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OIL SANDS INFORMATION BULLETIN 2012-15

Subject: Opportunity for Operator Participation in Testing OASIS Royalty Release

The Royalty Reporting and Calculation release of the Oil Sands Administrative and Strategic Information System (OASIS) will be implemented at the start of the 2013 reporting period. Oil Sands Royalty effective with Production Month January 2013 and all prior period amendments submitted from February 1, 2013 onward will be calculated by OASIS. Upon implementation of this release, operators will receive reports on submission validation and royalty calculation results, as well as financial transaction details, to help them manage the royalty reporting information.

To enable a smooth transition, an opportunity is available to all oil sands operators that report Project (OSR/CSR) and/or non-Project Well (NPR, formerly referred to as PSR) Royalty to preview the royalty submission and report retrieval process in a test environment. This opportunity will also enable operators to preview the reports that they will receive from OASIS and to identify any difficulties in using the system. The operator preview process will follow a typical business process where the operator submits royalty reports, requests on demand reports to verify production and submission status, and retrieves and reviews automated reports that are generated by OASIS after royalty validation and calculation. OASIS Development Team representatives will be on hand to answer questions related to the submission and retrieval process and the report contents.

Each operator can select up to two test sessions from the session list below. Each operator is limited to one workstation at each session.

Session List

Session 1: November 13, 2012 10 a.m. to Noon
Session 2: November 13, 2012 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Session 3: November 15, 2012 10 a.m. to Noon
Session 4: November 15, 2012 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Session 5: November 20, 2012 10 a.m. to Noon
Session 6: November 20, 2012 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Session 7: November 22, 2012 10 a.m. to Noon
Session 8: November 22, 2012 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Operators must provide their own test files, stored on the operator's own USB drives or CD/DVD. The test environment will be set to calculate September 2012 royalty (current production month) and prior period amendments. Pre Payout Monthly Royalty Calculation (MRC) and Post Payout Good Faith Estimates (GFE) test submissions must use Report Month 2012-09. Pre Payout and Post Payout End of Period (EOP) test submissions can use any non-statute barred Period prior to 2012. Non-Project well royalty (NPR) test submissions can use any non-statute barred production months up to 2012-09.

Operators are encouraged to participate but must register in advance. Twelve workstations are available at each of eight sessions. Session choices are available to operators on a first come/first served basis. The sessions will take place at **AMEC Place, 801 – 6th Ave S.W., Room 534B**. Operators are asked to report to Reception on the 3rd floor, AMEC Place, upon arrival.

Please register by e-mail to OSODMailbox@gov.ab.ca **before November 2, 2012**, indicating your name, company, phone number, email address and session number(s). Each operator can choose up to two sessions. A confirmation email will be sent to you to confirm your registration.

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