

1991. Written comments should be received on or before August 19, 1991.

Dated: July 12, 1991.

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Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, U.S. Office of Management Authority.

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Mineral Management Service

Accounting Procedure for Determining the Sufficiency of Estimated Payment Balances Established by Payors on Federal and Indian Oil Gas Leases

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) hereby gives notice of its accounting procedure for determining the sufficiency of estimated royalty payment balances that have been established by payors on Federal and Indian oil and gas leases. In accordance with this procedure, the sufficiency of estimated payment balances will be determined at the lease level. To avoid interest charges for insufficient estimates, payors must ensure that the estimated payment balance that they have previously established at the revenue source, product type, and selling arrangement level is sufficient to cover actual monthly royalties to be reported for all products produced on the lease.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 2, 1991.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Connie G. Bartram, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Payor Accounting Branch, MS 3210, P.O. Box 25185, Denver, Colorado 80225-0185, telephone (303) 231-3133 or (FTS) 326-3133.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal and Indian oil and gas leases provide that royalties on production shall be due and payable monthly on the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced and sold. Royalty payors may, however, establish an estimated payment balance and delay reporting and paying actual royalties an additional month. Estimated payment balances are established by individual payors for their portion of total royalty payment responsibility on a lease.

The procedures to establish or to adjust estimated payments are contained in the MMS Oil and Gas Payor Handbook, Volume II, Section 3.5.

In accordance with the handbook, payors are required to report estimated royalty payments on a Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance (Form MMS-2014) at the lease revenue source, product type, and selling arrangement level. Payment of royalties is due on the last day of the month following the month in which the estimate was reported on the Form MMS-2014.

The MMS is providing notification of its accounting procedure for determining the sufficiency of estimated payment balances established by payors. As of the effective date of this Notice, MMS will compare the estimate balance to the actual royalties reported and paid during the time period the due date is extended because of an estimate. This comparison and determination of the sufficiency/insufficiency of estimated payments will be by individual payor at the lease level rather than the revenue source, product type, and selling arrangement level.

The MMS intends to assess interest charges on insufficient estimated payment balances beginning with royalties to be reported on Form MMS-2014 reports for the September 1991 sales month. Royalties on production during September 1991, for leases on which a payor has established an estimated payment balance, must be reported on Form MMS-2014 not later than December 2, 1991, which is the first business day following November 30, 1991. Therefore, the effective date of this Notice is December 2, 1991.

Payors should review the estimated payment balances that they have previously established at the revenue source, product type, and selling arrangement level on each Federal or Indian lease to ensure that the total is sufficient to cover total actual monthly royalties that may be reported for all products produced on the lease. If the total of the estimated payment balance previously established by a payor on a lease is not sufficient, the payor should increase the estimate balance on the lease to avoid interest charges on insufficient estimates. An increase in the total estimate balance on a lease must be established by October 31, 1991, to assure coverage of royalties due on September 1991 production, to be reported by December 2, 1991.

Notification of MMS's accounting procedure for determining the sufficiency of estimate balances on both Federal and Indian leases, as discussed in this Notice, was provided to all

royalty payors with current estimate balances by letter dated July 8, 1991.

Dated: July 12, 1991.

Donald T. Sant,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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National Park Service

Environmental Statements, Denali National Park and Preserve

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of the Act of September 28, 1976, 16 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*, and in accordance with the provisions of § 9.17 of 36 CFR 9A, George Bailey has filed a plan of operations in support of proposed mining operations on lands embracing the Discovery No. 1 placer mining claims with Denali National Park and Preserve.

ADDRESSES: This plan is available for inspection during normal business hours at the following locations.

Denali National Park and Preserve, Park Headquarters, Denali National Park, Alaska.

Alaska Regional Office, Minerals Management Division, National Park Service, 2525 Gambell Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2892.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Toms, Assistant Superintendent, Denali National Park and Preserve (907) 683-2294 or Floyd Sharrock, Chief, Minerals Management Division, at the addresses above (907) 257-2626.

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National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before July 6, 1991. Pursuant to § 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-