

Hi (Respondent),

My name is [insert name], and I work on the Survey Development Team at the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). EIA is researching how respondents operate or use stabilizers/splitters facilities to reduce the volatility of their crude oil and condensate reported on Form EIA-914, "Monthly Crude Oil, Lease Condensate and Natural Gas Production Report." EIA seeks to understand how survey respondents operate, or use stabilizers/splitters to reduce the volatility of the crude oil produced from active wells. As part of this effort, EIA is conducting interviews with survey respondents. Participation in this research is voluntary. The interview will take approximately 10 to 30 minutes depending upon your use, if any, of a stabilizer facility. The attached letter explains this research project in detail.

Your input will help EIA improve the accuracy of its survey estimates by better understanding how respondents use stabilizer units in their production and shipment of crude oil. Data reported on Form EIA-914 serve as the official data source to Congress and other government agencies for crude oil, condensate, and natural gas production in the United States. The data are published in the *Monthly Crude Oil, Lease Condensate, and Natural Gas Production Report* at

<http://www.eia.gov/petroleum/production>.

Please contact me if you are interested in being interviewed for this study or have any questions about this research. Thank you for your time.