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## **Brown Farm Oil Assessed \$14,560 Civil Penalty** *ONRR Cites Company for Failure to Pay Royalties on American Indian Leases*

**DENVER** – The Department of the Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) announced today that it has issued a civil penalty of \$14,560 Brown Farm Oil (Brown Farm) the week of April 20, 2016.

“It is essential that companies submit accurate and timely production reports for ONRR to ensure that proper royalties are paid for these taxpayer assets,” said ONRR Director Greg Gould. “ONRR will continue to insist on proper production reporting from all companies producing on Federal lands.”

ONRR investigated Brown Farm’s failure to submit production reports (Forms ONRR-4054) and found 40 violations dating back to April 2012. ONRR issued a Notice of Noncompliance (NONC) to Brown Farm giving the company 30 days to correct the violations. Brown Farm did not timely correct 40 violations, therefore is being assessed a civil penalty of approximately \$14,560.

Brown Farm has offices in New Matamoras, Ohio.

The Office of Natural Resources Revenue, part of the Department’s Office of Policy, Management and Budget, is responsible for and the collection, disbursement and verification of revenues from energy production that occurs onshore on Federal and American Indian lands, and offshore on the Outer Continental Shelf. During Fiscal Year 2015, the agency disbursed more than \$9.8 billion to states, American Indian Tribes, individual Indian mineral owners, and to various Federal accounts, including the U.S. Treasury, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Reclamation Fund.

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