

Tips on Using Instant Information

Data Available

Instant Information is designed to provide quick-reference tables, graphs, and narratives addressing the Federal and American Indian mineral leasing program. The site will take 3 years to complete due to the volume of information to be incorporated.

The site will be developed in increments. Information in all data sets will initially be developed from 1986 through the current year to accommodate requirements for more recent historical data. Data sets will then be developed back to periods when record-keeping began: Federal onshore information will begin in 1920, American Indian in 1925, and Federal offshore in 1953.

Searchable Database

We realize that you may require information for specific years, States, commodities, or land categories rather than comprehensive data provided in fixed tables or graphs in the site. We are adding a searchable database to many of the files to enable you to choose from a number of parameters to create your own tables tailored to your specific requirements. Once you have created your table, you can switch the orientation for easier viewing.

The searchable database icon (sdb icon) will appear inside a blue outline beside each file with this feature. **Click on the sdb icon inside the blue outline to take you to the searchable database.**

We will continue to add specific databases as we add information throughout the site. You will eventually be able to compile any combination of collection, disbursement, commodity, lease, and cooperative audit program data for one or more States for over 80 years.

Printing suggestions for the Searchable Database

Select the orientation with the small number of categories across the top of the page for more efficient printing. For example, if you will be viewing many years but only a few States, select the orientation with the smaller number of categories (States) across the top of the report and the larger number of categories (years) down the side.

You may also adjust the font for the table you create by clicking on “View” then “Fonts” and selecting one of the smaller font sizes. This will reduce the size of your table and may improve viewing.

We have added a “Printer Friendly” button at the bottom right-hand side of each table that will allow you to print the data with pre-set page breaks. You must select “File” and “Print” for

each of these files. We continue to explore new technology to improve the print function for the searchable database.

Example of the use of a current Searchable Database

Assume you may want to display offshore royalty collections for each commodity in Louisiana and Texas over the past 5 years. First, click on “*Collections*” under the Instant Information site. Then click on the sdb icon inside the blue outline under Federal offshore collections.

This will bring you into the searchable database. Select the “*Query Detail*” for “*Sales Volume, Sales Value, and Royalties by Commodity*” and click on the “*Continue*” bar. Select the years 1995 through 1999 from a current available range of 1986 through 1999. Then select Louisiana and Texas from a range of 7 offshore States or Regions. Enter your request by clicking on the “*Submit Query*” bar at the bottom of the parameter listing.

A table with royalty information for the two States from 1995-99 will automatically appear. You may change the orientation of the table to list either the years or States across the top of the table. Both options are available to you through the “*Switch View Orientation*” bar at the bottom of the table. The listing with the States across the top of the page will provide the best format for printing in this example.

Click on the “*Detail View*” bar to have sales volume, sales value, and royalties presented for each commodity in the two States. You may select either State-and-commodity or commodity-and-State presentations by clicking on the “*Switch State/Commodity Sort*” bar at the bottom of the table.

You may return to the main query page to select new parameters or to select new report formats by clicking on the appropriate bars at the bottom of the table.