



# Montana Department of Revenue



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Date: July 27, 2011

TO: County Treasurer  
Oil and Natural Gas Producing Counties

FROM: Lee Baerlocher, Bureau Chief

SUBJECT: Distribution of Oil and Natural Gas Production Tax for 1st Quarter 2011

Please find enclosed supporting documents for the Oil and Natural Gas Production Tax Distribution for production occurring during the quarter listed above.

We collected, and are distributing \$54,355,616.16 in production taxes and interest earnings. The total revenue and distribution is as follows:

<u>Revenue:</u>	Total Collections	\$54,355,616.16
	STIP to General Fund	\$0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,355,616.16</b>
<u>County Total Distribution:</u>		\$24,936,955.08
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,936,955.08</b>
<u>Tribal Total Distribution:</u>		\$0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<u>State Distribution:</u>	Oil, Gas & Coal Natural Resource Account	\$948,920.32
	Board of Oil and Gas Conservation	\$503,187.71
	Coal Bed Methane Account	\$343,988.60
	Natural Resources Operations State Special Revenue Account	\$405,515.02
	Natural Resources Projects State Special Revenue Account	\$405,515.02
	Orphan Share Account	\$836,199.94
	University System	\$741,113.66
	General Fund	\$25,234,220.81
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,418,661.08</b>

Enclosed you will find a report titled COGS Quarterly County Distribution. This report details the county's share of the distribution.

The front page of the report shows a summary, for each county's share of total revenue. The remaining pages provide further detail on how each county's total oil and gas production taxes are to be allocated by fund based on MCA 15-36-332 (2) fixed percentages.

MCA 15-36-331 through 15-36-332 provides the specific information you will need on how distribute the funds in your county. You can find the MCA on the state's home page at [http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/mca\\_toc/index.htm](http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/index.htm)

Your check is being mailed separately or electronically if requested.

If you have any questions regarding the distribution of the oil and natural gas production taxes, please contact any of the following individuals:

Van Charlton at (406) 444-3584, Dan McLeod at (406) 444-6921, Keith Broussard at (406) 444-3585, Melissa Quigley at (406) 444-3777, or Lee Willis at (406) 444-5877.

c: County Commissioners  
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