

FAQs for Survey Form EIA-64A

Is reporting data on Form EIA-64A Mandatory?

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?

Operators of natural gas processing plants were selected as the appropriate respondent population for Form EIA-64A because they have access to the most current and detailed information on natural gas plant liquids. These data enable EIA to estimate, by area of origin, natural gas plant liquids and the reserves and production of dry natural gas.

Does the redesigned Form EIA-64A replace any other EIA forms that I currently submit to EIA?

No. This form does not replace any other EIA form.

If our company submits natural gas liquid volumes on the EIA-816, does the EIA-64A replace the need to submit the EIA-816?

No. You should continue to submit the EIA-816 report.

If I report natural gas liquid volumes on Form EIA-816, do I also have to report on Form EIA-64A?

Yes. The EIA-816 is a monthly form used to collect data on the receipts, inputs, production, plant fuel and stocks of natural gas liquids. The Form EIA-64A is an annual form that collects the origins of the plant inlet gas, natural gas plant liquids, the residue natural gas production and process energy consumption.

What parts of Form EIA-64A are new?

No changes have been made to Form EIA-64A for the 2023 Report Year collection.

What will the information collected be used for?

The data collected are used to estimate reserves and production of dry natural gas, and natural gas plant liquids by area of origin. A summary of the data will appear in the *Natural Gas Monthly*, *Natural Gas Annual*, *Monthly Energy Review*, *Annual Energy Outlook*, *U.S. Crude Oil and Natural Gas Proved Reserves*, the EIA website and support EIA forecasting activities. These estimates are also used by other federal government and state agencies, congress, industry analysts, and academia.

What is the purpose of reporting total outlet residue gas, total residue gas sent to a pipeline, and total electricity used by the plant?

EIA will publish state aggregated level total outlet residue gas, total residue gas sent to a pipeline, total electricity used by plants from Form EIA-64A in order to meet increasing data user needs for more

natural gas processing plant data. Providing this data in a standard format will enhance the utility of the data and provide markets with accurate information that is easy to use. In addition, the new data items will be used to validate and improve EIA's estimates in multiple EIA publications.

Why doesn't EIA gather these data from the states to which the plants have already submitted in one form or another?

Only a limited portion of the data is publicly available from about ten states on their websites, but in varying degrees of completeness. Providing this data in a convenient standard format will enhance the utility of the data and provide markets with accurate information that is easy to use.

How does EIA identify companies that must respond to Form EIA-64A?

All operators of natural gas processing plants that extract liquid hydrocarbons from a natural gas stream during any part of the calendar year are required to report.

If a natural gas processing plant only operated part of a calendar year, are they still required to submit a Form EIA-64A?

Yes. If a natural gas processing plant was operated during any part of the collection year, a Form must be submitted for that plant. In cases in which two or more operators during the year operated a plant, the operator as of December 31, should file a Form EIA-64A that covers the entire year. If the current operator is unable to obtain from previous operators the information required to compile accurate data covering the entire year, then each operator should file a Form EIA-64A covering only that portion of the year during which they operated the plant.

What is the reporting deadline?

Form EIA-64A is due May 1, 2024 for the 2023 calendar year.

My company does not have the information required on the Form EIA-64A before the due date. Can we get an extension?

No, but the respondent should notify EIA as soon as possible. (1-855-EIA-4USA or 1-855-342-4872)

What units of measurements should I use to report the production and electricity volumes?

Report the natural gas volumes in million cubic feet (MMCF), natural gas plant liquid volumes in thousands of barrels (MBbls) and electricity volumes in kilowatt hours (kWH).

At what pressure base should the gas volumes be reported?

Gas production volumes should be reported at a standard pressure of 14.73 psia and a standard temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

Our pressure base is different from the 14.73 psia cited in the form. Should I just note this in the comments section of the form?

No. Convert your natural gas volumes to a pressure base of 14.73 psia. To do this, calculate a *pressure adjustment factor* for your data in each state. This adjustment factor is the value of your pressure base divided by 14.73. Multiply your natural gas volumes by the appropriate state *pressure adjustment factor* and report the resulting values. For example, if your pressure base is 15.025 psia, your pressure

adjustment factor will be $15.025/14.73 = 1.02$. Gas volumes should be reported at a standard temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

How do I convert thousand cubic feet to million cubic feet? My company collects natural gas volumes in thousand cubic feet (MCF), but EIA asks me to report million cubic feet (MMCF).

Divide by 1,000. For example, if your plant's total residue gas during the reporting month were 123,456 MCF, then you would report 123 MMCF (i.e., $123,456 \div 1,000$). However, if your company's gross withdrawals during the reporting month were 123,546 MCF, then you would report 124 MMCF (i.e., $123,546 \div 1,000$). Please round and report to the nearest whole MMCF. Do not include any decimal or fraction of an MMCF.

May I report a negative volume?

No. Do not report any negative values on any part of Form EIA-64A.

Should I report a volume of zero?

Yes, but only if there were no volumes to report.

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

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.

Am I required to submit revised data?

EIA reserves the right to request resubmissions as part of the data quality review process.

How do I submit the form?

Use EIA Secure File Transfer. The process to submit forms is described in the form instructions.

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

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

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

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

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

First call or email EIA at 1-855-EIA-4USA (1-855-342-4872) or email to eia4usa@eia.gov to determine if a resubmission is necessary. If it is necessary to resubmit the form, check the Amended box in Question 1.1 and complete the entire form including the original correct data and the new revised data. Submit the form by Secure File Transfer according to the form instructions.

How do I submit Form EIA-64A for a super system?

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