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Columbia Production Company Assessed Civil Penalty *ONRR Cites Company for Failure to Pay Royalties*

DENVER – The Department of the Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) announced today that it has issued a civil penalty of \$5,504 to Columbia Production Company (Columbia Production).

“Submitting accurate and timely production reports is essential for ONRR to ensure that proper royalties are being paid,” said ONRR Director Greg Gould. “It is imperative that energy companies report production as required by law.”

ONRR investigated Columbia Production from January, 2008 to November, 2014. ONRR issued a Notice of Noncompliance (NONC) to Columbia Production giving the company 30 days to correct the violations. Columbia Production did not timely correct 70 violations, and therefore is being assessed a civil penalty of approximately \$5,504. Since Columbia Production had no prior violations and is a very small company, ONRR is preparing the civil penalty assessment using the standard rates of \$2 per day, per violation for the first 40 days and \$4 per day, per violation thereafter.

Columbia Production has offices in Edmond, Oklahoma.

The Office of Natural Resources Revenue, part of the Department’s Office of Policy, Management and Budget, is responsible for and the collection, disbursement and verification of revenues from energy production that occurs onshore on Federal and American Indian lands, and offshore on the Outer Continental Shelf. During Fiscal Year 2015, the agency disbursed more than \$9.8 billion to states, American Indian Tribes, 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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