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Dear Reporter:

Enclosed for your reference is the Minerals Management Service's (MMS) *EDI Handbook for Payors and Reporters*. This handbook contains implementation guidelines necessary to transmit MMS's regulatory report forms in the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 format.

This handbook provides information on reporting to both organizations within MMS, the Royalty Management Program and the Offshore Minerals Management. The handbook contains separate chapters for each ANSI ASC X12 data transaction set.

The American Petroleum Institute's Petroleum Industry Data Exchange (PIDX) group provided the ASC X12 implementation guides that are included in this handbook. The PIDX implementation guides simplify the use of ASC X12 transaction sets by identifying usage requirements pertinent to the petroleum industry. The MMS handbook was developed using these PIDX standards.

Should you have comments, suggestions or questions, please contact Mr. Tim Allard by calling 303-275-7007 or 800-619-4593 or by using our Electronic Commerce mailbox at the following Internet address: MMS_EC_MAIL@SMTP.MMS.GOV.

Sincerely,

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