Subject: Agency/Program Name Change, PO Box Changes, and Web Site Announcements

Dear Reporter:

On May 19, 2010, the Secretary of the Interior separated the responsibilities previously assigned to the former Minerals Management Service (MMS) and reassigned those responsibilities to three independent organizations. As part of this reorganization, the Secretary renamed MMS’s Minerals Revenue Management program (MRM) to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) and directed that ONRR transfer to the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget (PMB). As a result of these changes, the Minerals Management Service and the Minerals Revenue Management program no longer exist. This change is reflected in the Code of Federal Regulations dated October 4, 2010.

Name Change from MRM to ONRR
The responsibilities assigned to ONRR remain exactly the same as those of the former MRM. Therefore, any payments, reports, or other inquiries formerly directed to one of the six Post Office Boxes listed below must henceforth be addressed to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, or ONRR (see the detailed directions below). This directive supersedes information published in any source that predates this announcement, including reporter handbooks, Dear Reporter letters, and chapter II of title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations (30 CFR).

Post Office Box Replacement
The six Post Office Boxes (PO Boxes) used by this agency since its 1981 inception are as follows:

5640, 5760, 5810, 5860, 17110 and 173702.

As of December 31, 2011, these six PO Boxes will be cancelled. Therefore, effective immediately, any reporter sending mail to any of these PO Boxes must begin sending that mail to the following new PO Box:

Office of Natural Resources Revenue, PO Box 25627, Denver CO 80225-0627.

Although the Post Office will forward mail addressed to the six PO Boxes above to PO Box 25627 for a stipulated time period, we strongly recommend you start sending your mail to ONRR at PO Box 25627 as soon as possible. According to U.S. Postal Service officials, forwarded mail can be delayed by several days, especially during the initial conversion to a new PO Box. Make all necessary PO Box changes now so your mail will never be delayed.
Notes: The instructions above do not affect general correspondence currently being mailed to ONRR at PO Box 25165, Denver CO 80225-0165. This PO Box has been in use for general correspondence for many years and is not changing. These instructions also do not affect mail delivered by couriers such as FedEx, UPS and DHL, which will continue to use the same physical address: Room A-614, Document Processing Team, Bldg 85, Denver Federal Center, 6th Avenue and Kipling Parkway, Denver, Colorado 80225. The only change is that mail must be directed to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, or ONRR.

ONRR Name Change Applies to All Payments
The ONRR name change and the new PO Box will be reflected on all Courtesy Notices (for rent, recoupable rent, gas storage fees, deferred bonuses, and well fees) mailed from this point forward. We will, however, utilize our existing supply of return envelopes carrying the 5640 PO Box up through December 2011 (payments due no later than 12/1/2011). Effective immediately, all Federal payments must be made payable to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, or ONRR. All Indian (non-lockbox) payments must be made payable to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue – Bureau of Indian Affairs, or ONRR–BIA (plus specific allottee or agency designations, where applicable). The ONRR name change supersedes instructions you may receive on invoices or any other correspondence that directs you to make a payment to a payee other than ONRR.

Direct any questions about how to prepare and mail checks to Ralph Spencer at 303-231-3095 or Ralph.Spencer@onrr.gov.

The ONRR Web Site
Now that the transfer of ONRR to PMB is complete, the ONRR web site, which includes Financial Management (FM) Division web pages, is in a new ONRR domain. If you have Favorites that link to pages in the old MMS domain, they are currently being redirected to the new domain—that process will continue indefinitely. However, now that the ONRR domain is established, we recommend you visit the sites below, add them to your Favorites list, and familiarize yourself with all the information and resources ONRR and FM provide to assist reporters.

ONRR home page:  http://www.onrr.gov/


On the FM Division home page, and on most pages in the FM web site, use the FM Quick Links list in the top right-hand portion of the page to locate information you need. If you cannot find specific information, or if you have suggestions regarding additional information that should be on the FM web site or how to make the FM web site more user friendly, please click the Email ONRR Web Master link at the bottom of any page and let us know.

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