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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 10, 1999, MMS published a final rule

titled "Amendments to Gas Valuation Regulations for Indian Leases," (64 FR 43506) with an effective date of January 1, 2000. The gas regulations apply to all gas production from Indian (tribal or allotted) oil and gas leases (except leases on the Osage Indian Reservation).

The rule requires that MMS publish major portion prices for each designated area not associated with an index zone for each production month beginning January 2000 along with a due date for additional royalty payments. See 30 CFR 206.174(a)(4)(ii)(2000). If additional royalties are due based on a published

major portion price, the lessee must submit an amended Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, to MMS by the due date. If additional royalties are not paid by the due date, late payment interest under 30 CFR 218.54 (2000) will accrue from the due date until payment is made and an amended Form MMS-2014 is received. The table below lists the major portion prices for all designated areas not associated with an Index Zone and the due date for payment of additional royalties.

**GAS MAJOR PORTION PRICES AND DUE DATES FOR DESIGNATED AREAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AN INDEX ZONE**

MMS—Designated areas	September 2000 (MMBtu)	October 2000 (MMBtu)	Due date
Alabama-Coushatta .....	\$4.81	\$5.48	04/30/2001
Blackfeet Reservation .....	3.14	4.05	04/30/2001
Fort Belknap .....	4.33	4.68	04/30/2001
Fort Berthold .....	2.13	2.60	04/30/2001
Fort Peck Reservation .....	2.78	3.34	04/30/2001
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation .....	3.53	4.53	04/30/2001
Rocky Boys Reservation .....	3.52	4.01	04/30/2001
Turtle Mountain Reservation .....	1.18	1.18	04/30/2001
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation .....	3.72	4.64	04/30/2001
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation .....	3.72	4.64	04/30/2001

For information on how to report additional royalties due to major portion prices, please refer to our Dear Payor letter dated December 1, 1999.

Dated: March 23, 2001.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to Sections 104 and 107 of CERCLA**

Notice is hereby given that on March 1, 2001, the United States lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, in *United States of America v. Advanced Resin Systems, Inc.*, No. H-99-4357, pursuant to sections 104 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9604 and 9607. The proposed Consent Decree resolves civil claims of the United States against Advanced Resin Systems, Inc. ("Advanced Resin") in connection with the Archem Site, located in Houston, Texas. Advanced Resin will pay a total of \$100,000.00 to the United States in

reimbursement of response costs incurred at the Site by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States of America v. Advanced Resin Systems, Inc.*, DJ No. 90-11-2-1328/1.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, 515 Rusk, Ste. 3300, Houston, Texas 77002, and the Region VI Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas, 75202. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check for reproduction costs (at 25 cents per page) in the amount of

\$4.75, payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act**

In accordance with Department policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a consent decree in *United States and State of Maine v. Allen's Transfer & Storage, et al.*, Civil No. ME Civ. No. 00-249-B-C and NH Civ. No. C.01-27-M (D.Me.), was lodged on March 7, 2001 with the United States District Court for the District of Maine.

The proposed consent decree embodies an agreement with 130 potentially responsible parties, pursuant to section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607, to pay \$2,821,261.75, in aggregate, and five federal potentially responsible parties to pay \$257,383.67, in aggregate, in reimbursement of past response costs at the Hows Corner Superfund Site in Plymouth, Maine ("Site"). A total of