

Alberta and Saskatchewan Supplemental Volumetric Information Requirements

Jurisdiction	Release/Revision Date	Location of Change in this Document	Comment
AB, SK	June 5, 2024		Initial Release

Audience: All Alberta and Saskatchewan Operators

Purpose:

To notify AB and SK stakeholders that effective June 6, 2024, the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) and Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources (ER) have implemented additional supplemental volumetric information requirements in cases where there is a receipt of oil/condensate from an in-province miscellaneous facility (in Saskatchewan SKMC or in Alberta ABMC) or an unlinked well.

Background:

When operators enter a receipt of oil/condensate from a miscellaneous facility, this generates an Enhanced Production Audit Program (EPAP) Compliance Assessment Indicator (CAI) that then requires an EPAP workflow to be sent to the Regulator for review. In parallel, the Ministries audit oil/condensate receipts from miscellaneous facilities and unlinked wells to safeguard against the risk of royalties not being calculated correctly for production. The Ministries, however, do not have access to the EPAP workflow information, necessitating information requests to the Regulators, who in turn contact the operator regarding the validity of the miscellaneous code (ABMC or SKMC) use.

In Alberta, this supplemental information requirement will be triggered when the oil/condensate receipt volume from ABMC or an unlinked well is greater than or equal to 10.0m³ and will apply on a go-forward basis only. Amendments for months prior to the implementation date will not require supplementary information to be submitted.

In Saskatchewan the requirement will be triggered when the oil/condensate receipt volume from SKMC or an unlinked well is greater than zero m³ and will apply on a go-forward basis only. Amendments for months prior to the implementation date are optional and do not require supplementary information to be submitted.

The next version of the AER's [Manual 011: How to Submit Volumetric Data to the AER](#) will be updated with details of this new reporting requirement. The ER's [Directive PNG032: Volumetric, Valuation, and Infrastructure](#) will be updated to include this new reporting requirement.

1. Online submissions:

A new button has been added to the Edit Volumetric Submission screen which is used when reporting a receipt of oil/condensate from a miscellaneous facility or unlinked well. When this button is clicked, a new Edit Volumetric Supplementary Information screen opens which allows operators to provide the required additional information. The submitter will be required to select from a list of supplemental information choices and depending on the choice selected also fill out a reason text box (limit of 250 characters).

a) Receipt of Oil/Condensate from AB or SK Miscellaneous (MC) Facility

The available supplemental information choices are:

- Active UWI
- Completion, Load or Rig fluid from a source not recognized by the Ministry
- Other
- Skim Oil

Reason Requirements:

- **Active UWI** – requires reason.
- **Completion, Load or Rig Fluid from a source not recognized by the Ministry** – does not require reason.
- **Other** – requires reason.
- **Skim Oil** – Receipt from ABMC not allowed.

b) Receipt of Oil/Condensate from AB or SK Unlinked Well (WI)

Note: This change does not apply to Waste Plants reporting a receipt from an unlinked well.

The available supplemental information choices are:

- Drilling / Pre-Production
- Other
- Reporting Limitation
- Well Abandonment

Reason Requirements:

- **Drilling/Pre-Production** – requires reason.
- **Other** – requires reason.
- **Reporting limitation** – requires reason.
- **Well Abandonment** – requires reason.

The receiving facility operator is responsible for providing this data. If the data is not entered, the reporting facility will be out of balance, and a noncompliance error will be generated. If operators experience challenges with these new reporting requirements,

they should contact the respective Regulator/Ministry for assistance prior to the volumetric deadline. Each instance of noncompliance will be evaluated on its own merit, and Regulator/Ministry actions will be followed according to existing policies and procedures, including the possibility of issuing a penalty waiver, suppression of penalties, or granting an appeal.

In Alberta, for information regarding the AER penalty waiver/appeal process refer to: https://www.petrinex.ca/Tips/Documents/T349_AER_Volumetric_Deficiency_Invoice.pdf

In Saskatchewan, for information regarding the ER penalty waiver process refer to: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/agriculture-natural-resources-and-industry/oil-and-gas/oil-and-gas-reporting-and-compliance/apply-for-a-petrinex-penalty-waiver>.

2. Batch Submissions:

There are two valid versions of the volumetric CSV batch submission templates.

Revision 001 – the current version is still valid however it does not include the columns/data fields for the new supplemental information and reason data. If you use revision 001 and you have a receipt of oil or condensate from an AB MC or SK MC facility, or an unlinked well, you will need to go to the on-line Edit Volumetric screen and enter the data row and add this supplemental information using the Edit Volumetric Supplementary Information Submission screen.

Revision 004 – this new version includes the columns/data fields for the new supplemental information and reason data. If you have a receipt of oil or condensate from an AB MC or SK MC facility, or an unlinked well, you can include this information in your batch file.

The Alberta and Saskatchewan CSV Upload Specification documents have been updated to include these requirements, and the CSV Templates have been updated with a Volumetrics 004 tab to create your batch file, using the Petrinex batch upload functionality. These updated documents are available in the [Learning Centre – Job Aids – Spreadsheet CSV Upload Specifications and Templates](#) under the respective jurisdiction.

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