also have been deferred to the Osage Minerals
 2 Council and the Osage Nation and appropriate
 3 standards. Unfortunately, it seems that the last
 4 government consultation was held back in October of
 5 2016. Much has changed since then. We hope to
 6 restart the consultation process and find consensus on
 7 the regulations.

8 Consistent with the Indian Tribal Energy
 9 Development Self Determination Act, the proposed rule
 10 should include provisions that would provide the Osage
 11 Nation and the Osage Minerals Council with an option
 12 to manage and develop its energy resources through
 13 other federal laws. The proposed rule contains 15
 14 subparts and 185 sections. It takes up to 48 pages of
 15 the Federal Register with hundreds of additional pages
 16 of industry standards and practices incorporated into
 17 the regulations by reference. This contrasts with the
 18 current regulations which have only four subparts and
 19 53 sections. If the proposed rule is as complex as it
 20 appears to be, the new regulations might drive our
 21 producers off the reservation and into other counties
 22 where permits will be processed in days, not weeks or
 23 months.

24 According to the preamble, the regulatory cost
 25 for an average lessee will increase by 18,000 to

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1 \$26,000 per year. I am concerned that smaller
 2 producers cannot bear these costs, royalty payments
 3 who aren't headright owners will go down, not up. I'd
 4 like to hear more about how the BIA assessed the
 5 impacts of these regulations on small producers. The
 6 proposed rule mentions that the BIA attempted to
 7 address this issue with a regulatory impact analysis,
 8 but that report is available only on request. I would
 9 ask the BIA to please send a copy of this regulatory
 10 impact analysis to my team and the Osage Minerals
 11 Council.

12 We witnessed the litigation of the 1979
 13 environmental assessment and we understand how much
 14 uncertainty can be caused. I am similarly concerned
 15 that the complexity and length of this proposed rule
 16 will serve to discourage oil and gas production, not
 17 facilitate it.

18 Finally, in summary, after reviewing the
 19 proposed rule, it is less than clear whether it will
 20 help facilitate oil and gas leasing of the Osage
 21 Nation, make the permitting process more efficient or
 22 encourage production of this important trust resource.
 23 The proposed rule here seems to accomplish none of
 24 these goals and was developed without adequate
 25 government to government consultation.

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1 With these comments in mind, it would be
 2 helpful to hear from the BIA how the proposed rule
 3 would advance tribal self determination, sovereignty
 4 and self governance and facilitate the development of
 5 the mineral estate which is of critical importance to
 6 our Osage headright goals. Thank you.

7 MS. GENOVA: Next we'll hear from Everett Waller,
 8 who is with the Osage Minerals Council. On deck will
 9 be Paul Revard from the Osage Minerals Council.

10 MR. WALLER: I got turned around. I'm not
 11 supposed to speak to the back of my brothers and
 12 sisters here. I will take care of this. It's not the
 13 most important part. The most important part is I
 14 have my Osage shareholder elders behind me. I've been
 15 doing this since 1979 so, we'll take care of business
 16 at hand. And now you want me to talk to you. Well,
 17 get ready to listen. What we have is a problem, we're
 18 not communicating with what we're being told. I
 19 represent the Osage Minerals Council and we didn't
 20 have a consultation as the federal law says. Your own
 21 Supreme Court wrote about last week, which I happened
 22 to be in trying to protect the sovereignty of my
 23 nation, that we didn't even get the opportunity here.
 24 I have great council. This is my fifth council and I
 25 think that we need to be heard. I know I want to be

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1 heard. I've been sitting here and I'm tribal and I'm
 2 not going to be a visitor to the Osage reservation.
 3 My children is why I'm here. But my elders in the
 4 room see other reasons. This is strictly to them.
 5 This estate was taken care of by our great
 6 grandparents. I should know, they drove over everyone
 7 to get here. And then how do we work together when we
 8 don't even have an opportunity to tell you how this is
 9 going to work. If I have a code of federal
 10 regulations that has killed my production and these
 11 folks right here that serve our people and their
 12 families just like us, why am I going to go to a
 13 proposed rule that I didn't even look at? Yeah, you
 14 send me the draft, but the law says you had to come
 15 and see the chief and I with our congress and our
 16 council. That is mandatory. Any other time I want to
 17 get to talk when we're in Federal Court. I've never
 18 been a chairman without being in Federal Court.
 19 Something is wrong with that.

20 Something else too, we have one obligation and
 21 that's to the youngest person that's Osage today.
 22 It's going to be -- and I will say this openly, is,
 23 yeah, I'm that guy. Twenty-two years ago you know who
 24 I am. And I was here for you then, I'm going to be
 25 here for my people later. I hope to tell you I'm

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1 going to have to turn over this floor to my council.
 2 The last thing is you don't have to consult
 3 with us. You are a federal trustee. Now if you're
 4 not going to cash that check and you hurt it in any
 5 way, that's not your job. Your job is to build it up.
 6 I was here back in the BIA in 1979 and we were dealing
 7 hundreds of permits. Again, I even have some council
 8 here that I met with and we did hundreds of permits.
 9 We got the lease -- didn't even do the workover unit,
 10 but I can tell you this, if this does not help our
 11 production get up, you leave us very few options.
 12 Councilman Revard, it's all yours, sir.
 13 MS. GENOVA: Myron Red Eagle is up next.
 14 MR. REVARD: Hello. Yes, my name is Paul Revard.
 15 This is my second term on the Osage Mineral Council.
 16 I was first selected to the Osage Mineral Council four
 17 in 2018 and now we are a council referred to as the
 18 Osage, the fifth Osage Mineral Council in our first
 19 seven months or so. So we're pretty, pretty just
 20 recently elected, we're starting to get our feet wet
 21 as a collective unit. And this is such a major issue
 22 that addresses us right off the bat. And so I want to
 23 say that in addition to being an elected official
 24 representing our headright owners, I'm also a
 25 headright owner, we all councilmen are, but I've also

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1 been an Osage oil and gas producer for 46 years now I
 2 think it is. 1977 is when I drilled my first well.
 3 And I saw on the screen a little earlier and Mr.
 4 Streater made reference to the last time these
 5 regulations were revised or amended was in 1974. My
 6 copy, which is pretty weathered, is something that's
 7 kind of my Bible to our producers it's referred to and
 8 referenced often. Mine says the last revision was May
 9 1st of 1994. That's what's stamped on mine. I don't
 10 know what the difference is between '74 and '94. I've
 11 only been operating here since '77 and a producer.
 12 But we've gone from this pamphlet, which is not --
 13 which is antiquated. I think that there's very little
 14 controversy about that. These need to be revised, but
 15 this is not the answer. The Chief said so just a
 16 minute ago that this is way too cumbersome, way too
 17 involved, it's not digestible. So, you know, from a
 18 broad picture, you all are the trustees of our mineral
 19 estate, we are beneficiaries, we headright owners, and
 20 we elected officials here represent the headright
 21 owners. You all are trustees, you're to help us
 22 protect and develop our assets and this mineral estate
 23 is a large asset worth billions of dollars. And so
 24 when the CFRs were going to be revised back in 2012,
 25 2013, it ended up in Federal Court in 2015, that was a

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1 draft that was not acceptable to the producers and if
 2 it's not acceptable -- or nor to the Osage Mineral
 3 Council and for lots of reasons. But since then, and
 4 this is the modern picture, since then I'm looking at
 5 you all as our trustee and through those eyes who are
 6 supposed to be helping us develop our asset. We've
 7 had the revision of the CFRs that we all agree that
 8 probably need revision, but since then we've also had
 9 the NEPA that the Chief mentioned earlier, which is
 10 very cumbersome and maybe really not applicable to our
 11 mineral estate. Those are for federal lands and I
 12 believe that they just really are not applicable on
 13 our mineral estate. That's a whole other issue, but
 14 it is something that our producers have to comply
 15 with. Then we have the FOIA. In 2014 the secretary
 16 of defense had come out with a policy I guess it was
 17 to lock up all of our well records and take them to
 18 Kansas or somewhere, but that is -- that's a jugular
 19 vein type of attack on our mineral estate is to lock
 20 up our well records and very damaging. But then after
 21 that, after the FOIA, the Freedom of Information Act,
 22 then we had the fish and wildlife, which is our
 23 trustee, the federal government, U.S. Fish and
 24 Wildlife throw this American Dream eagle at us which
 25 was harmful and it just brought drilling to a

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1 screeching halt. If that's not enough, then we're
 2 doing the EIS and we had to deal with the EIS and
 3 we're replacing a -- the environmental assessment
 4 from, what, 1978, '79. I think the Chief made
 5 reference to that too, the EIS. And then now you're
 6 back with the CFRs again. It's like at what point --
 7 I just feel like we have incoming all the time, it's
 8 incoming, incoming. So where is it that you're
 9 helping us? You're supposed to be helping us to
 10 develop our mineral estate. And I just don't know --
 11 I just don't see that. All I see is attack right and
 12 left.
 13 And let me say this. And I know that I'm
 14 getting close to my two minutes. You know, when I
 15 first came here as a producer I followed the footsteps
 16 of my great grandfather Franklin and my father George
 17 Revard who served on the council a couple of times.
 18 Franklin 38 consecutive years. My cousin, Susan
 19 Foreman, a former council member, we share the same
 20 great grandfather. Back in those days Osage County
 21 was the premier, it was a gold nugget, it was the
 22 place to be. You could raise money, all you had to do
 23 is say I got a deal in Osage County and you could get
 24 an audience and you'd get an introduction to get the
 25 show you're drilling to somebody if you had Osage

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1 County. And you know one reason why? Because it had
 2 low risk, it was shallow and it had the best well
 3 records of anywhere in the United States. You cannot
 4 develop or generate a drilling prospect without well
 5 records. So it was one mineral owner, which was
 6 really unique and really favorable, but now -- and
 7 I'll give you an example. Before I was on the council
 8 the first time I had somebody from California cold
 9 call me, an investment group, who said so and so told
 10 me to call you and so and so was supposed to be a
 11 friend of mine and I didn't recognize the name and it
 12 was a friend of a friend of a friend I guess kind of
 13 deal and they said you need to call Paul Revard. If
 14 you got some drilling money and some develop money, I
 15 know a guy in northeastern Oklahoma that could help
 16 you spend some of it. So this guy cold calls me and I
 17 said, oh yeah, I know of some properties in Osage
 18 County that -- I mean, I got the word that out and I
 19 got stopped and they said, oh, wait a minute, anywhere
 20 but Osage County. He said that to me, anywhere but
 21 Osage County. That's where we are. And why is
 22 because it's not just this one book of regulations.
 23 If somebody new came to Osage County what would you
 24 give them to teach them how to operate here? You'd
 25 say, well, here's the CFRs, here's the code of federal

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1 regulations. This is how you do business in Osage as
 2 an operator. Well, that's only part of the story.
 3 And you're getting ready to change this little
 4 pamphlet with this. And the Chief made reference to
 5 that. This is just -- it's just a no go from the
 6 getgo.
 7 But not only this, but then you'll have to
 8 know about what is this NEPA deal going on, what's
 9 this about EIS. And oh, by the way, we understand
 10 that after you learn all of this, then you have to
 11 find out, well, what about the policies. What
 12 policies? The superintendent has the discretion to
 13 create policies. And I won't get into the weeds and
 14 tell you the ones I'm familiar with, and they
 15 fluctuate. The one superintendent may have a policy
 16 one year, change it the next year or maybe a new
 17 superintendent may have a different set of policies,
 18 but then you have to know in addition to these and the
 19 NEPA and the EIS and the fish and wildlife, now you
 20 have to know what's the superintendent's policies.
 21 So, I'll close with this since I'm getting
 22 close to the end of my two minutes. The damage --
 23 this here, publication of this in the Federal Register
 24 has already, has already damaged our mineral headright
 25 owners. Just the fact that it's out there and

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1 lingering is damage to us, our headright owners. It's
 2 going to affect, it's going to deter development
 3 capital into our mineral estate. So it's already
 4 harmed us and continuing to harm us.
 5 And finally, I want to say, that the comment
 6 period after tonight, the written comment period,
 7 March the 17th. Is that correct? I would like to
 8 request, I'd like to say demand, but, you know, I
 9 don't think I have that authority, but I'd like to
 10 request that you delay any further efforts on this
 11 document until such time that you do what you all
 12 promised us you would do and that is to meet with
 13 Chairman Waller's mineral council and consult with us
 14 so that we could possibly jointly come up with a
 15 reasonable set of regulations that not only protects
 16 you all and your trust responsibility to our headright
 17 owners to protect and develop our mineral estate, but
 18 also to make it a document that is workable for these
 19 guys to risk their dollars to come to Osage instead of
 20 anywhere but Osage. Let's bring it back to Osage.
 21 Let's make it to where they can come back.
 22 With that, I thank you all.
 23 MS. GENOVA: Myron Red Eagle. And on deck is Joe
 24 Cheshewalla.
 25 MR. RED EAGLE: My name is Myron Red Eagle. I'm

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1 on the Osage Mineral Council.
 2 (Speaking Osage)
 3 I don't think I'll take as much time as Paul
 4 did. I want to repeat the Osage Bureau of Indian
 5 Affairs mission statement. It applies to what we're
 6 talking about tonight. The mission statement states,
 7 the mission of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is to
 8 enhance the quality of life, to promote economic
 9 opportunity and to carry out the responsibility to
 10 protect, to protect and improve the trust assets of
 11 American Indians, Indian tribes and Alaska natives.
 12 I'd also like to point out this doesn't really
 13 apply to our Osage Mineral Estate. We're American
 14 Indians, right. We're an Indian tribe, tribal nation
 15 or nation we're called today but we're not Alaska
 16 natives, we're not the Navajo reservation, we're not
 17 the Sioux reservation, we're not the free affiliated
 18 or anybody like that, any other Indian tribe. We're
 19 different, totally different. All our leases, all our
 20 royalty goes to our shareholders. In different tribes
 21 they go to different -- I know, I lived around
 22 Anadarko years ago. Every leaseholder down there got
 23 just independent royalty, the whole tribe didn't get
 24 any. If they had a lease on their land that's what
 25 they got. Here, the Osage people, they share

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1 royalties. That's different. Just like everybody up
 2 there, I hear a lot of people say, we're different and
 3 we're unique. It's very true.

4 Last night the president of our United States,
 5 President Biden said I'm want to work with the people,
 6 I want to work with the people. You all remember
 7 that, you watched that. He said I want to work with
 8 Democrats, I want to work with Republicans. One of
 9 the last things he said, I want to work with Indians
 10 and Indian tribes, Indian tribes. He saved us a
 11 place, Indian tribes. We are used to that, we're used
 12 to it.

13 But what I want to point out is, Chief -- I
 14 don't want to take up too much time, I'm a man of few
 15 words. The Chief said there's room for consultation
 16 here. There's much room for consultation. This is
 17 not a done deal and we have many people who we
 18 represent, producers who count on us, shareholders,
 19 they count on us, some of the -- they count on us.
 20 So, it's up to our trustee.

21 I also want to point out one thing to you. In
 22 1906 my grandfather was 26 years old and when they
 23 made that 1906 Allotment Act. It wasn't the 1906 Act,
 24 it was the 1906 Allotment Act, one year before
 25 Oklahoma became a state. And when they did that they

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1 appointed an Osage Tribal Council to go along with the
 2 row that they had. Ain't that right, Chief? When
 3 that happened the Osage Tribal Council over a hundred
 4 years evolved into the Osage Mineral Council. We
 5 still represent the same people. Thank you.

6 MS. GENOVA: Joe Cheshewalla. And Anthony
 7 Shackelford is on deck.

8 MR. CHESHEWALLA: Good evening, everybody. Joe
 9 Cheshewalla, Osage Mineral Council, second term and
 10 I'm also an ex employee for the Bureau of Indian
 11 Affairs minerals department for 30 years. Worked
 12 under our CFRs that we had, you know, for all my
 13 career and seemed like it was a pretty good deal
 14 because, you know, we had a lot of business going on
 15 for the 30 years I was working there. And now we've
 16 got the same -- now suspiciously it's almost become
 17 the size of the BLM handbook. Our lessees can't work
 18 with that. We know that. We still need to work
 19 together and come together with some kind of agreement
 20 that we can all work with. And one of the things
 21 whenever I was reviewing it the past couple nights,
 22 once I came upon that part the superintendent has
 23 broad authority, well, I started counting the numbers
 24 of times I seen that, you know, the superintendent
 25 referred to. Before it was all said and done I seen

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1 it over 157 times and I never really seen any --
 2 hardly any mention of the OMC. And that's got to
 3 change. We've got to come to some sort of, some sort
 4 of middle ground there because 157 times the
 5 superintendent with broad authority, no, no. We got
 6 to have the OMC in there too.

7 And I'll give the rest of my time to
 8 Councilman Shackelford.

9 MS. GENOVA: Anthony Shackelford. And Lee
 10 Levinson on deck.

11 MR. SHACKELFORD: Good evening. Thank you for
 12 this opportunity to share some thoughts about what
 13 we're here tonight. Moving forward from the 1906, and
 14 we're accustomed to seeing improvements made and
 15 simplifications made to the tedious and complicated
 16 processes that were initiated a long time ago and as
 17 the Chief spoke earlier, he made a lot of great
 18 points, so did Mr. Waller and everybody before me this
 19 evening, is that we're not seeing things whenever we
 20 ran for office and we shared with our relatives and
 21 people that we revered, our elders that we're going to
 22 step into this seat and this position and make things
 23 better for you, we're going to increase the
 24 production, we're going to work with the producers and
 25 do those certain things to alleviate the difficulty of

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1 the permitting process, the length of those things.
 2 And there's a lot of it goes into that and standing
 3 here tonight I can't honestly talk to my shareholders
 4 and say that I've been able to do a lot of that
 5 because of the regulations and the difficulties and
 6 complications that there are already in place and with
 7 this new proposed document have been maximized it
 8 seems to me. And it's something that I want to move
 9 forward and I want to be able to work with the Bureau
 10 of Indian Affairs, I want to work with the producers,
 11 I want to work with my council. As Mr. Waller said
 12 earlier, this is a good council with a lot of new
 13 people on the council. And people put their faith and
 14 trust in us to do -- take care of them because a lot
 15 people are dependent upon this, that's their sole
 16 source of income and their livelihood depends on this.
 17 And whenever I see these slides flying by and voices
 18 just talking very fast, you know, and trying to digest
 19 this. And like Cheshewalla spoke about, we went from
 20 us a phone book and now it's the Bartlesville phone
 21 book. And it's something that you have to be almost
 22 like Mr. -- an attorney to interpret a lot of these
 23 things and a lot of us can't.

24 So, again, we're here this evening to ask you
 25 to please take into consideration our input as the

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1 minerals council, especially us new ones. Everett and
 2 them that have been here four and five terms, they
 3 have been down this road before. This is new ground
 4 for me and I went out and I talked my people and they
 5 put me in a seat, they trusted me, they had faith in
 6 me to go make the processes better and I assured them
 7 that I would do my best. And the Osage have a word
 8 it's Basaw, it's called doing your best and they
 9 expect me to do that and I expect that from the Bureau
 10 of Indian Affairs.

11 Thank you.

12 MS. GENOVA: Okay, we have Lee Levinson. And is
 13 Talee Red Corn here? You were signed up. Do you want
 14 to speak? No?

15 MR. RED CORN: I can't hear you.

16 MS. GENOVA: You were signed up. Do you want to
 17 speak?

18 MR. RED CORN: Sure.

19 MS. GENOVA: Okay. You're up next.

20 MR. LEVINSON: Hi. I'm Lee Levinson and this is
 21 McLemore sitting next to me there. We're the ones
 22 that represented the Osage producers in the last
 23 federal case where basically these same rules were
 24 proposed except this time you just made it more
 25 complicated.

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1 The judge -- one of the highlights of that
 2 case, I have to tell you, we had a full courtroom and
 3 a great attorney they had from the Bureau of Indian
 4 Affairs in Washington came and said, well, Judge, this
 5 doesn't affect these people. And the judge said,
 6 stop, please, turn around, I think it does.

7 And first I want to say this, I've known your
 8 chief a long time. A good man. What he said today is
 9 probably the most important thing, he's going to stand
 10 behind everybody here and all the producers. He's not
 11 going to turn. He also knows that I was involved,
 12 believe it or not, with the tobacco awards. I
 13 represented I think it was 39 tribes and I represented
 14 and we fought the State of Oklahoma, but we have
 15 certain chiefs, they didn't even come forward, but you
 16 got a good man there and you ought to appreciate what
 17 he's done and what he said.

18 He also said earlier that the small producers
 19 can't live with these rules. Well, it's not that to
 20 me if these rules pass, it's an extinction event. You
 21 might as well take and put a field there and put the
 22 keys in it. I can also say without -- besides being
 23 an attorney, I operate at least a hundred wells. I've
 24 produced wells since I've been a kid. Drilled my
 25 first well when I was 19 years old and these rules

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1 don't work. The first slide you put up, one thing was
 2 false in it. You made the comment, and I know you put
 3 it up there, you said technology has improved the last
 4 49 years and it has, except, and I've got a lot of
 5 producers here, I recognize some of them, those one or
 6 two barrel wells when I was a kid my dad had, we
 7 produced them the same way. You get out there with
 8 your boots in the mud and you try to keep them going.
 9 It used to be how much production do you have, today
 10 it's how much does it cost to operate. And I want
 11 everybody to know that Mr. McLemore and I, I really do
 12 care about small producers. I grew up with in this
 13 business. I call it the Beverly Hillbillies syndrome
 14 in Washington. They think you shoot and the bubbling
 15 crude comes out. As you know if you work in it, this
 16 is a tough business. We've got hardworking people
 17 here.

18 Let me tell you this about Osage County. I
 19 work a lot with the Corporation Commission. Osage
 20 County has some of the best environmental controls,
 21 maybe has the best in the State of Oklahoma. And
 22 everybody needs to know that there's no longer more
 23 pollution in this county. If it is it's taken care
 24 of. And I just want everybody to know that the best
 25 part about today, appreciate your chief who is going

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1 to stand behind you.

2 MS. GENOVA: Okay, Talee Red Corn and then I have
 3 Mike Mackey on deck.

4 MR. RED CORN: Hi, everybody.
 5 (Speaking Osage.)

6 We think it's good that American people,
 7 representatives of the president of the United States
 8 would come to our reservation and want to talk with
 9 us.

10 (Speaking Osage.)

11 And they said good words, our Chief, our
 12 Assistant Chief sitting there. We're happy today that
 13 you're here but we're concerned.

14 (Speaking Osage.)

15 The laws and things that you write on paper,
 16 that's going to hurt our Osages, our headright holders
 17 because the production goes down. When production
 18 goes down I cannot give good money to my headright
 19 holders. I get calls all the time, I can't make my
 20 bills, how much longer do I have to wait, it's 20, 30
 21 days until I get my next check and how much is it
 22 going to be because that's all I have to pay my bills.
 23 I might have to sell my home. These are prestigious
 24 Osages they're making a movie about nowadays I'm
 25 hearing.

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1 I just want to say that when I started this
 2 mineral council we had 82 leases approved in one
 3 month. You multiply that times 12, that's 984. Now,
 4 Mr. Streater, BIA, can I ask ya'll how many are
 5 approved? That's almost a thousand in one year. How
 6 many do we have approved now in Osage? And it hits
 7 hard our paycheck, our royalties.
 8 (Speaking Osage.)
 9 That's all I have to say. Thank you all.
 10 MS. GENOVA: Mike Mackey. And Justin DeLong is on
 11 deck.
 12 MR. MACKEY: I can't talk to peoples' backs. I'll
 13 make this two minutes as fast as I can. I thought
 14 about a lot of the things I can say. And Everett, I
 15 appreciate you. I can't tell you how much I
 16 appreciate what you said, Chief.
 17 I want to tell you a quick story as fast as I
 18 can. One hundred seventeen years ago there was a
 19 magnificent ship built, what's called the Osage
 20 Mineral Estate. And appointed the captain was the
 21 BIA. Their responsibility was for the safety, the
 22 administration and the well-being of that ship. The
 23 deckhands, the crew was a bunch of wildcatters,
 24 drillers, those kind of guys, but it wasn't just them,
 25 it was the restaurateurs, the waitresses, the fuel

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1 stations. Everybody was there to support this. And
 2 the people that rode ownership, the guests, came from
 3 all over the world to ride the most magnificent ship
 4 that ever sailed the ocean and it was wonderful for
 5 years and years, decades. This ship was the talk of
 6 the world. It was a well oiled machine. A few years
 7 ago something happened. The ship began to wander and
 8 as it did a lot of the people that were on board who
 9 were guests that were taking this ride, they all got
 10 out and took the boat, the dingies, and they left the
 11 ship without any lifeboats. And what happened after
 12 that was the crew began to get funny kind of commands
 13 from the bridge and the captain started giving orders
 14 that we had never heard and as a result the captain
 15 thought that we were an unruly crew, but we weren't.
 16 We wanted the same thing that the captain wanted. The
 17 captain had been given an impossible task and that was
 18 to keep the ship in order, to keep its magnificence
 19 but at the same time don't go and give any specific
 20 direction. We're not going to stop at this port or
 21 that port, we're just going to keep wandering. So
 22 they continued to wander and then about three years
 23 ago there was nobody on the bridge and the ship went
 24 adrift. And one day we all woke up and we were in the
 25 icy seas of the north, there wasn't enough power to

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1 buck the water current and we all looked out and there
 2 were icebergs everywhere. And a few weeks ago the
 3 captain got a new order and that order was whatever it
 4 takes, deliver this ship back to port immediately,
 5 straightaway, don't go this way, don't go that way, we
 6 want you here immediately because this ship has to
 7 undergo some repairs. And so the captain with the
 8 impossible task that he has now comes to the crew and
 9 has a meeting on February 8th and says, on or about
 10 March 17th if you don't get this ship sailing as fast
 11 as we can to port in a straight line, I'm going to
 12 make ya'll get out and push. His method is all stick
 13 and no care and even though the crew wants the same
 14 thing that the captain wants and that is to get this
 15 ship back to port, his methods are not attainable,
 16 they're impossible and the way he wants to go will
 17 take this ship to the bottom of the ocean. Lee
 18 referenced this. He knows it and every one of you
 19 know it. Now as many great people as there are in
 20 this county and on this crew of this vessel, I know of
 21 none of you that can walk on water and that's would be
 22 required for us to get out and push.
 23 The bottom line is we need more oil and
 24 there's only one way to get it. I would suggest a
 25 couple solutions. One, there are new technologies

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1 which you guys are fond of bringing up for casing
 2 repair and casing patch. There are new bottom hole
 3 pump technologies that we could implement that are
 4 here in the county today that will increase production
 5 by 10 to 15 percent, will solve the problem of methane
 6 abatement. Yeah, I know. I got nothing but time.
 7 And solving the problem of methane abatement while
 8 reducing operator costs by on average 40 percent.
 9 Those are here today. In addition, with new IOT
 10 sensor technologies and low bandwidth emissions from
 11 5G cellular technology, we can deliver to the ONRR
 12 people realtime data at next to zero cost for
 13 reporting and that will allow us to not turn every
 14 operator in this county into a felon. These things
 15 are achievable. All we have to do is avoid the
 16 icebergs and we can do it. As the crew, we're on
 17 board with you, we want to take this baby home because
 18 there's a lot of you out here that have been on this
 19 vessel for a long time.
 20 And it used to be that the crew would stay on
 21 board for decades, for entire careers and then one day
 22 that ship would pull up to port and they would offload
 23 and a new crew would come on. And as that new crew
 24 came on there was excitement about what was getting
 25 ready to happen to the voyage, the experience. I've

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1 only been here for 40 years in the county and I've
 2 loved every minute of it. I've appreciated where this
 3 vessel has taken me. I would appreciate the
 4 opportunities that this vessel has afforded me. But
 5 there are others that want those same opportunities
 6 and if this boat is laying at the bottom an ocean
 7 somewhere, they're not going to get those
 8 opportunities. You owe it to the people out here who
 9 have been around for a while not to throw them
 10 overboard. Thank you.

11 MS. GENOVA: Justin DeLong, you're up. On deck is
 12 Nona Roach.

13 MR. DeLONG: Council, you're already going to get
 14 me off topic. He brought up our well records, not
 15 being able to access those and I can't help but just
 16 bring it up because I wouldn't be standing here if it
 17 wasn't for that and a man that actually passed away
 18 last Sunday actually. He worked for my Uncle Phillip
 19 all his life, was a geologist, log analyst,
 20 prospector, he actually worked all over the world. A
 21 wonderfully neat man. I worked 15 years with him
 22 drilling wells up here. I really would not be here if
 23 it wasn't for him. So Mr. Sutton, basically retired
 24 and spent probably two days a week at the Osage
 25 pouring through all the records and built a lot of

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1 prospects took over. I'd say a third of our wells we
 2 drilled, a third of our wells we operate, we drilled a
 3 third were purchased and a third were abandoned, which
 4 means they were sitting there for years not doing
 5 anything and they're producing. And that all happened
 6 because they weren't forced but a man was able to go
 7 build prospects by looking at records that haven't
 8 been there close to a hundred years. Anyway, that can
 9 happen. There's no more to me, you know. And it's
 10 sad. The destruction of the -- sorry, I'm not
 11 prepared, I was welding all day. So as many of these
 12 people back here as you can see, they work for a
 13 living, work very hard and what's proposed here is
 14 going to put a lot of people out of business, you
 15 know, I firmly believe that. So, I worked for my dad,
 16 I graduated from college and went to work for my dad,
 17 third generation producing in Osage County. He worked
 18 for big companies, produced lots of gas, has done oil
 19 and gas accounting all of his life, not accounting but
 20 paying of -- overseeing and paying of royalties, all
 21 that. He had one lease that he reports on and every
 22 month I hear, I get a phonecall and I dread it because
 23 I know he doesn't like it, it takes two or three days
 24 to get done. Yes, he's turning 70 in a couple months
 25 so he's not the best online, but still he's done this

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1 all of his life. And so he has -- it might take him
 2 two or three days to get it done and he can do the
 3 Osage County reports in a couple of hours. So very
 4 scary to think we're going to have to deal with this,
 5 the dual accounting. I don't think it will be done by
 6 probably anybody in this room.

7 I guess my time is up. But I hope everybody
 8 that has to do with these CFRs and putting them
 9 together understand that they're talking about putting
 10 people out of business.

11 MS. GENOVA: We have Nona Roach followed by
 12 Michael Wachtura.

13 MS. ROACH: I'm Nona Roach and I'm really glad to
 14 follow you, Justin, because Stan and I have discussed
 15 how horrific the ONRR system is and what a nightmare
 16 it is to try to navigate through. I've had -- I do
 17 probably over a hundred BIA reports a month and like
 18 Stan, I can do them in a couple days. The ONRR part
 19 of it, I had three different leases for guys that were
 20 outside of Osage County, it was a nightmare from
 21 beginning to end. It's horrific to navigate in. One
 22 of the things you figure out is I think I looked up
 23 last night and there's four days of training to teach
 24 you how to get in it and navigate it. Now, look
 25 around you. These guys don't do computers. They pay

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1 me to do that. But those three guys that I did, I
 2 told them they couldn't pay me enough money anymore to
 3 do it because it was so time consuming. And I want
 4 you to explain to us how much burden in dollars it's
 5 going to be for these people to have to, A, go get a
 6 computer, which they don't have.

7 The thing about it also is you couldn't get on
 8 it before 7:00 a.m. in the morning, you couldn't get
 9 on it after 7:00 p.m. at night, you could not get an
 10 audit on weekends or holidays. Do you know when these
 11 type up their reports? Sunday afternoons or whenever
 12 Stan calls. I'm just sick of all of it. It's
 13 ridiculous. They cannot do this. This is a burden
 14 that nobody should have to bear in Osage County.
 15 We've lived all these months and years with the
 16 economic impact of all of this regulatory insecurity
 17 that we've had. And I think I was talking to Mitch a
 18 while ago, he said I think 11 years ago we started
 19 this and we still haven't got it resolved. And Osage
 20 County hasn't fell off the face of the earth, we're
 21 still making oil, but I promise you I have guys call
 22 me that want to buy leases and they're all excited
 23 until they go, where is it, and I say, Osage County,
 24 nope, not doing it. So, you need to realize the
 25 impact you're making on all these people and their

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1 livelihoods because they're mom and pops and they
 2 don't even know how to turn a computer on.
 3 MS. GENOVA: Mike Wachtura. And Mel Carter. Is
 4 Michael here somewhere? Oh, you said no. Sorry.
 5 Nevermind. So we'll go right to Mel Carter. I think
 6 it's Carter.
 7 MS. CARTER: I'm Melinda Carter. I'm president of
 8 the OPA. I'm a third generation oil producer. And my
 9 question is, why would these be reintroduced after
 10 they've been struck down in 2015 by Judge Frizzell?
 11 What positive does this offer this county or this
 12 mineral estate? This is nothing more than a
 13 generational chalk outline. I sit in my office every
 14 day having people call me and ask me how to turn in
 15 their reports they already have, paper versions. I
 16 sit one day of every quarter turning in EPA reports
 17 for all the small producers who, by the way, average
 18 age is over 60. They no longer own -- they don't own
 19 computers, they are not savvy. What positive does
 20 this offer us? Why was the OMC not consulted? Was
 21 that not part of the stipulation in 2015? Can you not
 22 give me a positive answer that this does anything for
 23 the mineral estate except for give us a death by a
 24 thousand paper cuts? This is nothing but a chalk
 25 outline. Am I the last generation that's going to see

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1 assuming I can still do that.
 2 I just want to echo some of the things that
 3 have been said. I don't have a grand story to tell
 4 which I think is great. I respect the Chief what he
 5 said and Mr. Waller. I want to share at some length
 6 of what he expressed. I came down here for the first
 7 time in the '70s with my dad, sat in a Winnebago with
 8 a microscope and a black light and watched samples on
 9 my first well in Osage County and been here ever
 10 since. I graduated from college, came down here and
 11 met my wife and have been part of the oil and gas
 12 business in Osage County ever since. In the last 12
 13 to 15 years we've probably invested more than a
 14 hundred million dollars drilling and developing Osage
 15 County. And I really have to say that in the last --
 16 since the issue with NEPA and some of the new
 17 requirements surrounding permits related to drilling,
 18 it's been really hard for us. We tried to rise to the
 19 occasion, we tried to deal with what needs to be done,
 20 we try to work with the environmental experts that we
 21 need to work with to get DAs done.
 22 It's been 30 seconds already?
 23 MS. GENOVA: That's all right. You're last.
 24 MR. KNAPPE: Anyway, I just want to reiterate a
 25 couple things that have been said. The first is, you

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1 Osage County as a positive? I hope not. I have
 2 nieces and nephews. I hope to have children one day.
 3 What is this all for them? Nothing. So until
 4 somebody can tell me a positive thing from this, I may
 5 see you in court. And anybody who is not a member of
 6 the OPA come see me. I have membership. I will take
 7 you under my wing and I will take you to that
 8 courthouse myself. I have no fear because I have
 9 nothing left to lose. Am I going to lose my
 10 generational wealth? Am I going to lose my
 11 generational job? Am I going to lose everything
 12 because somebody thinks that I need to get up with the
 13 ages in a place that is not with the ages. We produce
 14 stripper and marginal wells at best. What does this
 15 do for us? Is there an answer? Can anybody give me
 16 one? Because I don't think you can.
 17 MS. GENOVA: Next is Robert Knappe for your
 18 comments.
 19 MR. KNAPPE: Well, so much has already been said I
 20 think that's appropriate. I don't have a prepared
 21 statement. I thought I would try to come with a
 22 prepared statement but when I started going through
 23 highlighting 71 pages and three columns of proposed
 24 regulations, I realized that I probably just need to
 25 make my written comments and send them in and I'm

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1 know, the regulations I don't think are appropriate
 2 given the average well in Osage County. That's
 3 already been said. But if you take capture point out
 4 and you look at the production in the county, the
 5 average well probably divided over the rest of the
 6 wells is probably .6 or .7 barrels a day on average.
 7 When we were doing really good I think it was about
 8 1.4 or 1.6-barrel average. I don't know if everybody
 9 else knows. It's not uncommon for a well to make a
 10 thousand dollars a month. So, as somebody else said,
 11 it's not much oil you make, it's what's your cost of
 12 operation. So, you know, we have rising labor costs,
 13 we have rising material costs, some days it's double,
 14 triple, tubing is hard to find. We're fighting all
 15 these other problems with the increased cost and the
 16 cost of compliance with regulations is not helping
 17 that at all. And I think I would wonder how whoever
 18 did the study came up with 18 to \$26,000 for
 19 compliance when they start reading through everything
 20 that has to be done to comply with the ONRR reporting,
 21 with the valve sealing and records and keeping logs
 22 and I have a lot of questions about the payment of the
 23 royalties. As a representative of, I didn't say who,
 24 Warrior Exploration and Production, but I'm also a
 25 representative of Performance Energy, Performance

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1 Operating and Osage Hills Pipeline. We have over 650
 2 miles of pipeline right now in Osage County because
 3 other companies were going to walk away from it and we
 4 wanted to still be able to sell our gas. And it's a
 5 hard, hard business. We don't make money operating a
 6 gas well. We hope to make a little money selling the
 7 gas that we produce from the wells that we pump. And
 8 I think when we start talking about operators having
 9 to pay royalties on gas when they have to give the
 10 purchaser at least some -- we have eight big
 11 compressors to move, you know, a couple million feet
 12 of gas all over the county and those compressors burn
 13 oil and gas. That pipeline is almost a hundred years
 14 old. It leaks a little gas. We have seven, eight
 15 guys out all the time patching up leaks. And like I
 16 said, we don't make any money doing that. So now when
 17 you -- I haven't looked at the standards, I don't
 18 know, when I got to all the things that are going to
 19 be incorporated by reference to all the API standards,
 20 all the measurement standards, I still have to
 21 understand all this. We have old meter tubes out in
 22 Osage County. Some of them are pretty old and my
 23 guess is that, yeah, if they had, you know, a couple
 24 million feet of gas going through them, there would
 25 probably be a little discrepancy involved. But, you

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1 know, on an average of 15,000 cubic feet a day per
 2 delivery point, I think a one percent, you know,
 3 variance on 15,000 is not going to be significant
 4 compared to the cost to try to comply with inspections
 5 and changing meter tubes and doing some of those
 6 things that might be required for a well that sells
 7 \$500 worth of gas every month.
 8 So those are some of the things that I would
 9 recommend that the BIA take into consideration
 10 regarding some of these rules, some of the things that
 11 are being appropriated by reference and asking
 12 producers to pay royalty on gas for the money they are
 13 going to receive because the purchaser has to take a
 14 little of that gas to pay for compression, for
 15 transport and that kind of thing.
 16 I think that's the main thing I wanted to say
 17 and comment on. I just appreciate everything that
 18 everybody else said and I think that the bottom line
 19 for me is the cost, the cost is -- I think as Lee
 20 said, it's an event that will be the death of a lot of
 21 operators. It's already hard to track capital in
 22 Osage County as has been said because of the
 23 uncertainty and ability to get to know what the cost
 24 is going to be at the end of the day. We have to
 25 operate here.

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1 Thank you.
 2 MS. GENOVA: That was the last of our commenters
 3 that we had, so if anyone or someone who has already
 4 spoken who has more to say, we will leave the mic
 5 open. We will be here until 9:00 o'clock or a few
 6 minutes after if you want to wait in line.
 7 Sure, go ahead. Please say your name.
 8 MR. REVARD: Again, thank you.
 9 Again, my name is Paul Revard, one of the
 10 Osage Mineral Council members serving on the fifth
 11 council. One thing that I failed to mention earlier
 12 that I'd like to point out was that this mineral
 13 council has in recent months and over the last year
 14 have reached out and had support from the Oklahoma
 15 congressional delegation on our behalf. They reached
 16 out to the BIA and had requested that you all work
 17 with the mineral council in developing these
 18 regulations. And instead of doing that you all have
 19 published these proposed rules on January the 13th
 20 without honoring their request, our request to have
 21 you all work with us through this Oklahoma
 22 congressional delegation.
 23 I also wanted to remind you how unique Osage
 24 County is. It's been referred to, Ms. Carter just
 25 mentioned how minimal our production is, these are

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1 stripper wells. The average well in Osage County is
 2 less than a barrel a day. There's 14,000 active
 3 wells, but out of those 14,000 active wells 3,200 of
 4 those wells are injection wells. So we're talking
 5 about 11,000 oil and gas producing wells most of which
 6 are oil but some are gas and some are a combination of
 7 oil and gas, but those 11,000 wells produce about
 8 11,000 barrels of oil. And we have two producers in
 9 this room, I won't name names right now, but two of
 10 the producers in this room produce half of that 11,000
 11 barrels from just two producers. The rest of that is
 12 divided by the other two or 300 operators that we
 13 have. We have operators that have maybe just seven
 14 barrels a day. We have some that may have 14 barrels
 15 a day. But we've got producers that produce a quarter
 16 barrel a day per well, maybe this well does a quarter
 17 barrel, this one does one and a quarter barrels.
 18 That's the kind of production we have. And these
 19 rules that you've accumulated and it feels like a lot
 20 of this is copy and pasted from other governing bodies
 21 like maybe the BLM, for instance, where you may have
 22 one set of rules that might work good and appropriate
 23 for say the Bakken up north or maybe the Permian Basin
 24 in west Texas. They have a different environment.
 25 They have wells that are not stripper wells. They

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1 have wells that come in at larger production volumes.
 2 That changes the economics. Some of the economics
 3 like this reporting, production reporting, it's one
 4 thing for a producer like the two I just mentioned
 5 that produces half of our oil to be able to have
 6 people on staff to do that kind of work, but it's like
 7 Mr. DeLong said earlier about his father, he's a third
 8 generation, these people are doing their production
 9 reports maybe on a Saturday morning if they are not
 10 out in the field. Maybe they do it when they're
 11 coming in from the field and they're doing it when
 12 they can as they can best they can.
 13 So, it's the point I'm trying to make is that
 14 what works in one area does not -- it just doesn't
 15 conform and work. The Chief said and so did Chairman
 16 Waller that we have a unique mineral estate. It's
 17 very unique in lots and lots of ways. The royalty
 18 ownership is unique, the volume of our production is
 19 unique. We've been developed for 117 or so years and
 20 we're depleted. There is some new opportunities in
 21 technology, most of like Mr. Mackey said, most of this
 22 technology is not available to this average Osage
 23 County producer, the mom and pops like somebody made
 24 reference to. The mom and pops, they don't have this
 25 type of technology. There's just trying to keep a

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1 barrel a day going like, you know, they've been doing
 2 for a couple of generations.
 3 And Ms. Carter also said something about her
 4 generation. When Councilman Red Corn and some others
 5 talk about elders I was like, wait a minute, I think I
 6 feel I am one of the elders too. I don't want to be
 7 but here I am. I get a special parking place but I'm
 8 too embarrassed to put it on my windshield because in
 9 my heart, I'm not elderly at heart. But yeah, the
 10 point is we from a headright perspective Councilman
 11 Red Corn, this is very serious. These people that
 12 he's talking about, the constituents, the headright
 13 owners, they make a decision of do I buy -- which has
 14 skyrocketed these days, or do I buy my medicine. He
 15 hears these people, these people talk to us and they
 16 look to us for help and these people, a lot of our
 17 headright owners are dependent upon this revenue. And
 18 when you hear operators like Ms. Carter represents
 19 with their producers association, she's talking about
 20 generational stuff. We've been talking about third
 21 generations. And I am a third generation myself, but
 22 my children, they don't want any part of this. And
 23 the same way with a lot of these people in this room,
 24 she mentioned that most of them are 60 years or older.
 25 Now, I did have a computer but I have to have

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1 a grandson or daughter help me with it occasionally.
 2 But the thing is the next generation like my children
 3 don't want anything to do with it. And she's telling
 4 you all that she's in there, she said she's a third
 5 generation. When she has -- she just doesn't see, she
 6 can't foresee her children picking up their family
 7 production and carrying it on with this.
 8 So, there was another point I wanted to make
 9 if I can remember. Well, that's all for now, but I do
 10 appreciate it.
 11 MS. GENOVA: Is there anyone else out there wants
 12 to speak or speak again?
 13 We'll take a five minute break and see if
 14 there's more comments. We have one half hour left. I
 15 was trying to get the time. So we'll take a five
 16 minute break and we'll come back, come back for the
 17 final comments.
 18 (A recess was here had 8:28 to 9:00.)
 19 MR. MOUTON: The meeting is adjourned. Thank you
 20 for your attendance.
 21 (End of Public Meeting at 9:00 p.m.)
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