



Registry Tip

New Well Status for Coal Bed Methane added to Registry

Release/Revision Date	Location of change in this document	Comment
September 29, 2004		Initial release
October 6, 2004		Change Alert to reflect change has occurred.
May 10, 2005		Move from Alerts to Tips

Audience: All stakeholders

Purpose: The tip informs Registry users that on October 6, 2004, the new well statuses for Coal bed Methane (CBM) wells were incorporated in the Registry. These new statuses are found on the Edit Well Status screen.

Background: Coal bed methane (CBM), also known as natural gas in coal (NGC), is natural gas, and CBM wells are subject to the same reporting requirements that apply to other natural gas wells in Alberta.

However, due to the current interest in CBM development, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) requires that wells intended to be completed in coal(s) are identified as CBM wells on the well licence. This allows wells with CBM intent to be identified, but it does not allow for the effective tracking of CBM production, which is required for production characterization and proper resource and reserves assessments at this formative stage of CBM development in the province.

Public, industry, government and EUB stakeholders have requested that a complete and systematic tracking of CBM activity and production be implemented by the EUB. This requires changes in the Petroleum Registry of Alberta (Registry).

Key Principles: As of October 6, 2004, licensees must use one of the following new well statuses for CBM wells.

- CBM (CBMCLS) completed in coal(s) only.



- For production from well that are completed in coals only.
- CBM (CBMOT) completed in coals(s) and another lithology.
 - For production from wells that are completed in both coal(s) and other lithology (e.g. sandstone).

Users are reminded that well statuses have four components: Fluids - Mode - Type - Structure.

Under the new CBM well statuses, Type and Structure are N/A

There will be two fluid codes: Code 22 for CBMOT and Code 23 for CBMCLS.

Each of these two new fluid codes has a choice of six modes assigned to them:

- SUSP
- FLOW
- PUMP
- TEST
- Tstcmp
- D & COMP

Licensees must use these well statuses instead of a gas well status for reporting production from coals in the Registry. This will allow the EUB to track CBM production on a go-forward basis.

The EUB requires licensees of wells with past production from coal(s), update these wells in the Registry, to the appropriate CBM well status by December 31, 2004.

To view the new CBM statuses, please see screen print below.



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Edit Well Status

Well ID: AB WI 100062206226W500 Licence No: 0039077 Licence Date: 1970-11-02
Name: SUNCOR ET AL SIMONETTE 6-22-62-26 Licensee: 0054 SUNCOR ENERGY INC

Well Status History	Status Date
GAS FLOW N/A N/A	1972-06-01
N/A DRL & C N/A N/A	1971-10-30
N/A N/A N/A N/A	1970-11-02

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Well Status Change	Status Date
CBHOT SUSP N/A N/A	
CBHOT SUSP N/A N/A	
CBHOT FLOW N/A N/A	
CBHOT PUMP N/A N/A	
CBHOT TEST N/A N/A	
CBHOT Tatemp N/A N/A	
CBHOT D & COMP N/A N/A	
CBHCLS SUSP N/A N/A	
CBHCLS FLOW N/A N/A	
CBHCLS PUMP N/A N/A	
CBHCLS TEST N/A N/A	
CBHCLS Tatemp N/A N/A	

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Or, contact the EUB Well Data Services Group at:

(403) 297-8696

Or, read the EUB bulletins below:

<http://www.eub.gov.ab.ca/BBS/requirements/ils/gbs/Bulletin-2004-20.htm>

<http://www.eub.gov.ab.ca/BBS/requirements/ils/gbs/Bulletin-2004-21.htm>