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Interior schedules public workshops to examine coal valuation regulations

DENVER – The Department of the Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) announced today that three public workshops have been scheduled to discuss issues related to existing royalty valuation regulations for coal produced from Federal and American Indian leases.

The workshops are being held following the close of the public comment period for an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that seeks to simplify the valuation methodology and provide consistency to coal producers. It also seeks to provide greater clarity in valuation regulations, decrease industry’s cost of compliance, and provide early certainty to industry and ONRR that companies have paid the proper royalties.

The dates and locations of the three workshops include:

- Workshop 1 – Denver, Colorado, Wednesday, October 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon (Mountain time). The workshop will be held at the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Denver Federal Center, 6th Avenue and Kipling Parkway, Building 85, Auditoriums A-D, Denver, Colorado, 80225 (telephone number is 303-231-3585).
- Workshop 2 – St. Louis, Missouri, Tuesday, October 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon (Central time). The workshop will be held at the Marriott St. Louis Airport, 10700 Pear Tree Lane, St. Louis, Missouri, 63134 (telephone number is 314-423-9700).

- Workshop 3 – Albuquerque, New Mexico, Thursday, October 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon (Mountain time). The workshop will be held at the Bureau of Land Management, Albuquerque District Office, 435 Montano Road, NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87101 (telephone number is 505-761-8700).

For additional information, interested persons can access the Federal Register Notice announcing the workshops at: www.regulations.gov.

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 2010, the agency disbursed more than \$9.1 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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