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ONRR Issues \$23,400 Civil Penalty to Linde, Inc. *Company Cited for Failure to Submit Royalty Reports*

DENVER – The Department of the Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) announced today that it has assessed Linde, Inc. a \$23,400 civil penalty for failure to submit royalty reports for multiple months on multiple Federal leases in Colorado.

The civil penalty follows a Notice of Noncompliance (NONC) ONRR issued to the company in May 2012.

“It is imperative that companies submit their royalty reports accurately and in a timely fashion to ensure that proper royalties are paid and taxpayer assets are protected,” said ONRR Director Greg Gould. “Compliance with reporting regulations will remain a key focus of ONRR enforcement efforts.”

Linde, with offices in New Jersey, may request an administrative hearing on the penalty. If it does not request a hearing, the civil penalty payment is due Oct. 14, 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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