TIP

Saskatchewan Helium Valuation

Jurisdiction	Release/Revision Date	Location of Change in this Document	Comment
SK	March 08, 2023	Initial Release	New SK Helium Valuation process

Audience:
All SK Helium Producers and Owners

Purpose:
On March 2, 2023, enhancements were made to the Petrinex functionality on behalf of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources (SER) to include non-hydrocarbon gas valuation in Saskatchewan effective production month February 2023. Currently the only valid product is helium.

Key Principles:
A Non-hydrocarbon gas valuation submission is required when a battery operator reports the activity PROD (production) for the product Helium and a RTP record has been created for the product helium for a particular stream (Well ID) and production month.

The operators of helium producing wells are required to report their helium production and set up Royalty/Tax Payer (RTP) data for the product Helium in Petrinex. Each named RTP will need to report their sales volume, purchaser ID, price ($/10^{3}m^3), any transportation costs and/or processing costs. Sales reported as actual prices and costs will require supporting documentation to be attached to their submissions and linked to the appropriate input row. Until the documents are attached and linked the submission will not be accepted as a valid submission by SER.

If there are no sales for the stream, product, and production month this is also indicated on a submission. An estimated price can also be used on the submission; however, documentation is not required when there are no sales or an estimation is used.

If there are no sales reported for a month the price will ultimately be populated by the price established in a future month. Since the royalties are collected based upon the helium production volume there must eventually be a price established.

Estimates are allowed for four (4) months in a row and will appear as a warning on the non-compliance report. However, after the 4th month the warning will be replaced by an error message on the non-compliance report. Actual prices are required to be reported so royalties may be charged on the correct (actual) price.

In most cases, it is expected the purchaser of the helium sales will not have a Petrinex BA ID, so RTP BA's must then request a miscellaneous purchaser ID for sales/valuation reporting purposes using the Request Miscellaneous Purchaser ID online process.

Non-hydrocarbon gas valuation submissions can be made online using the Work-in-Progress (WIP) or by a batch upload process.

Note: If making a submission by batch upload, you are required to edit the non-hydrocarbon gas valuation submission in order to attach and link the appropriate documentation.

Royalty/tax payers and owners must submit all current month and prior month amendments prior to the monthly valuation deadline, which occurs on the last business day of the month. These deadlines are published on the Petrinex Saskatchewan Reporting Calendar located on the website under Calendars.

New Job Aids and Tools
1. There are three new reports available to Industry in a PDF, CSV and/or XML format.

   a) **Non-Hydrocarbon Gas Valuation Non-compliance Report** is a tool for RTP BAs to determine if they are compliant with the Ministry filing requirements. This report can be requested by the RTP BA at any time to request the status of their valuation filings and identify any valuation data that is missing or submitted as an estimate. In addition, prior to the valuation deadline, Petrinex automatically generates a non-hydrocarbon gas valuation non-compliance warning report identifying any missing or estimated non-hydrocarbon gas valuation data.

   b) **Non-Hydrocarbon Gas Valuation Report** will include data supplied within the Edit Non-hydrocarbon gas valuation process.

   c) **Non-Hydrocarbon Gas Valuation Miscellaneous Purchaser Report** will provide information on the miscellaneous purchaser IDs created for use by the RTP BA.

2. Two learning modules have been released to the Petrinex online learning system and are available by users to understand this new functionality and related processes. Send an email to Petrinexadmin@petrinex.ca for assistance in setting up a new profile and/or providing access to the appropriate modules.

Readiness:
Your BA User Security Administrator (USA) will be required to create new (edit & read) roles and assign those roles to the BA users within the company who will be responsible for the submission of and/or querying of this data.

Your USA must also include the ability to edit the RTP data if it is not already included in a user's available tasks.

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