

## FAQs for Survey Form EIA-809

### Essentials

#### **What is the Form EIA-809?**

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The Energy Information Administration (EIA) Form EIA-809, “Weekly Oxygenate Report,” is used to collect data on fuel ethanol production and end-of-week stocks.

#### **Is reporting data on Form EIA-809 mandatory?**

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For those companies identified as respondents, yes, reporting is mandatory based on Title 15 U.S.C. §772(b), as amended.

#### **Why does my company have to submit its data to EIA?**

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The Form EIA-809 is used to collect data on fuel ethanol production and end-of-week stocks. Data from this survey inform policy and business decisions, and the data promote efficient markets by providing transparency to petroleum and biofuel supplies. Use of this data by academic researchers, educators, news media, and the general public promotes understanding of energy and its interaction with the economy and the environment.

#### **How does EIA identify companies that must respond to the EIA-809?**

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Form EIA-809 must be completed by the operators of facilities that produce fuel ethanol located in the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Companies are selected into the EIA weekly sample according to a procedure that assures coverage of 90 percent of each information element.

#### **What will the information collected be used for?**

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EIA uses this survey data in statistical reports including, but not limited to, the Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR), Petroleum Supply Monthly (PSM), and the Monthly Energy Review (MER). EIA uses this survey data to support analysis and projection work with results reported in the Short Term Energy Outlook (STEO), Annual Energy Outlook (AEO), and other reports. EIA makes reports available at <https://www.eia.gov/>.

### Form Questions

#### **EIA-809**

**My company operates a facility that produces ethanol but does not have ownership of the product. Do we still have to report?**

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Yes. Form EIA-809 should be completed by the entity that operates the facility regardless product ownership.

## **What is the difference between Denatured and Udenatured Fuel Ethanol?**

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Denatured Fuel Ethanol is fuel ethanol that is rendered unfit for human consumption by the addition of a petroleum denaturant, typically natural gasoline or conventional motor gasoline blending components. Fuel ethanol is usually denatured prior to transport from the ethanol production facility by adding a maximum of 5% by volume denaturant.

If Udenatured Fuel Ethanol (code 191) is produced only for the purpose of creating Denatured Fuel Ethanol, should that Udenatured Fuel Ethanol be reported on the EIA-809?

This production is considered an intermediate step. If at 7:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on Friday, your facility is holding Udenatured Ethanol that is waiting to be blended with denaturant, ending stocks of this product should be reported. Udenatured Fuel Ethanol production should only be reported if that udenatured product is in its finished state and is intended to ship from your facility in its udenatured state.

## **How should Udenatured Fuel Ethanol stocks be reported?**

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Report all stocks located at the production facility of udenatured fuel ethanol (code 191) regardless of whether the udenatured fuel ethanol will eventually be blended with denaturants to produce denatured fuel ethanol (code 190) for shipment.

## **If we are shipping out Udenatured Fuel Ethanol, should this production be reported?**

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Yes. Report any Udenatured Fuel Ethanol production that is intended for shipping in its udenatured state using code 191.

## **Should production of stocks intended for export also be reported?**

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Yes. Both production of fuel ethanol for the export market and fuel ethanol stocks intended for export are to be included on your EIA-809 form.

## **Submission**

### **What are the reporting deadlines?**

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Form EIA-809 must be received by EIA by 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) on the Monday following the end of the reporting week. The "Weekly Oxygenate Report" covering the week ending May 7, 2021 must be received by 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) on May 10, 2021.

### **How do I submit the form?**

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EIA has the secure file transmission (HTTPS) for companies to use when sending these forms to EIA. Secure transmission is an industry standard method to send information over the internet using encrypted processes. Access the EIA secure transmission site at:  
<https://signon.eia.doe.gov/upload/noticeoog.jsp>

### **What time period should the data represent?**

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The Form EIA-809 weekly report period begins at 7:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Friday and ends at 7:00 a.m. EST on the following Friday.

### **Is the form still due even if the due date is a Federal holiday?**

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For Form EIA-809, if Monday happens to be a Federal holiday, your EIA-809 form must be filed by 5 p.m. on the first business day after that holiday, typically Tuesday. Note that the data you report should still just represent the 7-day reporting period beginning at 7:01 a.m. (Eastern Time) on Friday and ending at 7:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the following Friday.

### **Who do I contact if I need assistance submitting the form?**

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Call the EIA Survey Support Team at 1-855-EIA-4USA (1-855-342-4872) or email to [eia4usa@eia.gov](mailto:eia4usa@eia.gov).

## **Resubmission**

### **Am I required to submit revised data?**

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A resubmission is required whenever an error greater than 5 percent of a previously reported value is discovered by a respondent or if requested by the EIA. EIA reserves the right to request resubmissions as part of the data quality review process.

### **How do I correct data after I have already submitted the form?**

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Resubmit the form by Secure File Transfer according to the form instructions. Enter "X" in the resubmission box if you are correcting information previously reported. Enter only those data cells which are affected by the changes. You are not required to file a complete form when you resubmit. Report any unusual aspects of your reporting month's operations in the Comments section below Part 3.

## **Contact EIA**

### **Who do I contact if I have technical questions on completing the form?**

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### **I have questions about the form. How do I request help?**

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If you have any questions about this U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) survey after reading the instructions, please contact the EIA Survey Support Team Contact Center at 1-855-EIA-4USA (1-855-342-4872) or send an email to [eia4usa@eia.gov](mailto:eia4usa@eia.gov).