

British Columbia's Flare Management Strategy - Update

Resource Conservation Branch

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BC Energy Plan

- Eliminate all routine flaring at oil and gas producing wells and production facilities by 2016.
- Establish policies and measures to reduce air emissions with MoE.
- Small power standing offer for projects generating < 10 MW.
- Develop a Petroleum Registry.
- Continue to work to lift the federal moratorium on offshore exploration and development.

Associated Gas Flaring in BC

Opportunity

- $31.0 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$ (2006)
- $18.5 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$ is routine
- $11.5 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$ meets criteria for running economics.
- $8.0 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$ -meets economic threshold for conservation
- Energy Plan goal met
- Overall reduction potential = 25%

Flare Management Guidelines

- Conservation of solution gas
- Need to develop a process for issuing temporary facilities to accommodate in-line testing.
- Ensure well test thresholds are appropriate
- Guidelines
 - Draft for comments – June 2007
 - Feedback/stakeholder engagement – Fall 2007
 - Guideline release early 2008

Example

Encana Compressor Station

- Reporting zero flared and vented gas.
- Community complaints regarding flaring?
- Purge gas consumption on HP and LP flare
 - 4400 scf/hr or 106,000 scf/d
 - Replace regulator and install flow controller (\$3000.00)
 - Consumption reduced to 250 scf/hr
- Compressor packing vent purge system
 - 1770 scf/hr or 42,500 scf/d (3 compressors)
 - Install flow controller (\$1600.00)
 - Consumption reduced to 120 scf/hr

Definitions

- Lease Fuel – all fuel gas used from the wellhead to the delivery point (pumpjack engines, dehydrator, line heater and compressor fuel).
- Flared – gas used as pilot gas and gas flared for operational purposes.
- Vented – vented to atmosphere and can be calculated from lab analyses or an estimate of 0.0257 m³/m³ oil.
- *Produced gas used for dilution, blanket, purge, pilot, instrument air and chemical pumps?*