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## **ONRR Issues \$428,400 Civil Penalty to Chesapeake Energy *Company cited for inaccurate royalty reports***

**DENVER** – The Department of the Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) announced today that it has assessed Chesapeake Energy Company a \$428,400 civil penalty for “knowing or willful submission” of inaccurate royalty reports.

“It is imperative that companies file accurate and timely reports required by existing law so ONRR can ensure American Indian and taxpayer assets are protected,” said ONRR Director Greg Gould. “It is simply unacceptable that a company continues to file inaccurate reports after an audit order instructed the company to make the necessary corrections.”

At issue were inaccurate royalty reports submitted by the company for an American Indian lease in Oklahoma.

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 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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