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### **Benson-Montin-Greer Assessed Three Civil Penalties *Drilling Corporation Ordered to Pay \$45,960 for Separate Violations***

**DENVER** – The Department of the Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) announced today that it assessed three separate civil penalties totaling \$45,960 against Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation (BMG) for failure to comply with Notices of Noncompliance (NONCs) and failures to comply with orders to report and pay additional royalties on American Indian leases in New Mexico.

“It remains essential that companies properly report and pay appropriate royalties, particularly on American Indian leases,” said ONRR Director Greg Gould. “In these three cases, the company failed to comply with requirements to report and pay additional royalties, which is a violation of federal statute.”

The three civil penalties are for BMG’s failure to comply with orders to report and pay additional royalties, and are in the amounts of \$16,000, \$27,120, and \$2,840. Two of the three penalties will continue to accrue until the company provides the missing reports and royalty payments.

Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation has offices in Farmington, New Mexico.

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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