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**ROYALTY
OVERSIGHT
PROGRAM**



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The Royalty Oversight Program

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture's royalty oversight program connects royalty owners and well operators with an independent ombudsman to provide assistance with royalty payment issues such as:

- No payment within 150 days
- Unable to contact the well operator
- Confused or disagree with the royalty payment amount

After case assignment, the ombudsman will contact the mineral owner within two business days regarding the situation. The ombudsman will also contact the well operator detailing the findings and work with all parties to clarify the discrepancy or communication breakdown in a timely manner.

Program Limitations

- We will not work on royalty issues currently under regulatory review or state and/or federal litigation
- We will not work on royalty issues beyond the previous 6 years



- In some cases, we may work on royalty issues with a working interest but may have limitations

Educational Outreach

The program also provides educational outreach to help royalty owners who have been or may be impacted on royalty issues.

Confidentiality

The names of royalty owners who receive assistance under the program are closed records as defined in section 44-04-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code. The identity of those requesting or receiving assistance will remain confidential.

Contact Us

If you are a royalty owner and need help getting in contact with a well operator or understanding royalty payments, please fill out the online request at www.ndda.nd.gov/royalty-oversight-program or call 701-328-5110.