

Work starts on the Shared Information Registry

The Shared Information Registry (SIR) is an electronic warehouse containing key oil and gas information used by the Ministry and Industry. The first phase in developing the SIR is to complete the Conceptual Design. The objective of this phase is to confirm the business direction and the viability of the SIR from a technical perspective. Conceptual Design work includes identifying data that will be housed in SIR, defining the appropriate direction for combining S and OAS reports, and re-engineering Industry and Ministry processes associated with volumetric reporting and royalty. A prototype will be built to ensure major business processes can be performed by the new design.

This part of the VIPIR project is being lead by John Finlaison, Technical Leader for VIPIR. The team consists of systems analysts and business representatives from the Ministry and Industry. In addition to working independently, the team will utilize a series of workshops and small group sessions to complete the deliverables for this phase.

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By September of 1999 a complete Conceptual Design package will be presented to

the VIPIR Steering Committee for their consideration. The package will include:

- Current and Target Business Process Models, Data Models and Procedure Models
- Current and Target Business Systems Models
- Current and Target Technology Architecture Models
- Impact Analysis, and
- Business Case

Industry Advisory Group formed

A suggestion made to VIPIR by industry has been actioned, with the establishing of an industry advisory group (IAG) with membership at a management level. This group will assist the steering committee with issue resolution and help with communication to industry associations. IAG members will understand the business decisions being made at the working level and be able to convey both this and organizational impacts to the industry senior management level. IAG has 10 members from various companies representing CAPP & CAPP. SEPAC has been asked to attend.

Stakeholder Consultation – Software Vendors

VIPIR's success depends on our ability to effectively incorporate the needs and views of all major stakeholders. With that in mind, the VIPIR group convened a meeting of interested Production Accounting and Reporting software vendors in late June. The objective was to ensure open two-way communication with this group. Discussions were candid and were helpful in establishing expectations. VIPIR will continue to meet with this group at major project milestones.

An interview with a VIPIR team member

(We expect to report views of various team members and stakeholders in future editions)

VIPIR is about people as well as about systems and processes. Marilyn Davidson is an EUB business analyst working on the VIPIR Conceptual Design team and the Proof of Concept team. Marilyn's background is in data submission and well operations. When asked for her candid views about working on VIPIR, she said that "working with the teams provides a better understanding of the long and involved process that includes volumetric reporting to the government... government reporting requirements are a small piece of a much larger pie." We asked about the future VIPIR world. Marilyn's hope is that we "improve the confidence in the information being used."

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