

Frequently Asked Questions

Bulletin 2022-09: 2022/23 AER Administration Fees (Industry Levy)

April 2022

Q1. Why did I receive an invoice for pipelines or larger facilities?

A1. As announced in *Bulletin 2022-01*, starting with fiscal 2022/23, pipelines and certain facilities are now included in the industry levy. We recognized that affected licensees would require time to understand the implications of these new levies. For planning purpose, we issued mock invoices on September 28, 2021.

Q2. Will I receive a second invoice for 2022?

A2. No, the invoice reflects full-year fees calculated using the finalized levy methodology.

Q3. When are the administration fees due?

A3. May 11, 2022.

Q4. Who is responsible for paying the administration fees?

A4. The invoice is sent to the operator of a facility (i.e., well, oil sands scheme, pipeline, larger facility, or coal mine) or the licensee of an inactive well as of December 31, 2021. The operator or licensee is responsible for paying the invoice. If the operator fails to pay the fee, then the licensee is responsible for paying the invoiced amount and any assessed penalty.

Q5. What are the administration fees for?

A5. The administration fees support the AER's operations. The fees are allocated according to industry sector—oil and gas, oil sands, coal, pipelines, and larger facilities—and are based on our operational requirements for the specific sector.

Q6. Who is responsible for paying the fees if wells or facilities were sold after December 31, 2021?

A6. The operator on record as of December 31, 2021, is responsible for paying the 2022 administration fees, even if the wells or facilities were sold after that date.

Q7. Why has the number of wells on my invoice increased?

A7. As part of the levy methodology review, a change was made to the well classes. The AER now charges a fee for inactive wells. Previously, only producing wells were charged a fee.

Q8. Why are inactive wells determined as of January 31, 2022?

A8. Because of the one-month lag in [Petrinex](#) for reporting volumetric data, the inactive well report is run on January 31 to capture those wells without production throughout the entire base year (January to December 2021).

Q9. Where can I get a copy of my invoice?

A9. Invoices will be emailed to the email address on file or mailed on April 11, 2022, addressed to the chief financial officer or controller. To request an extra copy or electronic version of your invoice, please contact AdminFeeCoordinator@aer.ca.

Q10. Can I pay by credit card?

A10. No. Cheques are the only method of payment accepted.

Q11. Will I be charged a penalty if I do not pay the invoice by the due date?

A11. Yes, you will be penalized for late payment. Payments are due May 11, 2022. A late-payment penalty of 20 per cent will be charged on the portion of the AER administration fee that remains unpaid after May 11, 2022.

Q12. Will I be charged a penalty if I do not pay the Alberta Upstream Petroleum Research Fund (AUPRF) contribution?

A12. Payment of the AUPRF contribution is voluntary, and no penalty will be charged if it is not paid.

Q13. What if I disagree with details on my invoice and wish to appeal?

A13. Any disagreements or appeals can be directed to

Administration Fee Coordinator

Email: AdminFeeCoordinator@aer.ca

Payment of all invoices is required by May 11, 2022, regardless of whether an appeal has been filed. Following a decision on the appeal, adjustments will be applied as needed.