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TEN STATES RECEIVE FUNDING  
TO HELP MMS AUDIT MINERAL ROYALTIES (#40076)

Ten states will receive a total of nearly \$3.24 million as a result of cooperative agreements with the U.S. Interior Department's Minerals Management Service (MMS), agency officials announced today.

The funding will compensate those states for assisting MMS's Royalty Management Program office in conducting audits of companies producing minerals on Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the respective states.

MMS routinely contracts with the states for the auditing services. "These contracts typify the kind of Federal-State partnerships this administration seeks to foster," said MMS Acting Director Cynthia Quarterman. "This kind of activity is a good example of one of the President's primary goals: a government that works better and costs less," she said.

States which will receive the funds during fiscal 1995 are:

California. . . . .	\$904,288
Colorado. . . . .	\$432,529
Louisiana . . . . .	\$70,000
Montana . . . . .	\$133,788
New Mexico. . . . .	\$233,555

North Dakota . . . . . \$147,155  
Oklahoma . . . . . \$325,615  
Texas . . . . . \$50,000  
Utah . . . . . \$530,951  
Wyoming. . . . . \$411,911

MMS is the Federal agency which collects and disburses revenues from onshore leases on Federal and Indian lands and from Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) leases, and which manages and regulates the nation's natural gas, oil and other mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). MMS collects between \$3 and \$4 billion in revenues each year.

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