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I believe you focus a little more toward the prevention of explosive risk behind the seals.

"There may not be enough motivation in the reduced cost of seals alone to encourage operators to adopt safe practices."

"Elimination of explosive mixtures should be the desired outcome ~ I would not like to accept the risk of a situation where there was:  
- Explosive mixtures available but 4.4mpa seals to control (the explosion would find its way out through a water trap, a bleed pipe, a gob extraction fan, another face of the gob, an imperfection of the seal.)  
- A gob which was not monitored to determine if there gas mixture was of risk (un monitored seals)  
- A gob which was unmonitored to determine if there was spontaneous combustion present.

I believe the paper should propose to prohibit un-monitored seals, And require mandatory Ellicott (explicability) and CO/O2def + CO/CO2 ratios (Sponcom) of any gob or sealed area for personnel to remain in the mine and 345Kpa seals as minimum for design.

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