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ONRR Issues \$322,072 Civil Penalty to Pure Petroleum for Failure to Timely Submit Production Reports

DENVER – The Department of the Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) announced today that it has assessed Pure Petroleum, LLC a \$322,072 civil penalty for failure to timely report production information as specified in a December 2012 Notice of Noncompliance (NONC). The 2012 notice cited Pure for failure to file monthly Oil and Gas Operations Reports for 16 leases on public lands in the state of Wyoming dating back to 2006.

According to ONRR Director Greg Gould, “The requirement for companies to file accurate and timely Oil and Gas Operations Reports is critical for ONRR to ensure that the proper royalties have been paid and that taxpayer assets are protected.”

ONRR issued the civil penalty on July 11, 2013. The penalty will continue to accrue until ONRR receives the reports at issue. Pure Petroleum may request a hearing on the civil penalty.

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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