

Regulatory Citation(s):

78.121. Production Reporting.

(a) The well operator shall submit an annual production and status report for each permitted or registered well on an individual basis, on or before February 15 of each year. The operator of a well permitted to produce gas from the Marcellus shale formation shall submit a production and status report for each well on an individual basis, on or before February 15 and August 15 of each year. Production shall be reported for the preceding calendar year or in the case of a Marcellus shale well, for the preceding 6 months. When the production data is not available to the operator on a well basis, the operator shall report production on the most well-specific basis available. The annual production report must include information on the amount and type of waste produced and the method of waste disposal or reuse. Waste information submitted to the Department in accordance with this subsection is deemed to satisfy the residual waste biennial reporting requirements of Section 287.52 (relating to biennial report).

(b) The production report shall be submitted electronically to the Department through its web site.

Question:

In reviewing the Annual Well and Waste Production Report instructions, it seems that if an operator reports the waste volumes and disposal mechanism (in this case for produced water) on the Wellsite Restoration Report that these volumes/disposal methods do not need to be reported again on the Annual Well and Waste Production Report. Additionally, the only volumes of produced water that need to be reported on the Annual Well and Waste Production Report appear to be volumes produced post-restoration. Is this correct?

Also, if an operator reports volumes/disposal method in either the Wellsite Restoration Report or the Annual Well and Waste Production Report, would these volumes/disposal methods need to be reported on the 26R Form?

Response:

The form that those instructions were written for is no longer in use. We now require operators to file their Production and Waste Report electronically with the Department through our website at the following location:

[Oil and Gas Production and Waste Reporting Website](#)

It is still necessary to file the Well Site Restoration Report form with the applicable Regional Office, but the waste reported on that form should be included in the operator's annual or 6-month Production and Waste Report at the above website. Reporting for Marcellus production is required every 6 months and is due February 15 and August 15 of each year. Other wells are reported annually by February 15.

The volumes reported on the Site Restoration and the Annual Production and Waste Report should have a 26R Form for each load of waste taken off the well site. A copy of the 26 R Form is to be retained by the generator, transporter, and disposal contractor for 5 years.