

## Assets Designated to the Orphan Well Association (OWA) Flag

Jurisdiction	Release/Revision Date	Location of Change in this Document	Comment
AB	September 8/22		Initial Release

**Audience:** All Alberta Petrinex Users

**Purpose:** To advise all users that effective September 8, 2022, a new Orphan Well Association (OWA) indicator was added to Petrinex and the Alberta Public Data Portal to indicate assets (licences, wells, or facilities) that have been designated as orphan by the AER.

**Background:** When there is no legally responsible party to look after an asset, the AER may designate it an orphan. The responsibility for the orphaned asset is then transferred to the OWA. The OWA is an industry-funded not-for-profit organization that safely closes orphaned assets. The OWA maintains a list of the assets on their website, however, it was determined that having this information available in Petrinex would also benefit stakeholders. The orphaned designation information that is available in Petrinex is maintained by the AER.

**Key Principles:** Effective September 8, 2022, Petrinex functionality was enhanced with a new field to indicate well licences and facility licences that have been designated to the OWA, along with their associated Well ID(s) and Reporting Facility ID(s).

The following Petrinex screens and reports have been updated with a new field called "Orphan Well Association" or "OrphanWellFlg" (on the CSV and XML reports):

- Query Facility Licence screen
- Query Well Licence screen
- Edit/Query and Request Facility screen
- Edit/Query Well Status screen



# TIP

- Query Well screen
- Facility Infrastructure Report
- Licence Report
- Well Infrastructure Report

On the Petrinex screens this new field will only contain a “Yes” or “No” value, and on the reports, this new field will only contain a “Y” or “N” value. In cases where no facility/well licence is linked to a reporting facility/well code, the “Orphan Well Association” field will be omitted from Petrinex screens, in the associated reports the new field will be blank.

The following downloads in the Alberta Public Data Portal will also be updated to include the new “Orphan Well Association” field:

- Facility Infrastructure
- Well Infrastructure
- Well Licence
- Facility Licence

This new field will only contain a “Y” or “N” value. In cases where no facility/well licence is linked to a reporting facility/well code, the “Orphan Well Association” field, called OrphanWellFlg, will be blank in the associated downloads.

Note that the AER makes every effort to ensure the orphan designation in Petrinex is accurate, however the AER makes no representation, warranties, or guarantees, express or implied, for the accuracy and fitness of the orphan designation in Petrinex. The orphan designation in Petrinex may be subject to change at any time. If there are questions about assets designated to the “Orphan Well Association” please contact the AER Orphaning and Insolvency group [OrphaningInsolvency@aer.ca](mailto:OrphaningInsolvency@aer.ca)

For any other questions about AER data in Petrinex, please contact the AER PA Help Desk.

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