

FAQs for Survey Form EIA-14 Refiners' Monthly Cost Report

What is the Form EIA-14?

Form EIA-14 *Refiners' Monthly Cost Report* is designed to collect summary data regarding crude oil prices by [Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts](#) (PADDs).

Is reporting data on Form EIA-14 mandatory?

This report is mandatory pursuant to Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-275) and must be completed by each refiner, except firms (referred to as independent natural gas processors) that neither refine crude oil nor have crude oil refined by others and solely process natural gas for liquids and related products.

How does EIA identify companies that must respond to Form EIA-14?

All U.S. refiners, except firms (referred to as independent natural gas processors) that neither refine crude oil nor have crude oil refined by others and solely process natural gas for liquids and related products must respond to Form EIA-14.

What will the information collected be used for?

The data are used to provide the government and the public monthly prices on refiner acquisition cost of crude oil. These prices are published in the following tables of the [Petroleum Marketing Monthly](#) (PMM):

- Figure HL1: in PMM Highlights (PDF): Crude oil and petroleum product wholesale prices
- Table 1: Crude Oil Prices (PDF only)
- Table 1A: Refiner Acquisition Cost of Crude Oil by PAD Districts (PDF and HTML)

These statistics are widely used to inform the public and policymakers about current crude oil prices. [Register for email notification](#) for this and other EIA products by signing up for our subscriptions.

How are my data used to publish Refiner Acquisition Cost of Crude Oil?

Your data, total cost and total volume, is combined with the data of other respondents. The sum of the costs for data from all respondents is divided by the sum of the volumes to calculate the Refiner Acquisition Cost (RAC) of crude oil. The composite RAC is the average cost of both domestic and imported crude oil.

Form Questions

Should I inform you of a change in the contact person in our company for Form EIA-14?

Yes. Whenever there is a change in the contact person for Form EIA-14 at your company please contact the EIA Survey Support Team at eia4usa@eia.gov or call 1-855-EIA-4USA (1-855-342-4872) Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. ET. The contact person should be the most knowledgeable person about your reported data.

Should I inform you if our company is sold, merged with another company, or buys another company?

Yes. Whenever there is any change in ownership, please inform the EIA Survey Support Team at eia4usa@eia.gov or call 1-855-EIA-4USA (1-855-342-4872) Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. ET.

What is the reference month?

This is the calendar month to which the reported cost and volume information relates. We ask that the EIA-14 be submitted to EIA no later than 30 calendar days after the close of each reference month (e.g., if the reference month is March 2025, the EIA-14 report must be submitted to EIA by April 30, 2025.)

What is the distinction between domestic and imported crude oil?

Domestic crude oil is produced in the United States. Imported crude oil is produced outside the United States. Note that crude oil produced outside of the United States is considered imported even when it is purchased in the United States.

Submission

What is the reporting deadline?

The EIA-14 must be completed and submitted each month no later than 30 calendar days after the close of each reference month. (e.g., if the reference month is March 2025, the report must be submitted to EIA by April 30, 2025).

How do I submit the form?

The form can be downloaded in XLS format on the EIA website, which can be accessed from <http://www.eia.gov/survey/#eia-14>. Respondents must use the [EIA's Secure File Transfer system](#) to submit their data. With this Internet-based option, EIA uses security protocols to protect the information against unauthorized access during transmission. EIA does not accept email, fax, or paper forms.

Resubmission

Am I required to submit revised data?

Resubmissions are required if it is found that previously reported cost or volume data are in error by more than five percent (+/-5%). For details on resubmissions, please see the [instructions](#).

Contact EIA

Who do I contact if I have technical questions on completing the form?

Call the EIA Survey Support Team at 1-855-EIA-4USA (1-855-342-4872) or email to eia4usa@eia.gov

I have questions about the form. How do I request help?

If you have any questions about this U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) survey after reading the instructions, please contact the EIA Survey Support Team Contact Center at 1-855-EIA-4USA (1-855-342-4872) or send an email to eia4usa@eia.gov