



# VIPIR News

## Volumetric and Infrastructure Petroleum Information Registry

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### UPDATES

#### EVALUATIONS COMPLETE

The evaluation of submissions in the Request for Proposals to build the registry has now been completed. A vendor has been selected and will be announced shortly. Details will be available on the Department of Resource Development's VIPIR website at:

<http://www.resdev.gov.ab.ca/vipir/index.htm>

Fall 2000 will also see the beginning of VIPIR interface projects for Department of Resource Development (DRD) and Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) systems.

#### INDUSTRY READINESS MANAGER

The VIPIR steering committee and CAPP are overseeing the recruitment of an industry readiness manager for the VIPIR project.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

The VIPIR team is available to make presentations to industry. Contact the project office at (780) 415-6116 to book a presentation for your company.

Watch for the VIPIR presentation at the Canadian Association of Petroleum Production Accounting (CAPPA) Conference at the Metropolitan Centre, 333 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW on October 25, 2000. Call CAPPA for more information at (403) 265-1533.

### APPOINTMENTS

The Department of Resource Development restructuring along commodity lines has led to the following leadership changes for the VIPIR project:

#### **Stan Wenger, BSc, P. Eng.**

**Assistant Deputy Minister, Gas and Alberta Markets, Department of Resource Development**

Mr. Stan Wenger joins the VIPIR Steering Committee, adding his strategic business perspective to the committee. Mr. Wenger joined the Department of Resource Development in June 2000 as the Assistant Deputy Minister, Gas and Alberta Markets. He is responsible for:

- the development of Alberta's natural gas, natural gas liquids (NGL) and petrochemical industries; and
- the introduction of competition to Alberta's electricity and natural gas markets.

Stan has over 30 years of experience in the energy industry. He has been extensively involved in strategic business market development and operations management in the natural gas, natural gas liquids (NGLs), and petrochemical sectors. Stan is an APEGGA member and serves on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Energy Research Institute (CERI). He is also the author of several technical papers on natural gas and natural gas liquids.

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“VIPIR is a very important initiative for industry and the Ministry and a particular interest of mine. It is very important that registry development be closely aligned with new developments occurring in oil and gas markets and royalty policy development,” says Stan.

VIPIR’s steering committee provides overall strategic direction and accountability for the VIPIR project. Its members include: Lynda Fleming, Chief Information Officer, Ministry of Resource Development; Don Keech, Department of Resource Development; Chris Saunders, Pan Canadian Petroleum Ltd. (CAPP member); Jim Screaton, Harvard International Resources Ltd. (SEPAC member); Grant Chaney, Alberta Innovation and Science and Jim Nichols, Project Director.

**Mike Ekelund, LLB, MBA, P. Eng.**

**Business Unit Leader, Gas and Alberta Markets, Department of Resource Development**

Mike Ekelund is the VIPIR Advisory Group’s newest member. VIPIR is one of Mike’s responsibilities as business unit leader of Gas and Alberta Markets, Department of Resource Development. It’s a good fit with his involvement in the strategic development of Alberta’s natural gas resources; natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGL) royalties, and natural gas pipelines and distribution systems.

Since joining government from industry 13 years ago, Mike has advised on a wide range of royalty policy and operational issues and was part of the Royalty and Related Information Review (RRIR) committee that originally envisaged VIPIR.

“I’m really looking forward to working closely with people on the VIPIR project again. In the past, I worked mainly on simplifying regime changes. We all agreed that the shared information registry concept presented a great opportunity to reduce administration costs for the industry and the province. This is a very positive example of benefits that can come from industry and government working together on areas of mutual interest such as efficiency,” says Mike.

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