

Frequently Asked Questions

Bulletin 2016-15: 2016 AER Administration Fees (Industry Levy)

May 2016

Q1. When are the administration fees due?

A1. June 20, 2016.

Q2. What are the administration fees for?

A2. The administration fees support the AER's operations. The fees are allocated according to industry sector—oil and gas, oil sands, and coal—and are based on the AER's operational requirements for the specific sector.

Q3. Who is responsible for paying the administration fees?

A3. The invoice is sent to the operator of a facility (well, oil sands scheme or coal mine) as of December 31, 2015, and is payable by that operator. If the operator fails to pay the fee, the licensee is responsible for paying the invoiced amount and any assessed penalty.

Q4. Who is responsible if wells or facilities were sold after December 31, 2015?

A4. The operator on record as of December 31, 2015, is responsible for paying the 2016 administration fee, even if the wells or facilities were sold after that date.

Q5. Where can I get a copy of my invoice?

A5. Invoices will be mailed out on May 18, 2016, and addressed to the chief financial officer or controller. To request an extra copy or electronic version of your invoice, please contact Puneet Wadhwa at 403-297-2201 or adminfeecoordinator@aer.ca

Q6. Can I pay by credit card?

A6. The AER does not accept credit cards for payment of administration fees. Cheques are the only method of payment accepted.

Q7. Will I be charged a penalty if I do not pay the invoice by the due date?

A7. Payments are due June 20, 2016. A late-payment penalty of 20 per cent will be charged on the portion of the AER administration fee that remains unpaid after June 20, 2016.

Q8. Will I be charged a penalty if I do not pay the Alberta Upstream Petroleum Research Fund (AUPRF) contribution?

A8. Payment of the AUPRF contribution is voluntary, and no penalty will be charged if it is not paid.

Q9. What if I disagree with details on my invoice?

A9. Any disagreements can be directed to

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Q10. How do I appeal the administration fees?

A10. Any appeal must be made in writing to

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Payment of all invoices is required by June 20, 2016, regardless of whether an appeal has been filed. Following a decision on the appeal, adjustments will be applied as needed.

Q11. Who can I contact about the AUPRF?

A11. For additional information or if you have questions, please contact

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

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Explorers and Producers' Association of Canada

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