

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites

Production reporting
(§ 78a.121)

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- 1) Regarding monthly waste reporting, when will this begin (i.e., January 2017 or earlier)?

Because the final rulemaking will be published in the middle of the current reporting period, monthly waste reporting will begin with the January 2017 report, which is due March 17, 2017. Operators will submit the report covering the period from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 on February 15, 2017. (posted 09/23/16)

- 2) When does monthly reporting for waste go into effect? Have upcoming annual and semiannual reporting in February 2017 and March 2017 (semi for July-Dec 2016 – annual for Jan-Dec 2016) ?

The first monthly waste report will be required for the January 2017 reporting period, and the report will be due on March 17, 2017. (posted 09/23/16)

- 3) On waste production reporting, will we have to break volumes down to individual wells for destinations or report the pad?

Wastes sent to another well for reuse will have the pad destination reported only, not the specific well. (posted 09/23/16)

- 4) (78a.121b) How will we report the “well sites where waste was managed”? What changes are being made to the reporting “form” (electronically) to allow for that? Currently, the other well sites are not an option in the drop down list provided.

The spreadsheet and online reporting form are being updated to include well sites in the list of waste facilities. (posted 09/23/16)

- 5) What is the schedule for waste reporting and the periods they cover?

The next waste report is due February 14, 2017, and covers the period from July 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016. The report that follows will be due on March 17 and covers January 2017. (posted 09/23/16)