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ONRR Publishes Indian Oil Index Based Major Portion Prices *Posting helps companies calculate royalties under amended Indian Oil Valuation Rule*

DENVER – The Department of the Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) today published the July 2015 Index Based Major Portion (IBMP) prices for Indian oil, representing the first month that such prices are being made available to energy companies producing on American Indian lands.

The prices, available online at: <http://onrr.gov/Valuation/IndianOilIBMP.htm>, are being published in response to the amended Indian Oil Valuation Regulations, which became effective July 1, 2015. The prices – which will be updated on a monthly basis – will boost revenue for tribes and individual Indian mineral owners, and provide industry with certainty and clarity in reporting by requiring companies producing oil on Indian lands to pay royalties on the higher of the gross proceeds or the IBMP price.

“This rule offers more simplicity and certainty for companies operating on American Indian lands while maximizing revenue that tribes and individual Indian mineral owners receive for their mineral resources,” said ONRR Director Greg Gould. “ONRR is fully committed to the department’s Trust responsibility, and ensuring that American Indians receive every dollar due.”

The amended regulations follow recommendations from the Indian Oil Negotiated Rulemaking Committee formed by the Secretary of the Interior in late 2011 and charged with bringing clarity and consistency to oil valuation regulations governing production on American Indian lands. The committee included representatives from American Indian tribes, individual Indian mineral owner associations, the oil and gas industry, and Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Additional information regarding this rule can be found on ONRR’s Indian Oil Major Portion Page at: <http://onrr.gov/Valuation/IndianOilIBMP.htm>

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 2014, the agency disbursed more than \$13.4 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 (LWCF), and the Reclamation Fund.

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