

Topic: Form and Instructions	
Q:	Where can I find the Form EIA-819 instructions?
A:	https://www.eia.gov/survey/form/eia_819/instructions.pdf
Q:	How can I download the current Form EIA-819?
A:	https://www.eia.gov/survey/#eia-819
Q:	What forms are being combined?
A:	The new Form EIA-819 combines legacy Forms EIA-819 and EIA-22M into one report to cover all biofuels, fuel oxygenates, and non-refinery producers of isooctane. This is an effort to standardize the types of information collected and to expand coverage to include renewables producers not covered by the narrow scope of these prior forms.

Topic: Due Dates & Publishing of Data	
Q:	What timeframe does the new form cover?
A:	The new Form EIA-819 will begin collecting monthly data in November 2020 to cover the October 2020 timeframe.
Q:	What is the due date?
A:	Form EIA-819 must be received by the 20th calendar day following the end of the report month (e.g., Form EIA-819 with data for October must be received at EIA by November 20).
Q:	When do you expect the output from the expanded portions of this survey to be published and will the data feeds be available via API?
A:	Current data will be published as usual. Output on expanded portions will be published March 31, 2021 with data for January 2021. API will be updated as well.
Q:	When does the EIA expect to publish the new survey results accounting for HVO production and feedstock use?
A:	Survey results accounting for hydrotreated vegetable oils (HVO) production and feedstock use will be published March 31, 2021.
Q:	Do we need to start a new form each period or can we piggy back off the previous month?
A:	No, once the Microsoft Excel® spreadsheet has been downloaded and saved on your computer, you may use the same document to start the next month's submission and revise, as needed with current data. Note that each month's beginning stocks should match ending stocks from the previous submission.
Q:	Is EIA going to ask for data from all of 2020, or just start with the month of October going forward? Also will you start making the data public before the end of the year?
A:	Data collection will begin with the October 2020 cycle. EIA will continue to publish ongoing data series and release new data in March for month of January 2021.
Q:	Will capacity data be available and in what frequency will it be published?
A:	Yes, aggregate data will be available on a monthly basis; plant-level data will be available on an annual basis.

Topic: Feedstocks

Q:	What is the purpose of collecting feedstocks now?
A:	The new Form EIA-819 collects feedstocks across all biofuels. Historically EIA collected feedstock data on the 22M survey, but data were limited to feedstocks consumed for production of biodiesel. EIA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture will report feedstock consumption statistics from the new Form EIA-819.
Q:	Do feedstocks reflect what was consumed during the reporting month or purchased?
A:	Feedstocks should reflect what is consumed during the reporting month.
Q:	If a petroleum refinery is co-processing veg oil feedstocks in the hydrocracker along with crude petroleum oil, will that facility's production and feedstock use be a part of the new survey or not?
A:	It will not be on the new survey.
Q:	With regard to feedstock, do you want data reported in pounds or bushels?
A:	Report feedstocks consumed in pounds.
Q:	For feedstock use, will vegetable or animal fats used in co-processing be reported?
A:	No.
Q:	Will the annual fuel and feedstock (Part 11) be able to capture annual data for renewable diesel or only required for October forward?
A:	Report annual data for the prior calendar year (2020) with your report for February 2021 (due by March 20, 2021).
Q:	Can we expect the feedstock data to be aggregated for all respondents (i.e. combine responses from biodiesel and renewable diesel producers)?
A:	Yes

Topic: Operable Capacity

Q:	Does operable capacity include or exclude annual maintenance?
A:	If annual maintenance is a regular part that effects your annual production capacity, then yes, it is included.
Q:	In the past our production capacity has been limited by our air permit more than our physical plant capacity. Should the lower of permitted capacity be submitted or physical capacity?
A:	The lower of permitted capacity should be reported.
Q:	Regarding Operable Capacity...my plant is "capable" of producing one amount, but due to demand I may run only 50% output...which number should be reported?
A:	Report what the plant is capable of producing, regardless of demand.
Q:	Shouldn't the Operable Biodiesel Production be the same every month, even if that does not match the annual "actual" production?
A:	Yes

Topic: 819 versus 809

Q: Are there changes to the 809 in conjunction with the 819?

A: There are no changes to the EIA-809.

Topic: Questions on Specific Parts of the form

Q: What data are covered in Part 4?

A: Fuel Alcohol, Denaturant, and Gasoline Production, Blending, Receipts, Shipments, Plant Use and Loss, and Stocks

Q: Where do I report Section 4 of EIA-22M on the new 819?

A: A comment section is now available at the bottom of the Parts 1 & 2 Microsoft Excel® worksheet.

Q: Section 4 in the Portal was "Co-Product Production" which captured the Glycerol Production and Other Co-Product Production. Is this being done away with?

A: Yes

Q: What sections do HVO producers file?

A: HVO producers will complete parts 7, 8, 9, and 11 of the new Form EIA-819.

Q: Where will comments previously reported in Section 3 be reported?

A: A comment section is now available at the bottom of the Parts 1 & 2 worksheet.

Q: Is Part 11 due with December's reporting on a Calendar basis, or does EIA have a different year-end?

A: Report annual data for the prior calendar year (2020) with your report for February 2021 (due by March 20, 2021).

Q: Who has to submit sections 10a and 10b?

A: Producers of isooctane, isooctene, and fuel oxygenates (except fuel ethanol and other fuel alcohols produced from renewable feedstocks)

Q: If the plant information and company information are the same, do both sections need to be completed?

A: No, if company and plant contact information are the same, Part 2 does not have to be repeated.

Q: Will you still have a box to check for resubmissions and if so, where is that captured?

A: No, there is no specific box/field for resubmissions.

Topic: Specific Codes

Q:	Are the codes staying the same from the old form to the new form?
A:	No, there are some new codes and some previously used codes. All codes are provided on the survey form.
Q:	As an ethanol producer who also produces flex fuel, is the extra denaturant used for flex fuel (product code 149) INCLUDED in the Pentanes uses (PC 220) or should it be separated?
A:	Yes, report gallons of natural gasoline (product code 220) blended into flex fuel (E85) as input to blending.

Topic: Miscellaneous data-specific questions

Q:	Are co-production facilities still out of scope for the purposes of this survey?
A:	Yes, oil refineries that co-process petroleum and renewable feedstocks through the same units are out of scope for reporting on Form EIA-819.
Q:	How should denaturants combined with undenatured fuel be reported?
A:	Report denaturant gallons combined with undenatured fuel ethanol as input to blending.
Q:	Can you distinguish between a fuel ethanol producer and a fuel oxygenate producer?
A:	Fuel oxygenate producers are those who produce Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE), Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (ETBE) and other fuel oxygenates except fuel ethanol. Fuel ethanol producers report parts 3, 4, 9, and 11 of Form EIA-819. Fuel oxygenate producers report parts 10B and 11 of Form EIA-819.
Q:	Do stocks on site include product on site temporarily stored in railcars prior to shipment?
A:	Yes
Q:	Do we report production if it's not going to be used as a fuel?
A:	No, only report fuel ethanol production.
Q:	Where will the production of non-fuel grade ethanol be reported next year. Will those gallons be covered in this survey?
A:	No, non-fuel grade ethanol will not be reported.
Q:	Is there an opportunity to receive the monthly survey code by a method other than mail?
A:	Respondents can (1) download instructions and the Form EIA-819 in Microsoft Excel® spreadsheet at https://www.eia.gov/survey/#eia-819 and (2) submit completed forms to EIA using the Secure File Transfer System at https://signon.eia.doe.gov/upload/noticeoog.jsp

Topic: Contact Information

Q:	I notice there is an "EIA ID Number" required. Is that new? If so, where do we find that ID number?
A:	Email: EIA4USA@eia.gov Phone: 1-855-EIA-4USA (1-855-342-4872)
Q:	Who do we contact if we have questions on the new form?
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