



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Dear [Respondent],

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (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." We seek to understand respondents' ability to report the amount of crude oil and condensate that is sent to a stabilizer and output from a stabilizer. We would like to speak with you or someone from your company about this information. Participation in this research is voluntary. The interview will take approximately 30 minutes.

Your input will help EIA improve the accuracy of its survey production estimates of crude oil and petroleum products 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>. It is vital to our nation's energy security interests for our government to have accurate aggregate measurements on domestic crude oil production. If you are not the best person to provide this feedback, please forward this letter/e-mail to the appropriate person in your organization. Your responses will be protected as confidential information. Any results from this study will not include information that can be used to identify you or anyone in your company. If you or another person(s) in your office would like to participate in this research project, contact Jacob Bournazian (202) 586-5562, email: Jacob.bournazian@eia.gov and we will schedule a convenient date and time for a brief interview.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nanda", is written over a horizontal line.

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