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ONRR Adds Video Training Courses for Industry Reporters

Training aimed at improving energy industry reporting and saving costs

DENVER – The Department of the Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) announced today that it is now offering reporter training video courses on-line for energy industry employees who report electronically to ONRR.

“These on-line videos offer training to industry reporters, who can take the courses at their convenience,” said ONRR Director Greg Gould. “The training assists companies in correctly reporting their royalty and production data to ONRR.”

In the past, ONRR offered in-person training classes at various locations throughout the United States to educate industry reporters on how to correctly fill out the various forms and reports related to energy production on Federal and American Indian lands. Since recent budget reductions have restricted ONRR from conducting those in-person training sessions, ONRR decided to offer these valuable courses on-line.

The training classes are in the form of videos that industry employees can access from the YouTube ONRR Channel and on the onrr.gov website at the following link:

<http://onrr.gov/ReportPay/training/default.htm>.

Among the training videos currently available is the External MRM Application Request Form (EMARF) process, which allows reporters to gain access to ONRR’s Data Warehouse and eCommerce sites. Another video provides instructions on the ePay.gov process of submitting royalty and other payments to ONRR.

According to Gould, “We tailored the training videos to target common questions and issues that arise as industry employees report their company’s production and make royalty payments to ONRR.” Gould added that industry feedback is important to gauge the effectiveness of the on-line videos. Industry reporters can provide feedback via Facebook, Twitter, or by e-mailing suggestions to: onrrvideotraining@onrr.gov.

The Office of Natural Resources Revenue, part of the DOI’s Office of Policy Management and Budget, is responsible for collecting and disbursing revenues generated from energy production that occurs onshore on Federal and American Indian lands, and offshore in the Outer Continental Shelf. Each month, companies operating on Federal and American Indian lands submit royalty and production reports, which ONRR reviews to ensure that proper royalties are being paid. During Fiscal Year 2013, the agency disbursed more than \$14.2 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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