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## **ONRR Issues Three Civil Penalties Totaling \$77,352** *Companies cited for failure to submit royalty, production reports*

**DENVER** – The Department of the Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) announced today that it assessed three civil penalties totaling \$77,352 to three companies for failure to submit royalty or production reports as required by ONRR regulations and Notices of Noncompliance (NONC).

“Submitting timely and accurate royalty and production reports are essential for ONRR to ensure that proper royalties are paid for these taxpayer assets,” said ONRR Director Greg Gould. “We will continue to insist on proper reporting.”

Among the companies receiving a civil penalty was Washakie Energies Co., Ltd., which received a penalty of \$41,412 for failure to timely comply with a NONC to provide production reports for several federal leases in Wyoming. The civil penalty will continue to accrue until the company fully complies. Washakie has offices in Worland, WY.

Advantage Resources, Inc., with offices in Denver, was issued a civil penalty of \$24,384 for failure to comply with a NONC requiring submittal of royalty reports. That penalty will also continue to accrue until compliance is achieved. The company has federal leases in Colorado, Utah and South Dakota.

ONRR also issued Grynberg Petroleum Company, with offices in Denver, a civil penalty of \$11,556 for failure to comply with an Aug. 26, 2014, NONC to report production on certain federal leases in Wyoming and New Mexico. Grynberg failed to comply by the deadline established by the NONC, but has since submitted the necessary production reports.

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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