

Well Status Change from SAGD to CYCL – Validation of Production and Injection Hours

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Purpose:

Effective October 8, 2026, enhancements as directed by the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) were implemented in Petrinex to re-validate reported production and injection hours when a well status is changed to CYCL. Where the reported hours exceed the hours available for the production month, Petrinex will prevent the status change.

Background:

When a well has a SAGD status and is linked to both a Battery (BT) and an Injection Facility (IF), the maximum monthly hours may legitimately be reported at both facilities. This is the expected and correct behaviour for a SAGD well.

Prior to this change, if the well status was changed to CYCL, Petrinex did not re-validate the reported production and injection hours. As a result, hours data that exceeded the maximum hours available in the production month could remain associated with the well in its new status.

To ensure reporting accuracy and consistency, Petrinex will now perform a validation of reported hours whenever a well status is changed to CYCL.

Key Principles:

- Petrinex now re-validates production and injection hours when a well status is changed to CYCL.
- If the combined production and injection hours across the linked facilities exceed the number of hours available for the production month, Petrinex will prevent the status change and display the following validation message:

*VMS140 – Sum of production/injection hours exceeds hours for month for well ID [Well ID].
The well is also linked to these facility IDs [Facility IDs].*

- Reporting the maximum monthly hours at both the Battery and Injection Facility remains valid while the well is in SAGD status.

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