§ 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

(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.

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.


§ 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:

(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 ONRR for appealed demands or orders, including preparing field reports, performing remanded actions, modifying orders, and providing oral and written briefing and testimony as expert witnesses.