

“There’s Glory for You”: definition-related problems between the CMMI, SEC, and USGS mineral reserve and resource classification systems

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Confusion between *Resources* and *Reserves*

resources

reserves

**common
usage**

**available for
current use**

**saved for
the future**

**mining
usage**

**may be available
in the future**

**available for
current mining**

USGS/USBM versus mining industry sample radius of influence

<i>Coal example</i>	USGS/USBM Circ 891, etc.	Mining Industry SME, SEC, etc.
Measured/ Proven	0.25 mile	0.125 mile
Indicated/ Probable	0.75 mile	0.25 mile
Inferred	3.0 miles	Too speculative