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General Comment

Indian Tribes in America use the oil and gas Royalty income to pay for Schools, Healthcare, Medical, Roads, etc In 2012 report by Bureau of Indian Affairs ...called OIL AND GAS OUTLOOK IN INDIAN COUNTRY Income from energy and minerals is by far the largest source of revenue generated from Trust lands. Tribes in the negotiation of 48 IMDA leases for oil and gas, totaling approximately 2,750,000 acres and about \$45 million in bonuses (upfront payments). These leases have the potential to additionally produce over \$20 billion in revenue to the Indian mineral owner over the life of the lease through royalties and working interests. In 2013, DEMD estimates Indian Royalty to be approximately \$900 million and within two years, estimates royalty income will increase to over \$1 billion. Nationwide Indian average of 16.88% of the gross oil revenues, far in excess of the nationwide federal national average of 11.29% of the gross revenue. Over just the last four years, the development of shale oil and shale gas in the United States has been very rapid, and advances in technology continues to improve the economic returns of producing oil and gas in the U.S. New horizontal drilling applications have accelerated US domestic production of oil and natural gas. Since 2008, the output of oil and natural gas has increased dramatically from tight shale formations, truly representing a gamechanger for conventional energy development and which has the potential for being a driver for economic growth and job creation on Indian Reservations. Other observations about shaleoil and shale gas development and the impact to Indian Country: The production of oil and gas on Indian lands has historically provided significant royalty income to Tribes and individual Indians, The economic impact and benefit for Indian Tribes are potentially very large because

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many Indian reservations are located in known shale play areas, and contain large amounts of undeveloped or underdeveloped areas which are a major consideration by industry wanting to lease lands. NOTE this was all before the Regulations that is hurt the Indian Tribes in US. Just think what we can do again for Indian Tribes in America by rescinding all Mining an gas and oil regulations.