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# 40 CFR Part 98 Subpart W – Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: RY2025 Updates

April 2025





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# Timeline

- June 2022 – Proposed Revisions Published
- April 2023 – Proposed Supplement Published
  - Scope 2 and Global Warming Potential (GWP) changes
- August 2023 – Revised Proposed Revisions Published
  - Include measurement-based quantifications
  - Clarifications
- May 2024 – Final Revisions Published
  - September & October 2024 – minor citation revisions released
- **January 1, 2025 – Final Rule is implemented for reporting on March 31, 2026**
- March 14, 2025 - Waste Emissions Charge (WEC) disapproved and no longer has any force of law. Facilities will not be required to submit their WEC filings.

# Source-Applicability by Segment



(b) Offshore Production  
 (c) Onshore Production  
 (d) Processing  
 (e) Transmission Compression  
 (f) Underground Storage  
 (g) LNG Storage  
 (h) LNG Import Storage  
 (i) Distribution  
 (j) Gathering and Boosting  
 (m) Transmission Pipeline

(a) Natural Gas Pneumatic Device Venting										
(c ) Natural Gas Driven Pneumatic Pump Venting										
(d) AGRs and NRUs										
(e) Dehydrator Vents										
(f) Well Venting for Liquids Unloading										
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(n) Flare Stack Emissions										
(o) Centrifugal Compressor Venting										
(p) Reciprocating Compressor Venting										
(q) Equipment Leak Surveys										
( r ) Equipment Leaks by Population Count										
(w) EOR Injection Pump Blowdown										
(x) EOR Hydrocarbon Liquids Dissolved CO2										
(y) Other Large Release Events										
(z) Combustion Equipment										
(dd) Drilling Mud Degassing										
(ee) Crankcase Venting										

**Key:**  
 Blue = Still Applicable  
 Green = New Source



# Operational Data Changes

Stemming from Subpart W Revisions to Existing Sources and Methodologies

- **Dehy Wet Gas Sampling Frequency**
  - 98.233(e)(1) – “Analyze the composition of wet natural gas once every five years (samples must be collected within 6 months of startup or by January 1, 2030, whichever is later)”
- **Produced Liquids Sampling Frequency**
  - 98.233(j)(1) and (j)(2) – “Sample and analyze sales or stabilized oil for API gravity, and hydrocarbon liquids or produced water for composition within six months of equipment start-up or by January 1, 2030, whichever is later, and at least once every five years thereafter.”
- **Tank Upstream Temperature / Pressure**
  - Well, separator, or non-separator equipment temperature and pressure must be measured annually
- **OOOOb/FIP/SIP-Applicable Reciprocating Compressors and Centrifugal Compressors in Production and Gathering & Boosting Segments**
  - Must use the “as-found” compressor source methodology (98.233(o)(2) and (4), 98.233(p)(2) and (4)) or the continuous flow meter methodology (98.233(o)(5) and 98.233(p)(5)) to quantify emissions from compressor sources



# Disaggregation of Reporting

- Emissions and Activity Data to be reported at Well or Site Level
  - Sub-basin or County Level Sources
    - Liquids Unloading, Completions & Workovers, Storage Tanks
  - Basin-level Sources
    - Natural Gas Pneumatics, Blowdown Vent Stacks, Equipment Leaks, Combustion
- New Reporting Elements
  - Unique well name or ID and coordinates for each well-pad (Production)
  - Unique site name or ID, site type and coordinates for each site (G&B)
    - Compressor station, centralized oil production, gathering pipeline, other fence-line site (booster station, dehydration facility, treating facility)



# New Sources for Reporting

98.233(y) Other Large Release Events

98.233(dd) Drilling Mud Degassing

98.233(ee) Crankcase Venting







# Other Large Release Events – Qualifications

- Monitoring or Measurement Surveys can include:
  - § 98.234(a) through (d) - OGI, Method 21, Infrared Laser Beam Illuminated Instrument, Acoustic Leak Detection Device, Flow Meters, Calibrated Bags, High Volume Sampler, AVO
  - Advanced screening methods such as monitoring systems mounted on vehicles, drones, helicopters, airplanes, or satellites with a 90% probability of detection at 100 kg/hr of CH<sub>4</sub>
- EPA-provided notification/confirmation under the Super Emitter program, an applicable approved state plan, or applicable Federal plan
  - After notification, the operator has an opportunity to determine if it is their location.
- Evaluate emission events > 100 kg CH<sub>4</sub>/hr (instantaneous)
  - Sources not subject to reporting (e.g., explosion or well blowout) – report all emissions from the event under 98.236(y)
  - Sources subject to reporting (e.g., stuck dump valve or unlit flare) – report emissions in excess of the source-specific calculations under 98.236(y)

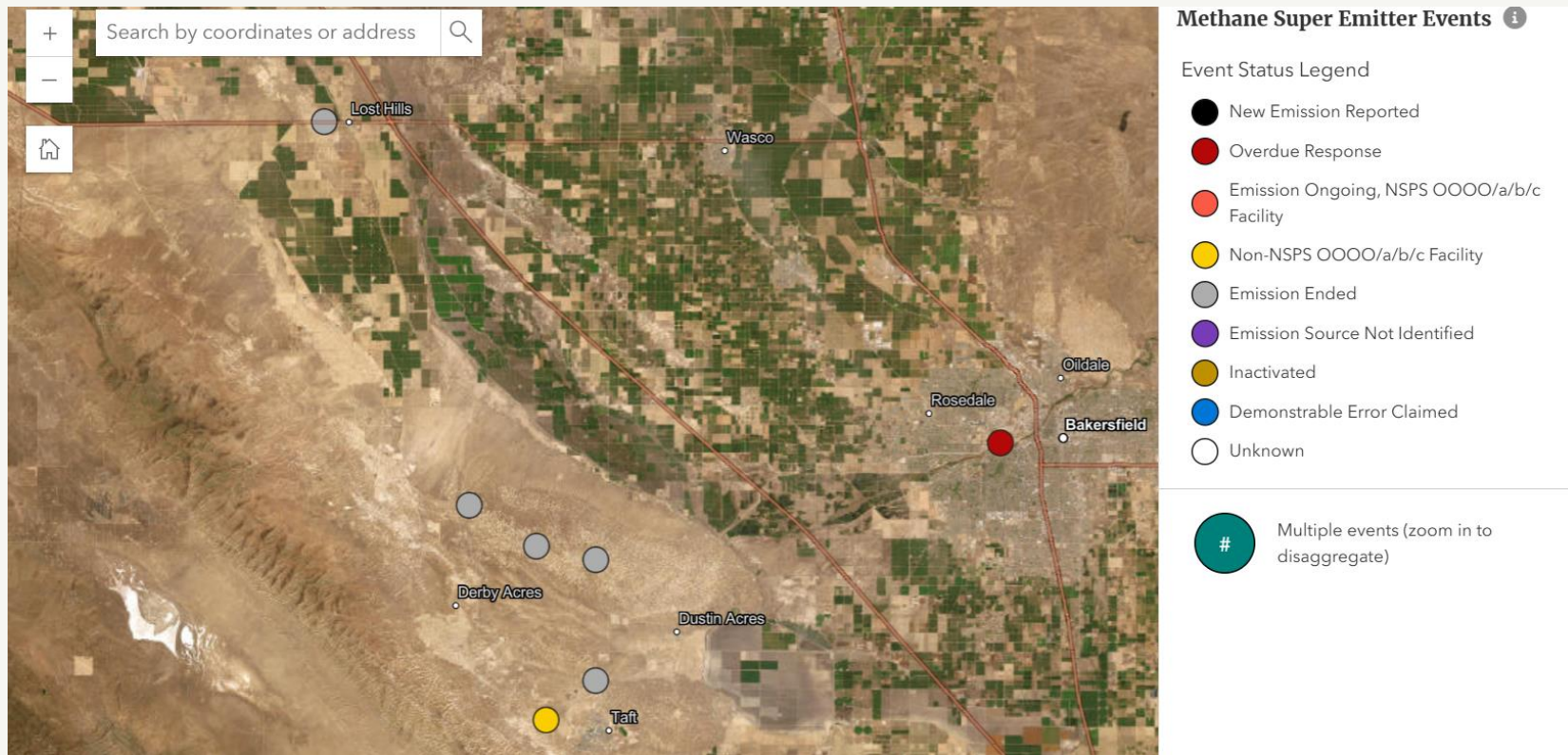


# Other Large Release Events – Example





# Other Large Release Events – Data Explorer





# Other Large Release Events - Calculations

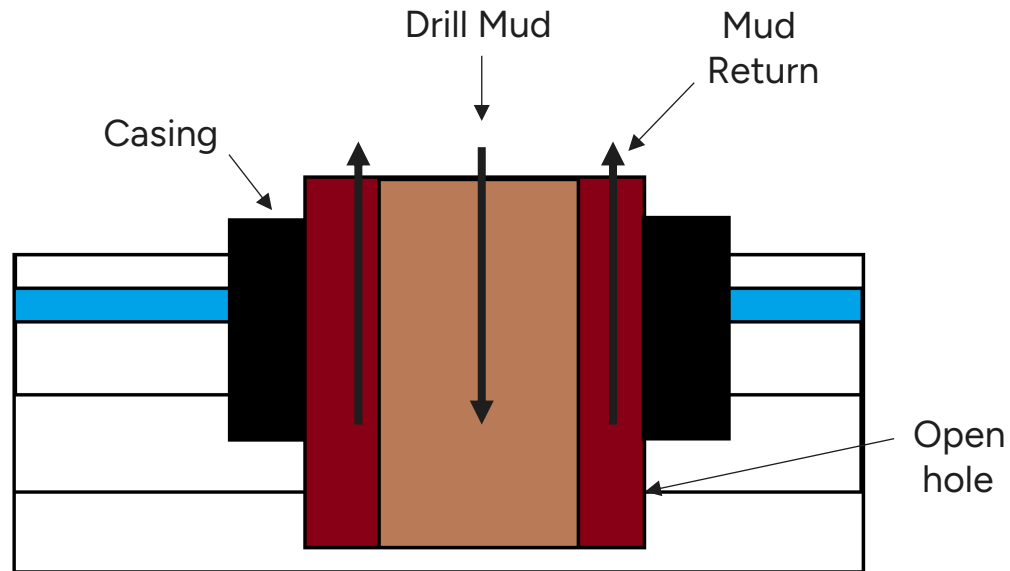
- **Emission Rate**
  - Aggregate release points with a common RCA under one event
- **Event Start Time**
  - Process monitoring parameters, if available
  - Most recent monitoring or measurement survey (98.234(a) through (d))
  - Assume 91 days prior to detection
- **Event End Time**
  - Confirmed date of repair or cessation of emissions

\*when an event is identified using AVO methods, previous AVO inspections can be used to limit the start date of an event



# Drilling Mud Degassing

- The practice of safely removing pockets of free gas entrained in the drilling mud once it is outside of the wellbore





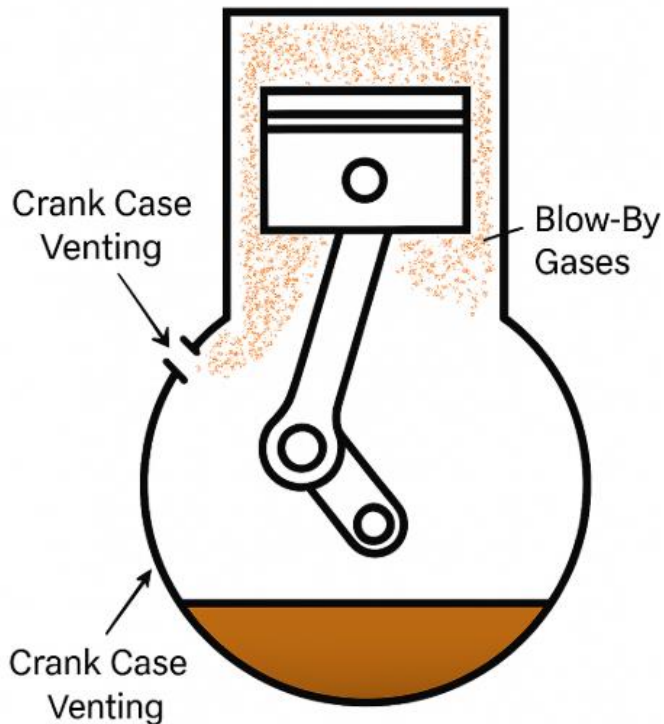
# Drilling Mud Degassing - Calculations

- 98.233(dd)(1) Method 1: If you have taken mudlogging measurements.
  - Must be from the penetration of the first hydrocarbon bearing zone until drilling mud ceases to be circulated in the wellbore, including mud pumping rate and gas trap-derived gas concentration
  - Calculate CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from mud degassing for one representative well in each sub-basin and within the equivalent stratigraphic interval
- 98.233(dd)(2) Method 2: If you have not taken mudlogging measurements.
  - Uses provided emission factors
- 98.233(dd)(3) Method 3: If you have taken mudlogging measurements
  - For some, **but not all**, of the time the well bore has penetrated the first hydrocarbon bearing zone until drilling mud ceases to be circulated in the wellbore, including mud pumping rate and gas trap-derived gas concentration
  - Use appropriate method (1 or 2) based on the amount of time spent taking/not taking measurements.



# Crankcase Venting

- For each reciprocating internal combustion engine (RICE) with a rated heat capacity greater than 1 MMBtu/hr (or the equivalent of 130 HP)





# Crankcase Venting – Calculations

- 98.233(ee)(1) Method 1: Direct Measurement of Crankcase Venting
  - Screening determination – use OGI, Method 21, or infrared laser beam illuminated instrument
    - Leak detected – use flow rate determination
    - No leak detected – assume zero emissions
  - Flow rate determination – use a flow meter, calibrated bagging, or a high volume sampler to determine the volumetric flow from the crankcase vent at standard conditions and within 10 to 100 % of peak load during normal operations
- 98.233(ee)(2) Method 2: Default Emissions Factor
  - Multiplied by the total operating hours per year for the RICE





# Significantly-Modified Existing Sources

98.233(a) Natural Gas Pneumatic Device  
Venting

98.233(n) Flare Stack Emissions





# Natural Gas Pneumatic Device Venting - Comparison

Existing Methodology	New Methodology
N/A	<b>98.233(a)(1) – Continuous Measurement of NG Supply</b> Applicable for all devices in all segments
N/A	<b>98.233(a)(2) – Periodic Measurement of Device Venting</b> Applicable for all devices in all segments
N/A	<b>98.233(a)(3) – Leaker Emission Factor</b> Onshore Production or G&B / Intermittent devices / Malfunction or properly operating
<b>98.233(a) – Default Emission Factors</b> Low-bleed – 1.39 scf/hr/device High-bleed – 37.3 scf/hr/device Intermittent-bleed – 13.5 scf/hr/device	<b>9.233(a)(4) – Default Emission Factors</b> Low-bleed – 6.8 scf/hr/device High-bleed – 21 scf/hr/device Intermittent-bleed – 8.8 scf/hr/device

\*Comparing emission factors for the Production and Gathering & Boosting segments as an example



# Flare Stack Emissions

Existing Methodology	New Methodology
N/A	<b>98.233(n)(1)(i) – Tier 1 (98% DE / 96.5% CE)</b> “Refinery-Level” - Testing under §63.645, Monitoring under §63.644
N/A	<b>98.233(n)(1)(ii) – Tier 2 (95% DE / 93.5% CE)</b> “OOOOb” - §60.5417b must be met
<b>98.233(n)</b> Default DE and CE of 98% is assumed	<b>98.233(n)(1)(iii) – Tier 3 (92% DE / 90.5% CE)</b> Default if Tier 1 or 2 can’t be met
N/A	<b>98.233(n)(1)(v) – Measured Destruction Efficiency</b> Destruction efficiency is calculated to be 1.5 plus the measured combustion efficiency
N/A	<b>98.233(n)(9) – CEMS for CO<sub>2</sub></b> Must use CEMS data if the device measures CO <sub>2</sub> concentration and flow rate



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