

§ 1227.400 What functions may a State perform in processing production reports or royalty reports?

Production reporters or royalty reporters provide production, sales, and royalty information on mineral production from leases that must be collected, analyzed, and corrected.

(a) If you request delegation of either production report or royalty report processing functions, you must perform at least the following:

(1) Receiving, identifying, and date stamping production reports or royalty reports;

(2) Processing production or royalty data to allow entry into a data base;

(3) Creating copies of reports by means such as electronic imaging;

(4) Timely transmitting production report or royalty report data to ONRR and other affected Federal agencies as provided in your delegation agreement and the *Standards*;

(5) Providing training and assistance to production reporters or royalty reporters;

(6) Providing production data or royalty data to ONRR and other affected Federal agencies; and

(7) Providing assistance to ONRR for appealed demands or orders, including meeting timeframes, supplying information, using the appropriate format, performing remanded actions, modifying orders, and providing oral and written briefing and testimony as expert witnesses.

(b) If you request delegation of either production report or royalty report processing functions, or both, you may perform the following functions:

(1) Granting exceptions from reporting and payment requirements for marginal properties; and

(2) Approving alternative royalty and payment requirements for unit agreements and communitization agreements.

(c) You must provide ONRR with a copy of any exceptions from reporting and payment requirements for marginal properties and any alternative royalty and payment requirements for unit agreements and communitization agreements you approve.

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§ 1227.401 What are a State's responsibilities if it processes production reports or royalty reports?

In processing production reports or royalty reports you must:

(a) Process reports accurately and timely as provided in the *Standards* and your delegation agreement;

(b) Identify and resolve fatal errors to use in subsequent error correction that the State or ONRR performs;

(c) Accept multiple forms of electronic media from reporters, as ONRR specifies;

(d) Timely transmit required production or royalty data to ONRR and other affected Federal agencies;

(e) Access well, lease, agreement, and reporter reference data from ONRR and provide updated information to ONRR;

(f) For production reports, maintain adequate system software edits to ensure compliance with the provisions of 30 CFR part 1210—Forms and Reports, the ONRR *Minerals Production Reporter Handbook*, any interagency memorandum of understanding to which ONRR is a party, and the *Standards*;

(g) For royalty reports, maintain adequate system software edits to ensure compliance with the provisions of 30 CFR part 1218, the *Oil and Gas Payor Handbook, Volume II*, "Dear Payor" letters, and the *Standards*; and

(h) Comply with the procedures for appealed demands or orders, including meeting timeframes, supplying information, and using the appropriate format.

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§ 1227.500 What functions may a State perform to ensure that reporters correct erroneous report data?

Production data and royalty data must be edited to ensure that what is reported is correct, that disbursement is made to the proper recipient, and that correct data are used for other functions, such as automated verification and audits. If you request delegation of error correction functions for production reports or royalty reports, or both, you must perform at least the following: