

ELECTRONIC RECORDS SCHEDULE

Request for Records Disposition Authority, attachment to SF 115

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Royalty Distribution and Reporting System (RDRS)

System Description: The Royalty Distribution and Reporting System (RDRS) was designed in the mid 1970s as the main system that reports and distributes monies from oil and gas revenues collected by the Minerals Management System (MMS). Mineral Management Service (MMS) office is responsible for collecting and processing royalties for mineral production for both individual Indians and Tribal leases. The system also tracks tribal and individual landowners, and oil and gas leases including billing, lease rental distribution, and compiling data for annual reports related to oil and gas producing lease activities. The data spans from 1985 to the present. The system consists of several modules including Distribution and Reporting, Leasing (subsurface) and RDRS Owner (subsurface). The Trust Reform Act of 1994 further supported the management of trust assets, and to create and maintain a verifiable system of records that documents the management of trust assets.

The Royalty Distribution and Reporting System (RDRS) resides on a Unisys NX Server and operates Unisys mainframe base applications. The software application that is used is in-house programs using Cobol 74, in addition to Unisys system support and utility software that is proprietary to Unisys. Tape cartridges are used for backup and offsite storage.

Item 1. System Name: Royalty Distribution and Reporting System (RDRS) – Payment Module

System Description: The function of the Royalty Distribution and Reporting System (RDRS), an ISAM (indexed sequential access method) file format, is to calculate and distribute payments, and report information with respect to mineral processing for tracts of Indian land that have producing subsurface leases. These activities include interfacing with data provided by the Minerals Management System (MMS), processing statements and checks, creating check registers and verification reports, producing mailing labels, and creating distribution reports for the Office of Trust Funds Management (OTFM) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Seven BIA regions including Southern Plains Regional Office, Southwest Regional Office, Western Regional Office, Navajo Regional Office, Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office, and Great Plains Regional Office use this database.

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a. Inputs:

The inputs of the Royalty Distribution and Reporting System (RDRS) Payment module consist of faxes from BIA Regional offices for purposes of verification and requests for distributions of royalty income.

Disposition: Apply disposition instructions approved for paper and microfilm records.

b. Master Data File:

The Master Data File contains individual ID number and corresponding address, third party name and address, processed date, debit or credit amount, JV number, payment amount, agency code, check number, interest and principal amounts, and management code. The primary key unit of analysis is the individual ID number.

Disposition: PERMANENT. Create duplicate copy of records off-line and physically transfer to the National Archives upon approval of this schedule in accordance with NARA instructions and guidance. Subsequent legal transfer of the records will be as jointly agreed to between DOI and NARA, in accordance with regulations currently cited in 36 CFR 1228.270.

Data restricted in accordance with Privacy Act Notice: Indian Individual Monies Trust Funds-OS-02 (previously Individual Indian Monies—Interior, BIA—3); Indian Land Records—Interior, BIA—4; Indian Land Leases—Interior, BIA—5.

c. Outputs:

Case file specific queries, sorts, reports, tables and related records and data compilation reports (e.g., management reports and plans) that are created for case files, studies, inquiries, inspections, and related program files.

Disposition: Apply disposition instructions approved for paper and microfilm program records.

d. Documentation:

System Data specifications, file specifications, code books, record layouts, user guides, output specifications, final reports, regardless of medium, relating to a master file or database.

Disposition: PERMANENT. Transfer to the National Archives with Master Data File as identified in item 1.b. above.

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Additional Information for: Royalty Distribution and Reporting System (RDRS) Payment Module

BIA Series/System Number:

Users:

Department of Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Office of Trust Responsibilities
Southwest Regional Office
Southern Plains Regional Office
Rocky Mountain Regional Office
Western Regional Office
Navajo Regional Office
Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office
Great Plains Regional Office

638 Tribes

Program: Office of Trust Responsibilities

Function: Minerals Management

Related Series/Systems: 16 BIAM – 4617 Land Lease Accounting Files
4618 Indian Land Lease Case Files
4619 Oil Well Records
4620 Nationwide Oil and Gas Lease Bond Files

Location: BIA – Reston, VA is the location of the mainframe/system managers

Points of contact: Central Office Trust Responsibilities; Lee Maytubby – Southwest Regional Office; Bruce Maytubby – Southern Plains Regional Office; Clark Madison – Rocky Mountain Regional Office; Bill Titchywy – Western Regional Office; Steve Graham – Navajo Regional Office; Sheila Yandell – Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office; Realty Officer – Great Plains Regional Office.

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Item 2. System Name: Royalty Distribution and Reporting System (RDRS) – Lease\Owner Module

System Description: The function of the Royalty Distribution and Reporting System (RDRS) Lease\Owner module, an ISAM (indexed sequential access method) file format, is to capture producing subsurface leasing activities. These activities include advertising oil and gas leases, processing application for oil and gas research and drilling; tracking expired leases, renewing leases, initiating new leases; approving, modifying, amending, and canceling leases; removal of tracts from leasing activities (land withdrawal), and tracking tract acreage and payment information (money collection from lessees and distribution of money to landowners). Six BIA regions including Southwest Regional Office, Western Regional Office, Navajo Regional Office, Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office, and Great Plains Regional Office use this module. The seventh BIA region, Southern Plains Regional Office, uses Royalty Distribution and Reporting System (RDRS) for royalty payment processing but does not use it for the Lease/Owner module.

a. Inputs:

The inputs (source documents) of the Royalty Distribution and Reporting System (RDRS) Lease\Owner module include land tract information; leases (renewal, approval, modifying, amending, cancellation/ expiration, compliance and complaints, royalty and rental rates, and landowner stipulations); mineral permits; drilling permit; land management plans and appraisals; bonds; land owner consent; lease advertisements; payment documentation; names and addresses of current lessees; and interest factor (interest calculation used to determine monies owed to land owners). Collection and payment documents and data, such as bills for collection, money orders from lessees, and journal vouchers, are acquired from such sources as the lessees through BIA offices and financial distribution report from Minerals Management System (MMS). Supporting documentation includes: Indian mineral development agreements (e.g., tribal resolution information, mineral exploration agreements that are approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and related information required by the Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982); Communitization/Unitization agreements (agreements to consolidate multiple tracts into a unit); Environmental Impact Statements in accordance with the National Environmental Protection Act; Archaeological Studies in accordance with National Historic Preservation Act; farm management plans relating to crops and livestock for which the leased land will be utilized. For oil and gas exploration and drilling, some of the input information includes corporate articles of incorporation, articles to do business in the state, corporate qualifications, and bonds approved by a surety. Other inputs of the Royalty Distribution and Reporting System (RDRS) Lease\Owner module are tract and owner of land information from such sources as reports from the Land Record Information System (LRIS) Title Status Report (TSR).

Disposition: Apply disposition instructions approved for paper and microfilm records.

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b. Master Data File:

The Master Data File contains information on leases that have been identified by lease number, reservation code, allotment number, acres, communitization/unitization, rate, section, township, and range. The primary key unit of analysis is the lease number.

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Disposition: PERMANENT. Transfer to the National Archives with Master Data File as identified in item 2.b. above.

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