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ROYALTY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING IN DENVER, SEPTEMBER 25

The Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service will hold the next meeting of the Royalty Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board on September 25, in Denver, Colorado. The meeting will take place from 8:30am - 4:30pm at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 7525 East Hampden Avenue.

This session's agenda is scheduled to be highlighted by subcommittee reports on net receipts sharing and coal interim recommendations. MMS will make presentations on the Royalty Fairness and Simplification Act, Royalty-in-Kind, and Program Reengineering. The Committee will also elect a new chairperson and vice chairperson.

If time permits, the public will be invited to make statements during the meeting and file written statements with the Committee for consideration. Minutes of the meeting will be available within 10 days following the meeting for public inspection at the MMS Royalty Management Program offices in Denver, and on MMS's website at www.mms.gov.

The Secretary of the Interior established the Royalty Policy Committee, on the Minerals Management Advisory Board, to provide advice on the Departments's management of federal and Indian minerals leases, revenues, and other minerals related policies.

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MMS is the federal agency that manages the Nation's natural gas, oil and other mineral resources on the OCS, and collects, accounts for and disburses about \$4 billion yearly in revenues from offshore federal leases and from onshore mineral leases on federal and Indian lands.

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