



## Registry Tip

# New ABZONE and CLOSED Well Statuses for Commingled and Drain wells

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**Audience:** All stakeholders

**Purpose:** This tip informs stakeholders of two new statuses for commingled and drain wells that will be applied by Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) staff as a result of completion data received (i.e. packing device capped with cement) or a Board Closure Order enforcement.

**Background:** The **ABZONE** well status is applied by the ERCB whenever plugback data abandoning a section of a wellbore is submitted in the DDS Well Drilling and Completions system. The ABZONE well status date will be the Plugback date.

The **CLOSED** well status is applied by the ERCB after issuance of a Board Closure order. The CLOSED well status date is the effective date of the Board Closure order.

**Key Principles:** Below are the new well statuses and the wellbore event that triggers these status changes:

A. ABZONE status

Plugs that completely abandon a Drain leg will now show the status of "N/A ABZONE N/A DRAIN". Plugs that abandon a zone of a well event carrying a commingled status will now show the status of "N/A ABZONE N/A COMMIN".



## B. CLOSED status

Drain and Commingled wells that are affected by a Board Closure order will now show the well status of either "N/A CLOSED N/A DRAIN" or "N/A CLOSED N/A COMMINGLED".

## C. Retroactive changes for Drain wells

The ERCB will retroactively apply the status of "N/A ABZONE N/A DRAIN" to drain legs that have been completely abandoned by a Plug. The ABZONE well status date will be the Plugback date. These retroactive changes will be made starting in February and ending in March 2011.

**More information:** Questions or concerns related to this tip are to be directed to the ERCB Well Data Services at (403)297-8952, option 2, or via e-mail: [welldataservices@ercb.ca](mailto:welldataservices@ercb.ca).