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General Comment

Comments on the Indian Oil Valuation Amendments, 1012-AA15:

Thank you for allowing comments on this. I am a landowner and mineral rights owner of the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota. I support the effort to insure adequate royalty payments for oil and gas to the individual Indian property owners. The Department of Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs has the legal responsibility to protect the individual Indian property owner and to implement policy that is in the best interest of these individual Indians. Insuring that these individual Indians are receiving the highest royalty possible is in the best interests of the individual Indian.

One policy that needs to be added to the oil valuation amendments is that deduction of transportation costs for oil and gas by the oil companies is not allowed. Our leases do not authorize any deduction for transportation costs, yet the companies are charging this for both oil, gas, and liquids.

Also, there is a need for improved access to data through the BIA, ONNR, or OST for individual Indian property owners that allow them to adequately monitor their wells on a monthly basis. The only official document that provides information on this is the BIA Explanation of Payment Report that comes with the royalty payment and this is not sufficient to provide a clear picture of an individuals oil and gas production and sales.