

FAQs for Survey Form EIA-182 Domestic Crude Oil First Purchase Report

What is the Form EIA-182?

The Form EIA-182 *Domestic Crude Oil First Purchase Report* is designed to collect data on both the average cost and volume associated with the physical and financial transfer of domestic crude oil off the property on which it was produced. The monthly reported data represent the initial market value and volume of domestic crude oil production.

Is reporting data on Form EIA-182 mandatory?

Yes. The report is mandatory. The timely submission of Form EIA-182 by those required to report is mandatory under Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (FEAA) ([Public Law 93-275](#)), as amended.

How does EIA identify companies that must respond to Form EIA-182?

All companies that purchase domestic crude oil in an equity transaction involving the transfer of ownership coupled with physical removal of the crude oil from the property lease for the first time must respond to Form EIA-182.

What will the information collected be used for?

These data are used by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) in reviewing the supply, demand, quality, and price changes of crude oil. The average volume weighted first purchase price(s) are published in the [Petroleum Marketing Monthly](#), the [Monthly Energy Review](#), and the [Annual Energy Review](#). The data are used elsewhere across federal and state agencies in statistics, data verification, fiscal planning and administering certain income tax credit provisions. In the private sector, the data are used in economic forecasts, market analyses, and refinery operations modeling.

Where can I find published data from the EIA-182?

The domestic crude oil prices are initially published in the [Petroleum Marketing Monthly](#) (PMM) in the following figure and tables:

- PMM's Highlights ([PDF](#))
- Table 1: Crude Oil Prices ([PDF](#))
- Table 18: Domestic Crude Oil First Purchase Prices ([HTML](#) and [PDF](#))
- Table 19: Domestic Crude Oil First Purchase Prices for Selected Crude Streams ([HTML](#) and [PDF](#))
- Table 20: Domestic Crude Oil First Purchase Prices by API Gravity ([HTML](#) and [PDF](#)) ([Mapping Table](#))

The PMM is released electronically each month. 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 subscribing to our subscription.

Form Questions

What is the published domestic crude oil first purchase price?

The domestic crude oil first purchase price is associated with only those companies that purchase crude oil the moment the oil leaves the lease on which it was produced. Companies are asked to report the average cost per barrel and total volume purchased for requested crude streams purchased in a state.

The domestic crude oil first purchase price within a published category (crude stream, state, PADD or U.S. total) in the [Petroleum Marketing Monthly](#) (Tables 1, 18-20) is derived by multiplying each company's reported volume by its reported monthly average price which yields total revenue. The revenue data for all companies in the cell (crude stream, state, PADD or U.S. total) are added and this number is divided by the total volume purchased in a cell. The resulting number is the volume weighted monthly average price.

Should I inform you of a change in the contact person in our company for the survey?

Yes. Whenever there is a change in the contact person 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 average cost and volume information relates. We ask that the EIA-182 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 report must be submitted to EIA by April 30, 2025.)

Do I need to include taxes?

Yes. Include any taxes applicable to the sale of crude oil.

Are crude oil sales from DOE's Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) included in this survey?

No. The EIA-182 survey collects crude oil data from the marketed first sales at the lease boundary. The crude stored in the SPR has already been sold on the open market and therefore, will not get reported to the EIA-182.

How do I categorize sales into crude oil streams on the survey?

If the stream has a sulfur and gravity content that is within five percent of a named stream, report the crude in that nearest stream with the similar quality characteristics. If you are uncertain how to report a stream with no name or just a field name on the run ticket, please contact 1-855-342-4872 and provide the approximate API gravities and sulfur content so we can assist in determining the appropriate category. For additional information on which named crude streams collected on the survey fall within the set API Gravity Bands in Table 20 of the PMM, see [Mapping Table](#).

What value does the EIA-182, Domestic Crude Oil First Purchase price reflect?

EIA's Domestic Crude Oil First Purchase price reflects the transfer of ownership of crude oil during or immediately after the physical removal of the crude oil from a production property for the first time. The oil produced is moved by truck or pipeline to the Lease Automatic Custody Transfer Unit (LACT), which sits just outside the lease boundary, where this system provides for the automatic measurement, sampling and transfer of oil from the LACT to the pipeline. The reported average price on the EIA-182 can be affected by the following factors: the time companies report their price during the month, cost or volume adjustments, revisions, transportation costs, or any adjustments (bonuses or premiums) passed on to the producer or royalty owner.

In order to value [crude oil production](#) by state, would it be better to use the national First Purchase Price (FPP) price, a state-level FPP, or another benchmark?

It would be best to use the state-level first purchase price as the value for each state's crude production. Crude qualities vary quite a bit from state to state so these would be most reflected in the state price as opposed to some national price.

We have discontinued purchases of a stream that we have reported for a long time. Should I just enter zero on the form?

If you are no longer making purchases of a particular stream that you have reported consistently in the past, please indicate this in the comments section of the survey form so that our survey processing staff will know that this is accurate and not simply an accidental omission.

What do I report in the "Other" and "Miscellaneous" categories?

Any crude oil purchased that does not fall in a named stream should be reported in the state's "Other" category. Any crude oil purchased in states for which no specific streams are requested should be reported in the state's "Miscellaneous" category.

Submission

What is the reporting deadline?

Every month reports are due no later than 30 calendar days after the close of the reference month. For example, 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-182>. 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?

Revisions to prior month's reports are required if previously reported price or volume data are in error by more than five percent ($\pm 5\%$). All revisions must be submitted within 120 days after the end of the reference month. However, EIA must be notified of significant changes discovered after 120 days and will determine if a resubmission is needed.

To file a resubmission, complete and attach a copy of Part 1 and 3 to the regular monthly submission. Complete separate submissions for each reporting month in which State/Production area data exceed the threshold. Enter only the full corrected values for cost and volume, not the net (plus or minus) change.

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