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Extension of Petroleum Registry Implementation

As announced in the Petroleum Registry of Alberta news release (available at http://www.petroleumregistry.gov.ab.ca/pdf_word/NEWS_RELEASE_9_21.doc) the implementation of the Petroleum Registry of Alberta (the Registry) has been extended to October 31, 2002. The major impacts to Department of Energy reporting follows below:

For Oil and Natural Gas Reporting

First Reporting Month

Submissions related to Natural Gas, Oil and APMC reporting will now be made commencing with the October 2002 production month. Reporting for the production month of September 2002 shall be made using existing submission methods.

Data Retrieval

For the client package reports that are produced monthly, the following table outlines the first month the data will be available in the Registry:

Report Name	First Month Available in the Registry (For October 2002 Production Month)
Crude Oil Crown Royalty Statements	November, 2002
APMC Reconciliation Statements	November, 2002
Natural Gas Crown Invoice, Including Crown Royalty Details	December, 2002

For reports that are generated on a daily basis by the Department, the earliest that report could be available in the Registry is November 1, 2002.

Revised Royalty Guidelines

The June Supplemental Information Bulletin stated that the revised Alberta Natural Gas Royalty Principles and Procedures (commonly referred to as the Gas Royalty Guidelines) would be available by October 2002. Unfortunately, due to a redistribution of resources in order to ensure a quality Registry product is released on October 31, 2002, this publication will not be available until April 2003. Further updates will be provided in future issues of the Bulletin. Industry clients are reminded of the extensive information that is provided on the Registry web-site in dealing with changes brought on by the Registry (<http://www.petroleumregistry.gov.ab.ca/>).

The revised Petroleum Royalty Guidelines will be available by December 2002.

Natural Gas Impacts

NGL Reporting

As announced in the Department of Energy news release (available at <http://www.energy.gov.ab.ca/ind/Publications/Misc/NGL+Royalty+Policy+Implementation.htm>) the implementation of the Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) royalty policy has also been moved to the October 31, 2002 date. The supplemental royalty reports depicting the details of the Facility Average Royalty Rate (FARR) and Facility Average Price (FAP) will be attached to the October 2002 Billing Month Invoice, which will be available in December 2002. Reporting of In-Stream Components (ISCs) will commence within the October 2002 production month.

Use of Owner Activity Statements (OAS) for September 2002 Production Month

Data submission methods for September 2002 Production Month will continue as usual. This means that the OAS must be filed for September 2002 Production Month, and use of the new Stream Allocation Factors (SAF) and Owner Allocation Factors (OAF) and Registry Volumetric submissions will commence with October 2002 production month reporting.

Consolidated Well Group Terminations (RMF1)

Active Consolidated Well Groups (previously set-up via the RMF1 form) will now be automatically terminated effective with the October 2002 production month. Royalty clients are still able to use their consolidated well groups on OAS reports for September 2002 production month.

Changes to Data Submissions

Attachment 8 is a copy of Appendix B of the June 2002 Supplemental Information Bulletin with two changes:

- Reference to September 2002 has been changed to October 2002 (thus, existing methods of submitting DOE forms for the September 2002 production month are still available).
- Removal of the fifth column entitled “BA Non-Op Length Prod Periods < Sept 2002; Prior to Aug 1, 2002.” This column is no longer relevant since we have now passed August 1, 2002. The only two pertinent options for Business Associate Non-Operator length is whether or not the production month in question relates to prior October 2002 or October 2002 and beyond.

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