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Oasis Petroleum Assessed \$72,438 Civil Penalty *ONRR Cites Company for Failure to Make Royalty Payments*

DENVER – The Department of the Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) announced today that it assessed a \$72,438 civil penalty against Oasis Petroleum North America, LLC (Oasis) for failure to make royalty payments on production from an American Indian lease in the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota.

“As part of its Trust responsibilities, ONRR will remain vigilant in ensuring that companies timely submit royalty reports and payments for any production that occurs on American Indian lands,” said ONRR Director Greg Gould. “Failure to report and pay royalties is a violation of ONRR regulations and federal statute.”

Between February 2013 and June 2014, ONRR contacted Oasis multiple times to find out why the company did not report or make royalty payments for the lease. Oasis responded by assuring ONRR that the unpaid royalties would be forthcoming. However, the company did not follow through. It eventually paid the royalties in July 2014.

Oasis Petroleum has offices in Houston, Texas.

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, and the Reclamation Fund.

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