

Industry Tip

Incident Reporting Enhancement Project - FAQ

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The purpose of this FAQ is to assist users to find answers to their questions about changes related to Incident Reporting Enhancement Project.

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Incident Reporting Q & A

Question	Answer
<p>For the annual incident report, if the original obligation was due Dec. 10 but the report is submitted Nov. 4, the next years obligation would then be due Nov. 4th then?</p>	<p>The initial annual report obligation will be due one year from the day that the incident enters into the Long Term Management status. After the initial obligation it is correct, the due date will be set to be one year from the fulfillment of the current obligation so it may change if reports are submitted at different dates.</p>
<p>If it is an emulsion release ER wants to see an entry of oil with volume based off oil cut and water in an additional line with water cut volume.</p>	<p>This is correct, go forward we are requesting that emulsion be split into oil and water with each volume based on the cut. This will help support accurate reporting of fluid volumes.</p>
<p>Vegetation Establishment status doesn't require yearly reports? Just Long Term Management? Or will both?</p>	<p>Only incidents in a Long Term Management Status will require annual reporting. Incidents in a Vegetation Establishment status will not require annual reporting, but users may submit a Vegetation Establishment report at any time to the incident.</p>
<p>If an incident is closed with a status of "Closed - Pending Rec/Rem at Final Abandonment" will any follow up be required from the time it goes into this status until when the site is decommissioned?</p>	<p>Unless there is additional details required by the local field office when they review the closure details of the incident, no further reporting is required on incidents that enter the Closed – Pending Rec/Rem at Final Abandonment.</p>
<p>Are you able to define operating area when it relates to a pipeline right of way?</p>	<p>As per Directive PNG014 the operating area only applies to a well, facility or pipeline facility site and does not include a pipeline right of way. Incidents that impact the pipeline right of way would report that area as part of the % Off-Operating Area.</p>
<p>Do these changes impact existing incidents already reported?</p>	<p>No, any incident reported prior to the release of the Incident Reporting Enhancement project will follow the reporting structure that existed with the release of IRIS. These incidents will be given a new version name, Legacy 2025, to help identify which reporting structure they fall under.</p>

Incident Management Application Q & A

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For incident management applications, will there be specific forms to be filled in or just attaching documents, reports, etc?	There are no forms required for incident management applications at this time. However the applicant must provide a document that gives details on what is being requested and any justification to support the request.
If impacts are being left in place and the Incident Management Application is being submitted what is going to be the turnaround time for approval. Further to this question should we be emailing MER direct like we currently do?	<p>ER will attempt to review these applications as soon as possible and provide a response within a reasonable timeframe. We will continue to monitor the turnaround times of these applications and adjust if needed.</p> <p>The Incident Management Application should only be used for non-emergent requests involving an incident, ie applications involving cleanup. Any high priority request should still go through the local field office as they currently do.</p>
If we submit alternatives to remediation in authorization application, will we get response from IRIS or from Field Office?	Responses of the approval/denial of an Incident Management Application will come through IRIS as they do with all IRIS applications.

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Additional References:

- › [IRIS Learning Centre – Operational Applications and Information Reporting>Incidents](#)
Available on or before: January 23, 2026
- › [Oil and Gas Incident Management and Reporting](#)

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