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CORRECTION TO: MMS TO STREAMLINE APPEALS PROCESS, EXPEDITE DECISIONS AND INSTITUTE COST RECOVERY

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) proposed new regulations in the October 28 Federal Register to streamline the appeals process. The proposed regulations would impose a \$100 uniform filing fee on all appeals, though the fee for appeals filed by Indian tribes or allottees will be waived. There is no provision in the proposed regulation for MMS to return the filing fee if no appeal decision is made within the 16-month time period.

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