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Dear Reporter:

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Act) provided for continued royalty relief for offshore oil and gas production and for onshore marginal properties.

As a result of the Act, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) has developed additional **Transaction Codes** to identify the new royalty relief measures. These measures are identified for use on the Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance (Form MMS-2014).

Use these new codes for production beginning October 2008. Please begin using the correct Transaction Code for your specific royalty relief situation. Note that the current Transaction Code "41" for reporting Offshore Deep Water Royalty Relief will no longer be valid with the October 2008 sales month. The new Transaction Codes are listed here in numerical order. Please be aware that similar situations may have numerical assignments that are not consecutive. For example, Marginal Property Royalty Relief has two codes that are not consecutive; 43 and 49.

Transaction Codes:

Transaction Code	Description
43	Marginal Property Royalty Relief (reduced royalty rate)
44	Shallow Water Deep Gas Royalty Relief
45	Alaska Offshore Royalty Relief (suspension volumes)
46	Alaska Offshore Royalty Relief (reduced royalty rate)
47	Gas Hydrate Royalty Relief
48	Carbon Dioxide Injection Royalty Relief
49	Marginal Property Royalty Relief (suspension volumes)
55	Deep Water Royalty Relief
80	Alternate Energy Operating Fee

MMS has also developed new product codes for Oil Shale and Tar Sands. These product codes are for use on either the Form MMS-2014 or the Solid Minerals Production and Royalty report (Form MMS-4430).

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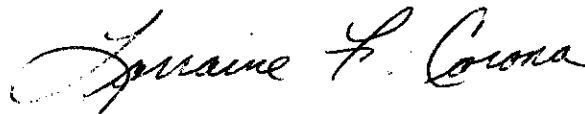
Product Codes:

Product Code	Description
OL	Oil Shale - Barrels
OS	Oil Shale - Tons
TL	Tar Sands - Barrels
TS	Tar Sands - Tons

For questions regarding reporting royalties on the new Product Codes, contact LeeAnn Martin at 303-231-3313.

For questions regarding the new Transaction Codes, please contact your royalty error correction contact who can be located at <http://www.mrm.mms.gov/ReportingServices/PDFDocs/coassign.pdf> or Susan Long at 303-231-3079.

Sincerely,



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