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**MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE'S ROYALTY REPORTING SYSTEM IS UP AND RUNNING -- EMAIL
AND WEB ACCESS TO FOLLOW**

Currently, the Minerals Management Service's royalty reporting system is up and running. This means that the bureau's online system of processing mineral revenue reports and payments is back to business as usual.

Access to the MMS via email and Internet will not be restored until later this week, possibly Fri., March 29, 2001.

Another announcement will be issued when restoration of email and Internet access is completed.

MMS is the federal agency that manages the Nation's oil, natural gas and other mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf in federal offshore waters. The agency also collects, accounts for and disburses mineral revenues from federal and Indian leases. These revenues totaled nearly \$10 billion in 2001 and more than \$120 billion since the agency was created in 1982. Annually, nearly \$1 billion from those revenues go into the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the acquisition and development of state and federal park and recreation lands.

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MMS Internet website address: <http://www.mms.gov>