

## Delay of NOWPP FAQ's

Upon written request, the AER may delay the commencement of NOWPP if an oil well is flaring for the purpose of testing, cleanup, or completion to obtain data for economic evaluation and for sizing equipment at new oil batteries. Flaring must be in the first month of production and should not exceed a total of 72 hours, in accordance with Directive 060: Upstream Petroleum Industry Flaring, Incinerating, and Venting. The well must remain shut in after the 72 hour test until the gas is tied in and conserved. These requests will only be considered after the gas is being conserved.

**1. Where do I send my request?**

*Requests for delay of the commencement of NOWPP can be sent via email to [oilallowables@aer.ca](mailto:oilallowables@aer.ca)*

**2. Does the 72 hours apply to the flaring or production?**

*As per the criteria outlined in Directive 007-1; 72 hours of total production in the first producing month.*

**3. Does a well qualify as long as it is flaring and then conserving?**

*100% of the gas is flared in the first month and the well must be shut in after the initial flaring within that month in order to build or tie the well into a facility.*

**4. How long does the well need to be shut in?**

*The well must be shut-in after the initial 72 hour test for the remainder of that month until it resumes production in a subsequent month with gas conservation in place.*

**5. Can I send my request in advance?**

*No, delay of NOWPP is granted only when all criteria is met, reported to and confirmed through PETRINEX (including gas conservation).*

**6. Can I send a request for multiple wells?**

*Yes, as long as the criteria are met on all wells included within request.*

**7. If a response for a well comes back as not meeting the criteria can I resubmit a more complete request later?**

*Yes, a second submission (via email) will be considered as a new request **only** if all criteria have been met.*

**8. How long of a delay can a well qualify**

*A delay of the commencement of NOWPP can only be applied to the first production month.*

**9. How many months can NOWPP be extended?**

*The delay of NOWPP is **not** an extension of NOWPP but is providing a new start date to the NOWPP period. The AER will only delay the commencement of NOWPP for the first producing month, should all criteria be met.*

**10. If there is no production for 12 months after the 72 hour test period, can I qualify for delay of NOWPP, if all other criteria are met?**

*No. If the request meets all qualifying criteria the delay in commencement of NOWPP will then be applied to the second producing month. NOWPP expires one year from the on production date regardless if a delay is granted.*

**11. What happens to the first month of production should the well qualify for delay of NOWPP?**

*The NOWPP MRL would not be applied to that first month. If the well is defined, the Base MRL and Base GOR from the MRL Order would be utilized. If the well is undefined then an interim MRL would be applied (Base MRL of  $8.0\text{m}^3/\text{d}$  and Base GOR  $70\text{ m}^3/\text{m}^3$ ).*

**12. What documentation is required to be submitted with a delay of commencement of NOWPP request?**

*There is no supplementary documentation required. The request, via electronic submission, should state details listed in the "Checklist" as they apply to the well(s) being considered for delay in commencement of NOWPP.*