The Department of the Interior administers the mineral leasing program for Federal and American Indian lands.

The Department divides mineral lease responsibilities among six Bureaus and Offices:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
- Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)
- Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR)
- Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST)
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**ONRR Mission:** For the benefit of all Americans, ONRR collects, accounts for, and verifies natural resource and energy revenues due to States, American Indians, and the U.S. Treasury.

**ONRR Vision:** Excellence in natural resources revenue management.

**ONRR Offices:**
- Dallas, Texas
- Denver, Colorado
- Farmington, New Mexico
- Houston, Texas
- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Washington, D.C.
STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

INCLUDE:

- Statutes relevant to onshore leases:
  - Leasing of Allotted Lands for Mining Purposes, Act of March 3, 1909
  - Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (MLA)
  - Indian Mineral Leasing Act of 1938
  - Geothermal Steam Act of 1979
  - Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982

- Statutes relevant to offshore leases:
  - Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953 (OCSLA)
  - Deepwater Royalty Relief Act of 1995 (DWRRA)
  - Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (GOMESA)

- Authority to collect and manage mineral lease revenues:
  - Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA)
  - Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (RSFA)
## ONRR REGULATIONS

### 30 C.F.R. 1200-1290

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**CHAPTER XII—OFFICE OF NATURAL RESOURCES REVENUE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

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**EDITORIAL NOTE:** Nomenclature changes to chapter XII appear at 75 FR 61066, Oct. 4, 2010.

**SUBCHAPTER A—NATURAL RESOURCES REVENUE**

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2016 VALUATION RULE & ITS 2017 REPEAL
2017 ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Office of Natural Resources Revenue
U.S. Department of the Interior

Rules & Regulations

- Proposed Rules
  - AA02: Reporting and Paying Royalties on Federal Lease (Takes vs. Entitlements Reporting)
  - AA04: Valuation of Federal Coal for Advance Royalty Purposes & Information Collection-Solid Minerals Leases
  - AA21: Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation

Final Rules
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of Natural Resources Revenue

30 CFR Parts 1202 and 1206

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RIN 1012–AA21

Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation

AGENCY: Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), Interior.

ACTION: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM).

SUMMARY: The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) requests comments and suggestions from affected parties and the interested public on whether revisions to the regulations governing the valuation, for royalty purposes, of oil and gas produced from Federal onshore and offshore leases and coal produced from Federal and Indian leases, are needed and, if so, what specific revisions should be considered.
ANPRM Comment Period Ends: May 4, 2017

Public Comments Received

- Allen Altman
- Alvin Not Afraid, Jr., Crow Tribe Chairman
- American Exploration & Production Council
- Anonymous Commenter 1
- API Comments
- API - COPAS
- API - COPAS Final
- Beau Baumann
- Bob Kvaas
- Black Hills Corporation
- Chevron
- Center for American Progress
- Cloud Peak Energy
- Dan R. Bucks
- Davis Graham & Stubbins LLP
- Eland Energy

- Independent Petroleum Association of America
- Institute for Policy Integrity
- IPAA Comments
- Matthew H. Mead, Wyoming Governor
- Mountain Pact
- National Wildlife Federation Final
- Sierra Club
- Tax Payers for Common Sense
- The Wilderness Society 2
- Tri-State G&T Assoc Inc.
- Trapper Mining
- Western Energy Alliance
- Western Fuels Association
- Western Organization of Resource Councils
- Western Organization of Resource Councils 2
- Wilderness Society
PUBLIC COMMENTS: OIL & GAS SUBJECTS

- Arm’s-length contracts as gold-standard for valuation
- Index prices as basis for valuation
- Reporting gas as unprocessed or processed
- Reporting on higher of unprocessed or processed value
- Identifying non-allowable marketable condition costs and segregating them from allowable transportation and processing costs
- Limitations on or elimination of transportation and processing allowances
- Reporting value net of transportation (transportation factors)
- Allowing offshore gathering costs as transportation
- Authorizing valuation agreements
- Taking royalty in value or in kind
- Exercise of Secretarial discretion
- Separate oil and gas from coal rulemakings
PUBLIC COMMENTS:
COAL SUBJECTS

- Value coal based on:
  - Comparable arm’s-length sales
  - Existing or revised benchmarks
  - Index
  - Formula
  - MMBtus
  - Final market price with limited deductions
  - Secretarial discretion
  - Natural gas equivalent
  - Not electricity sales

- Allowances
  - Clarify
  - Base on reasonableness
  - Limit or eliminate
Third, on March 29, 2017, the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) announced that he will reestablish the Royalty Policy Committee (RPC) under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The RPC will advise ONRR on current and emerging issues related to the determination of fair market value and the collection of royalties from energy and natural resources on Federal and Indian lands. The RPC will be composed of Federal representatives and stakeholders from energy and mineral interests, academia, public interest groups, States, Indian Tribes, and individual Indian mineral interest owners. The RPC will provide a forum for engaging with key stakeholders and the public on many of the same issues we attempted to address in the 2017 Valuation Rule. ONRR expects that further internal assessment and analysis combined with consultations facilitated by the RPC’s reestablishment will lead to the development and promulgation of a new, revised valuation rule that will address the various problems that have now been identified in the rule we are repealing.

BUT THE RPC’S NEXT STEPS ARE UP TO YOU ….