

Dear EIA-914 Respondent,

Thank you for submitting the [month] Form EIA-914, Monthly Crude Oil, Lease Condensate, and Natural Gas Production Report, for [company name] as well as your associated comments. I would like to follow up with you regarding production in [area name] due to the large [increase/decrease] of [amount] [MMCF/d, or BBLs/d] from [previously reported month] to [presently reported month]. This is a [amount] percent [increase/decrease] in daily production. Please review the reported volumes and confirm that they are correct, or provide an explanation for such a large change in reported volumes.

### **General Information**

The data collected from the EIA-914 are used to generate robust production estimates that will be the official EIA crude oil, lease condensate, and natural gas production figures, until complete figures based on wider state collection efforts become available. These estimates, in turn, will be used for many purposes, including the following:

- To develop and make available to the Congress, the states, and the public a timely, transparent, and accurate quantified assessment of monthly crude oil, lease condensate, and natural gas production.
- To generate and distribute national crude oil, lease condensate, and natural gas production and consumption balances in a timely manner.
- To improve state-level coverage of crude oil and lease condensate data collection.
- As inputs to other EIA statistical information products.
- To respond to Congressional and internal Departmental requests for analysis of policy and regulatory issues associated with crude oil, lease condensate, and natural gas production (e.g., to inform the growing discussion about U.S. refining capacity and crude oil exports).

EIA has a legal mandate to carry out a central, comprehensive, and unified energy data and information program. All persons owning or operating facilities or business premises who are engaged in any phase of energy supply shall make available to the Administrator such information and periodic reports. By law the EIA Administrator has the authority to conduct mandatory information collections and obtain the information by issuing subpoenas, conducting physical inspections or by other means identified in 15 U.S.C. 779.

Your company's mandatory participation will continue into the future until EIA tells you that you are no longer required to file. For Form EIA-914, the information reported will be protected and not disclosed to the public in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A of Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form to anyone other than employees or agents without your consent. EIA estimates that the average reporting burden for this survey is 4 hours.

Thank you for your assistance assuring the quality of our collected data.

Sincerely,

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