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ONRR Issues \$113,200 Civil Penalty to Lyon Oil Company for Failure to File Production Reports

DENVER – The Department of the Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) announced today that it has assessed Lyon Oil Company a \$113,200 civil penalty for failure to file production reports specified in a February 2011 Notice of Noncompliance (NONC). The NONC cited Lyon Oil Company for failure to report production on two wells and for not filing Oil and Gas Operations Reports dating back to 2004.

“It is essential that companies file accurate and timely Oil and Gas Operations Reports to ensure that proper royalties are paid and taxpayer assets are protected,” said ONRR Director Greg Gould. “The recent increase in penalties related to reporting violations is a key part of our effort to focus attention on the importance of accurate reporting and continues to build on the reforms we are implementing at ONRR,” Gould added

Lyon Oil Company, with offices in Cut Bank, Montana, may request a hearing on the penalty. If the company does not request a hearing, the civil penalty payment is due Sept. 18, 2013.

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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