

# **Summary: Oil and Gas Company Failed To Report and Pay Gas Royalties**

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The OIG investigated allegations that an oil and gas company failed to comply with Federal regulations and to pay royalties associated with tribal leases.

We substantiated the allegations and found the company failed to accurately report and pay gas royalties in 2014 for seven leases located on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. We found, however, that the company made genuine attempts to correct the royalty reporting, but the adjustments did not post properly. After consultation between our office, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), and company representatives, the company corrected the suspect reporting and paid all additional gas royalties associated with the seven tribal leases.

This is a summary of a report of investigation that was issued to the ONRR Director.

