OIL SANDS INFORMATION BULLETIN 2012-12

Subject: Oil Sands Administrative and Strategic Information System Implementation Update

The Royalty Reporting and Calculation release of the Oil Sands Administrative and Strategic Information System (OASIS) will be delayed and will now go into production at the start of the 2013 reporting period rather than in the last quarter of 2012. This change should not disrupt the current royalty reporting processes for Operators. Operators will continue to submit the royalty reporting forms through the OASIS client interface in Energy’s Electronic Transfer System (ETS) and conduct business with Oil Sands Royalty Operations in the usual manner.

Oil Sands Royalty effective with Production Month January 2013 and all prior period amendments made from that point forward will be calculated by OASIS. Upon implementation of the OASIS Royalty release, Operators will receive reports on submission validation and royalty calculation results, as well as financial transaction details, to help them manage the royalty reporting information. Report details will be communicated in future Information Bulletins and OASIS Development Updates. Past royalty submissions in non-statute barred years will be revalidated in OASIS when the Royalty release goes into production. The department revalidations may result in royalty adjustments (payable or refund) for Operators.

The new release date will be beneficial in a number of ways:

- maintain business continuity of reporting and calculation processes in one system for all production months in the period, starting with 2013
- allow additional time for Operators to resolve reporting and submission issues prior to “go live”
- allow enhancements to be made to further improve delivery
- allow adequate time for data conversion to the new system
- allow for requirements modifications to meet business needs

The Operator test participation, as discussed in the June OASIS Discussion Forum will be rescheduled to later this year. The OASIS Discussion Forums will resume in September 2012 after the summer vacation season. We will discuss the points addressed above at the next OASIS meeting, tentatively scheduled for September 13, 2012. We express our thanks to those Operators who have attended these sessions in the past and continue to encourage Operators to attend future sessions or visit the OASIS Development Update website to stay informed.
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