

Summary: Investigation of Altered Documents Provided to ONRR Auditors

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OIG investigated an allegation received from the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) that an Albuquerque, NM trucking company appeared to have altered sales invoices prior to submitting them to ONRR auditors. The alterations reportedly concealed the price of the minerals extracted from tribal lands.

We conducted interviews at ONRR, obtained lease agreements, and consulted with ONRR employees to determine how the concealment affected ONRR's audit. We determined that the company's owner considered the concealed information as proprietary and not pertinent to ONRR's audit. We also confirmed with ONRR that the concealed information was not required and the concealment did not affect its audit.

Based on this information, we concluded there was no harm to the Federal Government or lessee.

This is a summary of an investigative report that was issued internally to the U.S. Department of the Interior. This summary was posted to the web on October 13, 2015.

