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## Interior Disburses \$57.8 Million to Texas in FY18 Energy Revenues

*GOMESA Phase-II disbursements will fund important coastal conservation, restoration and hurricane protection projects*

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Secretary David Bernhardt announced that the Department will disburse more than \$57.8 million to Texas and its coastal political subdivisions (CPS) on April 26, 2019. This represents the second disbursement under Phase II of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (GOMESA). The funds are derived from qualified oil and gas leasing revenues on the Outer Continental Shelf, and disbursed in accordance with the revenue-sharing provisions of the GOMESA legislation.

“Under President Trump’s leadership, Interior continues to deliver on the promise of advancing American energy security and economic prosperity,” **said Secretary Bernhardt**. “These disbursements shared directly with the Gulf producing states and local communities are a direct result of the responsible development of our energy resources.”

“As the United States cements itself as the global leader in energy, GOMESA is providing enhanced revenue to Texas’ coastal communities,” **said Texas Governor Greg Abbott**. “This revenue will fund conservation, restoration and hurricane protection projects throughout the region and contribute to our mission of resiliency and disaster preparedness throughout Texas.”

During FY 2018, Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) disbursed approximately \$76 million to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and \$309 million to the U.S. Treasury from bonuses, rentals, and royalties paid for GOMESA leases. As required by the legislation, disbursements to LWCF and Treasury are made in the same year of receipt; disbursements to the states and CPS are made the year following the year of receipt.

Revenue-sharing allocations and disbursement detail for the FY 2018 receipts will be published April 25, 2019, on the Department’s website at: <https://revenue.data.doi.gov/how-it-works/gomesa>.

The following amounts will be shared with Texas and its subdivisions in FY 2019:

<b>State of Texas</b>	<b>\$46,313,471.21</b>
Aransas County	\$466,178.75
Brazoria County	\$779,380.51

Calhoun County	\$628,382.99
Cameron County	\$658,510.61
Chambers County	\$406,855.52
Galveston County	\$1,024,591.91
Harris County	\$2,263,694.49
Jackson County	\$300,964.36
Jefferson County	\$794,042.37
Kenedy County	\$633,309.25
Kleberg County	\$459,956.66
Matagorda County	\$901,868.30
Nueces County	\$614,486.78
Orange County	\$392,328.39
Refugio County	\$285,845.51
San Patricio County	\$298,699.69
Victoria County	\$310,203.11
Willacy County	\$359,068.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57,891,839.04</b>

GOMESA payments are subject to sequestration requirements under the Budget Control Act of 2011.

Interior's Office of Natural Resources Revenue manages and ensures full payment of revenues owed for the development of the nation's energy and natural resources on the Outer Continental Shelf and onshore Federal and Indian lands. In performing this important fiduciary role, ONRR collects an average of over \$10 billion dollars in annual revenue -- one of the Federal government's largest sources of non-tax revenue.