§ 227.500 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:

(a) Correcting all fatal errors and assigning appropriate confirmation indicators;
(b) Verifying whether production reports are missing;
(c) Contacting production reporters or royalty reporters about missing reports and resolving exceptions;
(d) Documenting all corrections made, including providing production reporters or royalty reporters with confirmation reports of any changes;
(e) Providing training and assistance to production reporters or royalty reporters;
(f) Issuing notices, orders to report, and bills as needed, including, but not limited to, imposing assessments on a person who chronically submits erroneous reports; and
(g) Providing assistance to MMS for appealed demands or orders, including preparing field reports, performing remedied actions, modifying orders, and providing oral and written briefing and testimony as expert witnesses.

§ 227.501 What are a State's responsibilities to ensure that reporters correct erroneous data?

To ensure the correction of erroneous data, you must:

(a) Ensure compliance with the provisions of 30 CFR parts 216 and 218, any applicable handbook specified under 30 CFR 227.401 (f) and (g), interagency memorandum of understanding to which MMS is a party, and the Standards;
(b) Ensure that reporters accurately and timely correct all fatal errors as designated in the Standards. These errors include, for example, invalid or incorrect reporter/payor codes, incorrect lease/agreement numbers, and missing data fields;
(c) Submit accepted and corrected lines to MMS to allow processing in a timely manner as provided in the Standards and 30 CFR part 219; and
(d) Comply with the procedures for appealed demands or orders, including meeting timeframes, supplying information, and using the appropriate format.

§ 227.600 What automated verification functions may a State perform?

Automated verification involves systematic monitoring of production and royalty reports to identify and resolve reporting or payment discrepancies. States may perform the following:

(a) Automated comparison of sales volumes reported by royalty reporters to sales and transfer volumes reported by production reporters. If you request delegation of automated comparison of sales and production volumes, you