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36 STATES RECEIVE \$541 MILLION As Share of Federal Mineral Revenues in 1999

The Department of Interior's Mineral Management Service (MMS) distributed more than \$541 million to 36 states during 1999. MMS disperses the money as part of the states' cumulative share of revenues collected for mineral production on federal lands within the state's boundary, and from offshore federal oil and gas tracts adjacent to their shores.

Amounts vary from year to year, according to production and market prices. In 1998, the states received \$559 million, and in 1997 they received a record \$617 million.

The MMS is responsible for collecting, accounting for, auditing and disbursing revenues associated with mineral leases on federal and Indian lands. Disbursements are made to states on a monthly basis, as bonuses, rents, royalties and other revenues are collected.

A state is entitled to a share of the mineral revenues collected from federal lands located within that state's boundaries. For the majority of federal lands, states and the federal government share the revenues: 50 percent to the state, 40 percent to the Reclamation Fund for water projects, and 10 percent to the U.S. Treasury. Alaska, the only exception, gets a 90-percent share, as prescribed by the Alaska Statehood Act.

Certain coastal states with federal offshore tracts adjacent to their seaward boundaries receive 27 percent of those mineral royalties as well. Remaining offshore revenues are deposited in special accounts of the U.S. Treasury, including the General Fund and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Alabama \$12,394,614.92	Kansas \$882,710.45	New Mexico \$148,579,252.88	Utah \$31,943,576.06
Alaska \$4,155,721.39	Kentucky \$44,892.95	North Carolina \$126.46	Virginia \$51,946.97
Arizona \$63,590.26	Louisiana \$8,870,525.88	North Dakota \$2,649,234.54	Washington \$1,472,893.34
Arkansas \$874,263.40	Michigan \$462,784.92	Ohio \$117,944.80	West Virginia \$215,350.86

California \$15,846,647.82	Minnesota \$12,263.98	Oklahoma \$960,281.60	Wisconsin \$45.02
Colorado \$38,076,381.02	Mississippi \$818,678.35	Oregon \$38,733.42	Wyoming \$239,830,468.91
Florida \$2,816.11	Missouri \$1,013,412.09	Pennsylvania \$ 22,167.31	Total \$541,413,254.87
Georgia \$54.51	Montana \$17,219,246.63	South Dakota \$311,579.43	
Idaho \$2,363,855.86	Nebraska \$8,762.83	Tennessee \$7.45	
Illinois \$88,841.58	Nevada \$2,245,222.30	Texas \$9,774,358.57	

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 mineral leases and from onshore mineral leases on federal and Indian lands.

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