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of the Interior under direction of the Director of the United States Geological Survey, authorized and empowered to supervise and direct operations under oil and gas or other mining leases, to furnish scientific and technical information and advice, to ascertain and record the amount and value of production, and to determine and record rentals and royalties due and paid.

[16 F. R. 9192, Sept. 11, 1951]

RENTS AND ROYALTIES

§ 183.18 *Manner of payment of rents and royalties.* (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, all rents, royalties and other payments due under leases which have been or may be approved in accordance with this part shall be paid by check or bank draft to the order of the Treasurer of the United States and mailed to the Area Director for deposit to the credit of the various lessors. When lessees and purchasers are instructed, in writing, by the Area Director, which instructions shall be complete as to lessors for each lease, separate remittances for each payment due each lessor shall be mailed to the Area Director. Any payments under this paragraph, covering lands or interests therein from which restrictions have been removed by death or otherwise, may continue to be made in the manner provided by this paragraph until ten days after notice of relinquishment of supervision has been mailed to the lessee.

(b) The Area Director may, in his discretion, whenever it appears to be in the best interest of any lessor, authorize and direct the lessee to pay directly to the lessor, or to the legal guardian of any lessor under guardianship, the rents, royalties and other payments (other than bonuses and advance payments for the first year) due under leases which have been or may be approved in accordance with the regulations in this part. Any such authority for direct payment shall be in writing, addressed to the owner or owners of the lease, and shall expressly provide for its revocation or modification at any time, in writing, by the Area Director. Written authorization for direct payment and written revocations or modifications thereof shall become a part of the lease and shall be distributed as in the case of original leases. All such revocations or modifications shall have a 5-day grace period after date of receipt. Rents, royalties, and other payments paid in accordance therewith shall constitute full compliance with the requirements of the lease pertaining to such payments.

(c) Rents and royalties paid pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section on producing leases shall be supported by statements, acceptable to the Secretary or his duly authorized representative, to be transmitted to the Supervisor, in duplicate, covering each lease, identified by contract number and lease number. Such statements shall show the specific items of rents or royalties for which remittances are made, and shall identify each remittance by the remittance number, date, amount, and name of each payee.

(d) Rents paid on nonproducing leases pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall be supported by a statement, acceptable to the Area Director, to be transmitted to the Area Director covering each lease, identified by contract number and lease number. Each remittance shall be identified by the remittance number, date, amount, name of each payee, and dates of mailing of remittances. Date of mailing, or, if remittance is sent by registered mail, the date of registration receipts covering remittances mailed, shall be considered as date of payment.

(e) For leases other than oil and gas, all advance rentals and royalties for the first year shall be paid to the Area Director at the time of filing the lease, and the advance royalty and 20 percent of the first year's rental so paid shall be and become the property of the lessor, if the lease be disapproved because of the lessee's failure to meet the requirements of the law or of the regulations in this part or because of any other fault or defect chargeable to the lessee.

[16 F. R. 9192, Sept. 11, 1951]

§ 183.19 *Crediting advance annual payments.* In the event of discovery of minerals, all advance rents and advance royalties shall be allowed as credit on stipulated royalties for the year for which such advance payments have been made. No refund of such advance payments made under any lease will be allowed in the event the royalty on production is not sufficient to equal such advance payment; nor will any part of the moneys so paid be refunded to the lessee because of any subsequent surrender or cancellation of the lease.

[16 F. R. 9192, Sept. 11, 1951]

§ 183.20 *Disposition of income from leases.* [Revoked]

CODIFICATION: § 183.20 was revoked, 16 F. R. 9192, Sept. 11, 1951.

§ 183.29 *Division orders.* (a) Lessees may make arrangements with the purchasers of oil and gas for the payment of the royalties as provided for in the lease and the regulations but such arrangement, if made, shall not operate to relieve a lessee from responsibility should the purchaser fail or refuse to pay royalties when due. Where lessees avail themselves of this privilege, division orders should be executed by the lessee and forwarded to the supervisor for approval. Purchasers may be authorized by the supervisor to reimburse lessees out of royalties for advance rents and advance royalties. Copies of written instructions, notices, modifications, revocations, and authorizations, as provided for in § 183.18 (a) and (b), shall be furnished to purchasers. The right is reserved for the supervisor to cancel a division order at any time or require the purchaser to discontinue to run the oil of any lessee who fails to operate the lease properly or otherwise violates the provisions of the lease, of the regulations in this part, or of the operating regulations.

[Paragraph (a) amended by 16 F. R. 9192, Sept. 11, 1951]

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Part 186—Leasing of Tribal Lands For Mining

Sec.
186.9 Acreage limitation.

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(2) For beds of placer gold, gypsum, asphaltum, phosphate, iron ores, or other useful minerals except coal, oil, and gas, not more than 960 acres unless otherwise authorized by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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CODIFICATION: In § 186.9 (a) subparagraph (2) was amended to read as set forth above and subparagraph (4) was revoked, 16 F. R. 7277, July 26, 1951.

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AUTHORITY: §§ 221.1 to 221.12 issued under R. S. 161; 5 U. S. C. 22.

SOURCE: §§ 221.1 to 221.12 appear at 16 F. R. 6178, June 27, 1951.

§ 221.1 *Definitions.* Whenever used in this part the terms defined in this section shall have the meaning herein stated:

(a) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

(b) "Area Director" means the officer in charge of an area office for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(c) "Superintendent" means the superintendent or other officer in charge of an Indian reservation, agency or establishment.

(d) "Minor" means an individual who has not reached his majority as defined by the laws of the state of his domicile.

(e) "Indian Money Accounts" are those accounts under the control of superintendents or disbursing agents containing funds, regardless of derivation, belonging to individuals.

§ 221.2 *Osage Agency.* The provisions of this part do not apply to funds the deposit or expenditure of which is subject to the provisions of Part 222 of this subchapter.

§ 221.3 *Individual accounts.* Individuals shall have the right to withdraw funds in their Indian money accounts and upon their request the superintendent shall disburse the funds to them

at such convenient times and places as the superintendent may designate, except as otherwise provided in this part.

§ 221.4 *Minors.* Funds of a minor may be disbursed for the minor's support, health, education, or welfare to parents, state-appointed guardians, fiduciaries, or to persons having the control and custody of the minor under plans approved by the superintendent, or directly to the minor upon such conditions as the superintendent may prescribe, in such amounts as he may deem necessary in the best interests of the minor. Superintendents are authorized to require modification of an approved plan whenever deemed in the best interest of the minor.

§ 221.5 *Adults under legal disability.* The funds of an adult who is non compos mentis or under other legal disability may be disbursed for his benefit for such purposes deemed to be for his best interest and welfare in the discretion of the superintendent, or the funds may be disbursed to a state-appointed guardian or curator under such conditions as the superintendent may prescribe.

§ 221.6 *Voluntary deposits.* Voluntary deposits shall not be accepted, but Indians who require banking service shall be encouraged to utilize commercial facilities. If in any case it is the judgment of the superintendent that an exception to this prohibition should be made to avoid a substantial hardship, he shall submit the facts in the case to the Area Director who is authorized to allow or deny an exception.

§ 221.7 *Payments by other Federal Agencies.* Superintendents are authorized to accept and administer moneys that may be received from the Veterans Administration or other government agency pursuant to the act of February 25, 1933 (47 Stat. 907; 25 U. S. C. 14), for the benefit of adult Indians under legal disability or minors for whom no legal guardian or fiduciary has been appointed.

§ 221.8 *Purchase orders.* Purchase orders shall not be issued except upon the request of the individual and only to meet emergencies.

§ 221.9 *Restrictions.* Funds obligated under assignments made pursuant to Part 30 of this chapter shall be disbursed only in accordance with the terms thereof. Funds derived from the sale of capital assets which by agreement approved prior to such sale by the Commissioner or his authorized representative are to be expended for specific purposes, and funds obligated under contractual arrangements approved in advance by the superintendent or subject to deductions specifically authorized or directed by acts of Congress, shall be disbursed only in accordance with the agreements (including any subsequently approved modifications thereof) or acts of Congress.

§ 221.10 *Funds of deceased Indians.* Funds of a deceased Indian may be disbursed (a) for support of dependent members of the families of decedent in such amounts deemed necessary to avoid hardship and consistent with the value of the estate and the interest of probable heirs; (b) for the payment of obligations previously authorized; (c) for the last illness and funeral expenses of the decedent; and (d) for probate fees and claims allowed pursuant to Parts 81 and 82 of this chapter.

§ 221.11 *Funds of deceased Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes.* Funds of a deceased Indian of the Five Civilized Tribes may be disbursed to pay ad valorem and personal property taxes, Federal and state estate and income taxes, obligations approved by the superintendent prior to death of decedent, expenses of last sickness and burial and claims found to be just and reasonable which are not barred by the statute of limitations, and costs of determining heirs to restricted property by the state courts.

§ 221.12 *Supervision; appeal.* Exercise of authority by superintendents under this part shall be subject to the supervision and control of the Commissioner and his designated representatives. Appeal from an action taken by the superintendent may be taken within 30 days to the Area Director and thence to the Commissioner within a like period.

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AUTHORITY: §§ 223.50 to 223.68 issued under sec. 2, 63 Stat. 1128; 25 U. S. C. 573.

SOURCE: §§ 223.50 to 223.68, set forth in this Pocket Supplement, appear at 16 F. R. 10695, Oct. 19, 1951.

§ 223.50 *Program required; purposes for which expenditures may be made.* Pro rata shares of the Shoshone Judgment Fund shall be expended in accordance with an approved program and for: Purchase of land; improvement of land to be acquired or already held by the Indian; erection and improvement of suitable homes; education; purchase of building material, farming equipment, livestock, feed, food, seed, grain, tools, machinery, implements, household goods, bedding, clothing, and any other equipment, supplies, or training necessary to enable the Indian to fit himself for or to engage in farming, livestock raising, industry, or such other pursuits or vocations as will enable him to become self-supporting.

§ 223.52 *Scope of programs.* Programs shall contemplate the eventual use of the entire pro rata share or definitely provide for the conservation of a portion of such share, but in no case, except as hereinafter provided, shall a program provide for the expenditure in the first year, after its approval, of more than $1,350 for each adult or more than $500 for each minor contributing to the program, and the program shall recognize that future use and expenditures for such program after the first year shall depend upon the proper use of the funds initially authorized to be expended: *Provided,* That the program of an adult may, with the approval of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, provide for the expenditure in the first year after its approval of more than $1,350 when required for its most effective development. Expenditures of a minor's funds under this subpart shall not exceed a total sum of $500 and the remaining $1,350 of each minor's share shall be held intact until his majority, as required in section 2 of the act of July 27, 1939 (53 Stat. 1128).

§ 223.54 *Approval of programs.* The superintendent, subject to the limitations described in this subpart, shall approve or disapprove all programs submitted by Indians for the use and disbursement of pro rata shares of the Shoshone Judgment Fund. The Shoshone business council may act, or designate a committee of Indians to act, in an advisory capacity in the preparation and consideration of programs. Programs shall be prepared upon an approved form,[1] which shall be filled out in duplicate, one copy to be filed at the Wind River Indian Agency and one copy to be retained in the possession of the Indian.

§ 223.55 *Right of appeal.* Indians shall have the right of appeal, through the superintendent, to the Area Director, Billings Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the Area Director) (a) from an action of the superintendent in withholding funds under § 223.53 and (b) from an action of the superintendent in disapproving a program under § 223.54. Appeals must be filed within 60 days with the superintendent who shall promptly forward the appeal, together with a statement of the facts in the case and of his reasons for the action taken by him, to the Area Director. An appeal will lie within a like period from the action of the Area Director to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

§ 223.56 *Individual land purchases.* Before approving a program which includes an individual land purchase, the superintendent shall determine that such purchase will not conflict with the tribal land program of land purchase, consolidations and use authorized by the act of July 27, 1939 (53 Stat. 1128). No purchase of land by individuals using restricted funds shall be made within the ceded or opened portion of the Wind River Reservation.

§ 223.57 *Issuance of purchase orders.* In the discretion of the superintendent, expenditures from pro rata share accounts, other than for the purchase of

[1] Forms shall be made available at the Wind River Indian Agency.