

Responding to EPA's Oil and Gas Information Collection Request

Information and Insight

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The US EPA is seeking information about the oil & gas industry that will enable the development of new standards under the Clean Air Act. EPA has issued the Information Collection Request (ICR). Response to the ICR is mandatory; response time depends on the whether a Part 1 "Operator Survey" (60-day response) or Part 2 "Detailed Facility Survey" (180-day response) is issued. The ICR applies to operations related to upstream oil and gas production and natural gas processing and transmission.

Part 1 Operator Survey

The Part 1 Survey will be used to collect information from onshore petroleum and natural gas operators regarding the location, type, and number of pieces of equipment (wells, tanks, dehydrators, compressors).

PART 1 SURVEY

Will be sent to ALL KNOWN OPERATORS for ALL FACILITIES, except for facilities selected for Part 2.

Although the broad survey questions are not technically detailed, the collection of this data for all facilities will require significant man power resources given the short 30-day response window.

eSPARC Plan for Part 1 Success

The dedicated team at eSPARC has a plan to help your team quickly and accurately respond to this unprecedented data request. We routinely work with large amounts of data and have the core industry experience in oil and gas to help your team extract and report accurate data to the EPA.

Responding to this request requires a familiarity with the industry, not just an IT solution. eSPARC brings real hands-on oil and gas and data collection proficiency to your response team.

Part 2 Detailed Facility Survey

Facilities selected for the Part 2 Survey will be required to divulge detailed process information such as equipment operating parameters, production data, gas analyses, actual fugitive component counts, site cost information, and actual emissions from tanks

PART 2 SURVEY GAP ANALYSIS

If the requested information is not directly available for a facility, the respondent must **COLLECT AND REPORT** this information (count equipment components and/or sample and analyze tank feed streams) as part of this information collection.

In addition to the manpower needed to respond quickly to Part 1, the Part 2 survey requires industry expertise in oil and gas air emissions calculations and operations.

As a subsidiary of the CAMS family, eSPARC brings the collective management and technical experience of its Exploration & Production and Midstream Services groups to provide your team with the technical support needed to fulfill this detailed request. Our collective expertise will give your team peace-of-mind that your reported information is fundamentally sound.

eSPARC understands the gravity of this request: this data will be used for future rulemaking on your business. We can help you fulfill the ICR accurately to the letter of the law, while also protecting your trade secrets and preventing over-reporting of information.

eSPARC Plan for Part 2 Success

eSPARC can help your EHS, financial, and operations teams develop a strategy for data collection that suits your current business systems. We can mobilize quickly to review your available data, conduct a gap analysis to identify any items that require field-sampling or other long lead-time planning, and prepare the full response to EPA.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

eSPARC has decades of experience managing air quality programs for asset managers across the US. Whether you need to construct your game-plan or develop air emissions estimates from scratch, the eSPARC oil and gas team can help you respond to this unprecedented EPA data request.

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