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## **Energy Companies Fined for Violating Reporting Rules** *\$141,000 assessed in civil penalties*

**DENVER** – The Department of the Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) announced today that five energy companies have been assessed six civil penalties for violating reporting rules, including noncompliance with reporting regulations and failure to submit timely production and royalty reports.

“It is imperative that companies submit timely and accurate reporting documents and pay all royalties due from energy production on Federal leases,” said ONRR Director Greg Gould. “In these cases, the companies simply did not submit the required reports or failed to comply with ONRR Orders to Report.”

Among the companies receiving civil penalties are:

- Linde, Inc., assessed a civil penalty totaling \$73,072 for failure to timely submit production reports;
- Pure Petroleum, LLC, assessed a civil penalty of \$20,580 for failure to timely submit production reports;
- John R. Stearns, assessed a civil penalty of \$17,648 for failure to submit production reports;
- Asher Associates, LLC, which was assessed a civil penalty of \$3,024 for failure to submit royalty reports;
- Derrick Petroleum, assessed a civil penalty of \$17,712 for failure to submit production reports; and
- Derrick Petroleum, assessed \$9,840 for failure to submit royalty reports.

Combined, the civil penalties total \$141,876. The penalties will continue to accrue until the companies submit the proper reports accurately.

The companies may request a hearing on the civil penalties.

The Office of Natural Resources Revenue, part of the Department’s Office of Policy, Management and Budget, is responsible for collecting and disbursing revenues from energy production that occurs onshore on Federal and American Indian lands, and offshore in the Outer Continental Shelf. During Fiscal Year 2012, the agency disbursed more than \$12.15 billion to states, American Indian Tribes and 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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