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NOTICE

FORM C-115B MONTHLY NATURAL GAS WASTE REPORTING FORMAT

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In accordance with 19.15.27 and 19.15.28 NMAC, beginning in April 2022, for each well or facility, the Operator shall separately report the volume of vented natural gas and volume of flared natural gas for each month in the categories specified in 19.15.27.8.G(2) and 19.15.28.8.F(2). The Operator shall report zero when no venting or flaring has occurred. In an Operator's initial report, it shall provide the methodology used to report the volumes and shall report changes in the methodology on future forms. The Operator shall make and keep records of the measurements and estimates, including records showing how it calculated the estimates, for no less than five years and make such records available for inspection by the division upon request.

Since October 1, 2021, OCD has required Operators to gather data for quarterly reporting of volumes of natural gas vented or flared from each well or facility using the same categories specified for monthly reporting in 19.15.27.8.G(2) and 19.15.28.8.F(2). An Operator must submit its quarterly reports to OCD by February 15, 2022, for the fourth quarter of 2021 and May 15, 2022, for the first quarter of 2022.

On September 14, 2021, OCD published Notice of the Quarterly Reporting Requirements and released an Excel Spreadsheet template for operators to use to file their quarterly reports. Part 27 Quarterly Venting and Flaring Report and Part 28 Quarterly Venting and Flaring Report

OCD currently is developing an electronic C-115B form for Operators to use to report their monthly venting and flaring volumes in accordance with 19.15.27 and 19.15.28 NMAC.

OCD expects to release a draft electronic C-115B form for review and comment by December 15, 2021. OCD anticipates the electronic monthly reporting form will closely resemble the quarterly report Excel spreadsheet. The report format will be a flat file or individual entry using Graphic User Interface (GUI). Unlike the existing C-115 form, the new C-115B form will allow an operator to make line-item corrections without withdrawing and replacing the entire report. OCD will publish additional guidance, as appropriate, when it releases the new electronic C-115B reporting form.

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