§ 519.415 How will bonus and royalty credits affect revenues allocated to Gulf producing States?

If bonus and royalty credits issued under Section 104(c) of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act are used to pay bonuses or royalties on leases in the 181 Area located in the Eastern Planning Area and the 181 South Area, then there will be a corresponding reduction in qualified OCS revenues available for distribution.

§ 519.416 How will the qualified OCS revenues be allocated to coastal political subdivisions within the Gulf producing States?

BOEM will calculate the percentage allocation of funds to the coastal political subdivisions in accordance with the following criteria:

(a) Twenty-five percent of the qualified OCS revenues will be allocated to a Gulf producing State’s coastal political subdivisions in the proportion that each coastal political subdivision’s population bears to the population of all coastal political subdivisions in the producing State;

(b) Twenty-five percent of the qualified OCS revenues will be allocated to a Gulf producing State’s coastal political subdivisions in the proportion that each coastal political subdivision’s miles of coastline bears to the number of miles of coastline of all coastal political subdivisions in the producing State. Except that, for the State of Louisiana, proxy coastline lengths for coastal political subdivisions without a coastline will be considered to be ½ the average length of the coastline of all political subdivisions within Louisiana having a coastline.

(c) Fifty percent of the revenues will be allocated to a Gulf producing State’s coastal political subdivisions in amounts that are inversely proportional to the respective distances between the geographic center of each applicable leased tract and the point in each coastal political subdivision that is closest to the geographic center of each applicable leased tract. Except that, an applicable leased tract will be excluded from this calculation if any portion of the tract is located in a geographic area that was subject to a leasing moratorium on January 1, 2005, unless that tract was in production on that date.

§ 519.417 How will BOEM calculate the percentage allocation of qualified OCS revenues to the coastal political subdivisions if, during any fiscal year, there are no applicable leased tracts in the 181 Area in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area?

If, during any fiscal year, there are no applicable leased tracts in the 181 Area in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area, BOEM will calculate the percentage allocation of funds to the coastal political subdivisions in accordance with the following criteria:

(a) Fifty percent of the revenues will be allocated to a Gulf producing State’s coastal political subdivisions in the proportion that each coastal political subdivision’s population bears to the population of all coastal political subdivisions in the State; and

(b) Fifty percent of the revenues will be allocated to a Gulf producing State’s coastal political subdivisions in the proportion that each coastal political subdivision’s miles of coastline bears to the number of miles of coastline of all coastal political subdivisions in the State. Except that, for the State of Louisiana, proxy coastline lengths for coastal political subdivisions without a coastline will be considered to be ½ the average length of the coastline of all political subdivisions within Louisiana having a coastline.

§ 519.418 When will funds be disbursed to Gulf producing States and eligible coastal political subdivisions?

(a) The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) will disburse allocated funds in the fiscal year after it collects the qualified OCS revenues. For example, ONRR will disburse funds in fiscal year 2010 from the qualified OCS revenues collected during fiscal year 2009.

(b) ONRR intends to disburse funds on or before March 31st of the year following the fiscal year of qualified OCS revenues.