

Prior Period Volumetric Non-Compliance Update

Jurisdiction	Release/Revision Date	Location of Change in this Document	Comment
AB/SK/BC/MB	August 23,/22		Added MB information
AB/SK/BC/MB	August 19,/22		Initial Release

Audience: All Petrinex Users

Purpose: The purpose of this tip is to advise Petrinex users of a change that was made effective August 3, 2022 to the Volumetric Non-Compliance reports in Petrinex.

Background: A request was made by the Industry Benefits Committee at their February 2021 meeting, to display volumetric prior period non-compliance errors to a current operator who has prior period amendment authority.

Using the current Petrinex online functionality under Facility Infrastructure – Request Facility Operator Change, a current facility operator can request that a new operator take over operations and reporting (including volumes, Crown royalty reporting in AB, and allocation reporting) for the facility. The current facility operator also has an option of authorizing the new operator to make prior period amendments for volumetrics by clicking the appropriate radio button “No” or “Yes”. The new facility operator must accept or decline the operator change request.

The changes made, effective August 3, 2022, to the user-requested Volumetric Non-Compliance Report now displays all prior period non-compliance errors for any facilities that have been marked to allow the current operator to review and/or make prior period amendments for volumetrics. This same change will be made to the volumetric non-compliance sweep reports at a later date. More information to follow on timing of this change.

In **Alberta**, the Alberta Energy Regulator has indicated that if the current facility operator makes any amendments affecting prior

periods for facilities that they operate and have Prior Period Amendment (PPA) authorization, by running their Volumetric Non-Compliance report they are now able to identify errors that may have been created due to these prior period amendments where they were not the operator of record. They may then work with the previous operator to correct the errors, or if the previous operator is not available then they may be able to correct the errors with their PPA abilities so that the previous operator doesn't get penalized. Section 2.2.1.1 of *Directive 007: Volumetric and Infrastructure Requirements* requires that "The operator of a facility must submit an amendment as soon as it becomes aware of an error or when advised by the AER of an error in a monthly activity." Therefore this new reporting functionality can assist in meeting the Directive 007 requirements. If the current operator has questions about the prior period errors, or is having difficulty in trying to resolve the errors, they can contact the AER PA Help Desk (pa.help@aer.ca; 403-297-8952 ext. 3).

In **Saskatchewan**, Energy and Resources (SER) has indicated that if the current operator has prior period amendment ability and caused prior period errors then the current operator should correct the errors, otherwise no further actions are needed. Please contact er.servicedesk@gov.sk.ca if you would like us to review your case.

In **British Columbia**, Finance (BCFIN) has indicated that the current facility operator is responsible for correcting all the errors if the radio button was clicked to "Yes" and accepted, for previous and current periods. The corrections must be submitted before the next deadline to avoid possible non-compliance penalty charges. If the previous operator received non-compliance penalties, then the previous operator would be responsible for paying these charges. If you would like us to review your situation, contact us at Oil&GasRoyaltyQuestions@gov.bc.ca.

In **Manitoba**, Natural Resources and Northern Development (NRND) has indicated that if the current operator has prior period amendment ability and caused prior period errors then the current operator should correct the errors, otherwise no further actions are needed. Please contact petroleum@gov.mb.ca or call 204-945-1119 if you would like further assistance.



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