

Methane Challenge: e-GGRT Registration Tutorial & BMP Reporting Forms Overview



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Outline



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- ► BMP Commitment Option Reporting Forms
 - Key Updates
 - Functionality/Conditional Formatting
- ► Q&A

Methane Challenge Program Overview



- Methane Challenge expands the Natural Gas STAR Program
 - Specific, ambitious commitments
 - Transparent reporting process, through e-GGRT
 - Company-level recognition of commitments and progress
- To enhance flexibility, EPA offers two commitment options:
 - Best Management Practice (BMP) Commitment
 - ONE Future Emissions Intensity Commitment
- ► The program covers onshore oil production and the entire value chain from onshore production through natural gas distribution
- Program launched with 41 founding partners March 30, 2016
 - Currently has 51 BMP partners and four ONE Future partners

Next Steps for New Partners

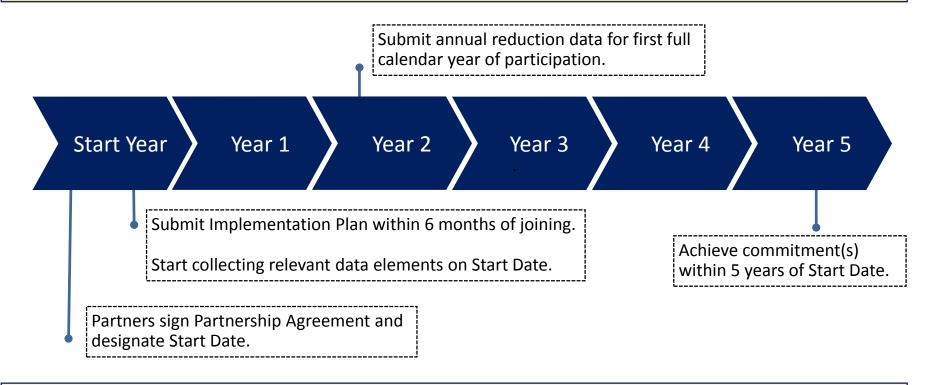


- Implementation Plans are due within six months of joining the Program
 - ► Implementation Plan Guidelines are on the Program website: https://www.epa.gov/natural-gas-star-program/methane-challenge-program-implementation-plan-guidelines
- Partners have the opportunity to create a Historical Actions Fact Sheet that provides information on historical methane reduction actions taken prior to joining Methane Challenge
- ► We anticipate 2018 reporting from partners for data collected during calendar year 2017 (after first full calendar year of participation)
 - ► In response to feedback received, intend to test the reporting process this year through a pilot phase with 5-8 companies to collect optional, partialyear data.
 - ➤ Will use this opportunity to continue to refine and improve upon the data collection process and seek feedback on the resulting recognition/data displays using actual company data.

Methane Challenge Partnership Timeline



Ongoing: Partners create and implement strategies and processes for meeting commitments. As progress is made, evaluate adoption of additional commitments.



Annually: Partners collect and submit emission and reduction data each Spring. EPA posts progress of partner commitment(s) on website each Fall.

Methane Challenge Annual Reporting



- ► EPA will use GHGRP Subpart W data, plus non-confidential supplemental data provided by partners, to track progress in meeting source-specific commitments under the Methane Challenge Program
 - Data will be reported at the facility level, in line with Subpart W facility definitions
- ► EPA aims to minimize the reporting burden so Partner companies can focus resources on the implementation of methane-reducing activities
 - Plan to pre-populate Subpart W data onto the BMP Methane Challenge Reporting Forms, as applicable
- Partner companies will start collecting data on designated Start Date (within six months of joining program)
 - Full calendar year data will be most valuable to tracking Program progress

Benefits and Considerations



- Methane Challenge offers the opportunity for partner companies to transparently demonstrate progress on specific commitments and comprehensive action to address methane emissions through a widely recognized Program.
- Partner companies will adopt cost efficient best management practices and technologies that will reduce product loss and increase safety, and be recognized at the company level on the progress on their commitments.



Through the continuous improvement mechanism, partner companies have the opportunity to propose additional emission sources of interest and/or new BMPs for inclusion into the Program.

Overview of Methane Challenge Registration



- Implementation Manager (IM) receives email "invitation" to register
 - Requires an e-GGRT user account so e-GGRT new user registration may be required
- Login to e-GGRT
- Accept invitation
- Management of Partner and Facility Data
- Delegation by IM to other individuals



Email Invitation to Register





Mon 3/20/2017 2:21 PM

test@ccdsupport.com

Methane Challenge Program: Accept your role as Implementation Manager for {facility.name}

A Notice from EPA's electronic Greenhouse Gas Reporting Tool (e-GGRT)

You have been identified as the Implementation Manager for STAR Natural Gas Company

Your Assigned Methane Challenge Partner ID is: 9999007

The Natural Gas STAR Methane Challenge Program is a flexible, voluntary partnership between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and oil and gas companies. The Methane Challenge annual reporting form for the Best Management Practice (BMP) Commitment is available on the e-GGRT website and must be completed and submitted using the e-GGRT system. Registration is currently available, however, e-GGRT will begin accepting the reporting form on May 31, 2017.

*** Below are instructions for accessing the Methane Challenge section of the e-GGRT system. ***

NOTE: If you are not a current e-GGRT user you will first need to create a user account. If you do not have an e-GGRT user account, go to

and click the NEW
USER REGISTRATION button on the login page to begin. Please note that you will need to sign an electronic signature agreement (ESA) and send it to the Help Desk prior to completing the user registration process. ESA processing can take up to 7 days, so you are encouraged to begin the process of registering a new account immediately upon receipt of this e-mail.

Once you are a registered e-GGRT user, follow these steps to accept this assignment:

- 1) Login to e-GGRT at
- 2) On the homepage, find the "Accept an Invitation" panel, then copy and paste the following Invitation Code in the field provided. If your Electronic Signature and Use Agreement (ESA) for e-GGRT has not been submitted and approved, you will not be able to view the panel. Once your ESA has been received and approved (you will be notified by email when it is approved), the panel will be visible.

Invitation Code: GBLNY-00UHX

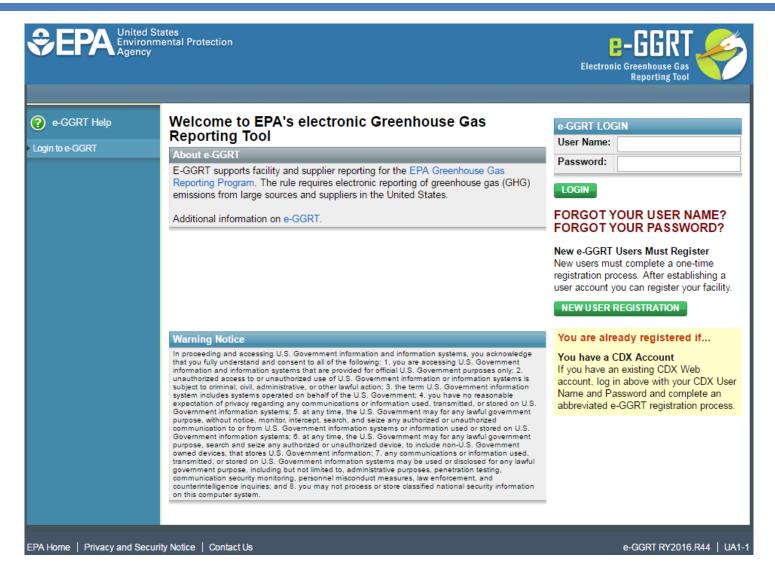
- 3) Click the Go button to open the Accept Assignment screens.
- 4) Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the acceptance process.

If you believe you received this message in error, or have questions, please contact the Help Desk:

This email sent from the Methane Challenge TEST environment

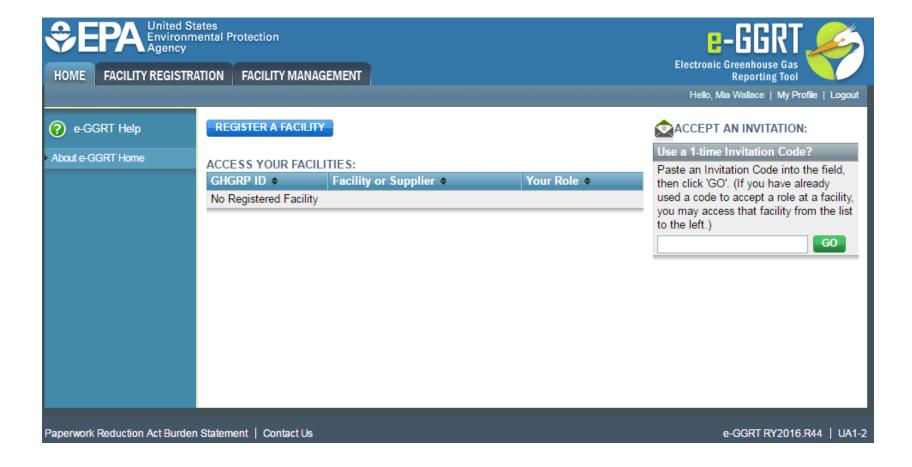
e-GGRT Login Page





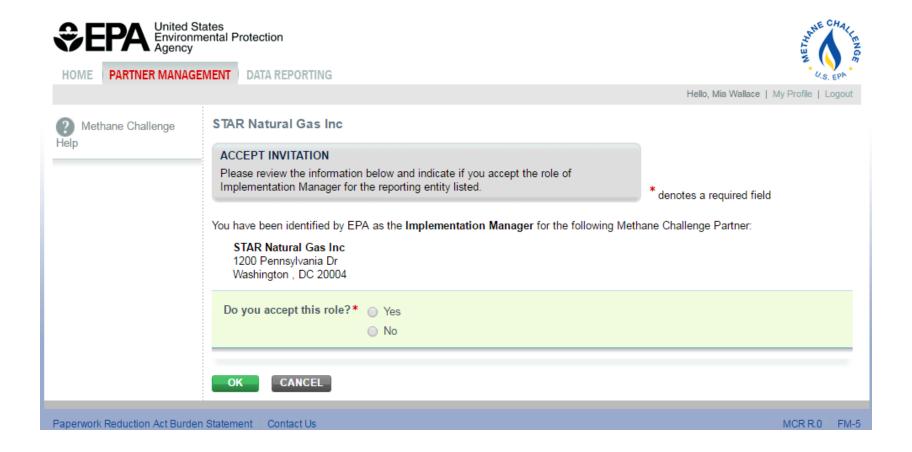


e-GGRT Home Page (Paste Invitation Code)



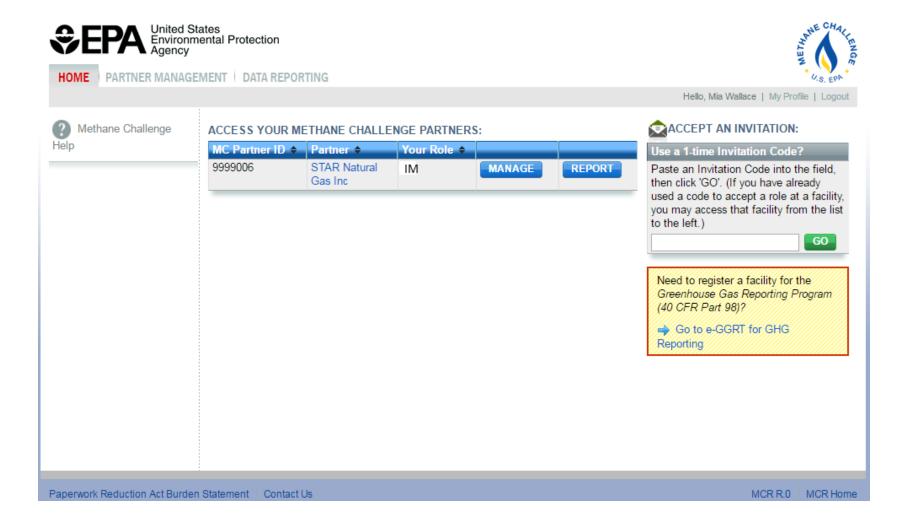


Accept your role as Implementation Manager



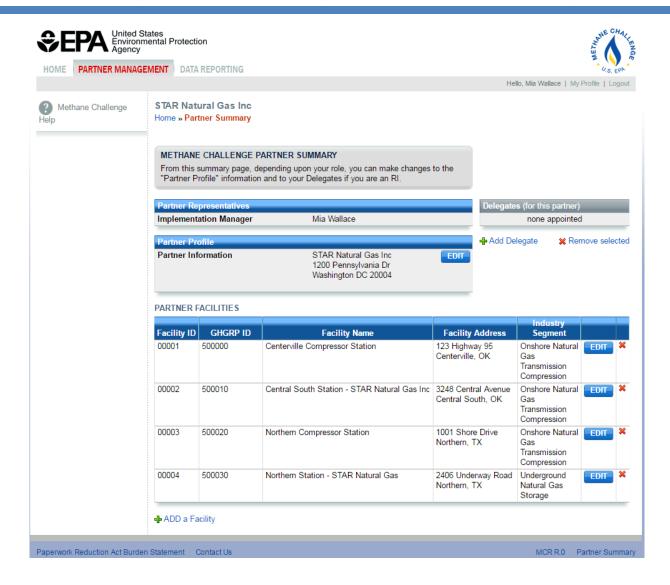






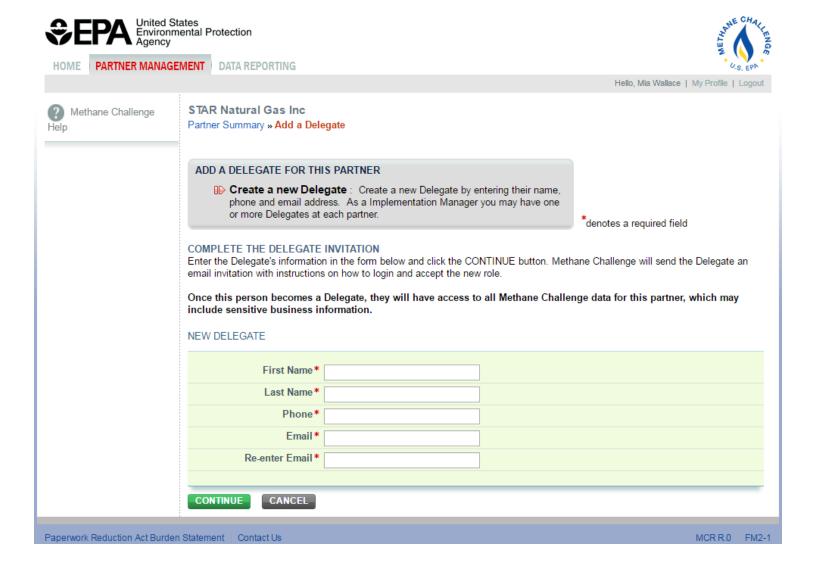


Partner Management Page (with Facility List)





Delegate Access to One or More Individuals



BMP Reporting Forms: Key Updates



- Shared draft forms with stakeholders for review last Fall
- Received six sets of comments from partners/trade organizations
- Main changes
 - Aligned excavation damages reporting elements with Common Ground Alliance elements, removing the following duplicative and not pertinent data, and ultimately reducing burden:
 - Other Outside Force Damage
 - Pipe, Weld or Joint Failure
 - Damages on pipelines/facilities Equipment Failure w/ supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA)
- **Incorrect Operation**
- "Data not collected" elements

- Links to applicable methodologies added for ease of reference
- Clarifications regarding cast iron/reconditioned cast iron mains & services terminology to align with Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration reporting categories

BMP Reporting Forms: Key Updates



Functionalities

- Methane Challenge IDs and GHGRP IDs
 - Pre-populating subpart W data into Methane Challenge Form
- Segment/Source conditional formatting
- Ex: Transmission and Storage Reciprocating Compressor Form
- "Tooltips" appear when certain fields are selected

Additional Information Field

- Opportunity for reporting optional, qualitative information that was not covered in the above data elements which communicates progress on the applicable commitment.
- If pre-populated data from Subpart W report requires updating, this should be noted in this field, as well.

BMP Reporting Forms: Functionality



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Report Year	2016		Version:	R.1
Partner Name	Please select partner name			
Facility Name				
Industry Segment		☐ Gathering and Boosting ☐ Transmission and Storage		
		Distribution		
Participating Sources		□ Blowdowns		
		Mains- Cast Iron and Unprotected Steel		
		Services- Cast Iron and Unprotected Steel		
		□ Excavation Damages		
		☐ Reciprocating Compressors - Rod Packing Vent		
		☐ Centrifugal Compressors - Venting		
		Pneumatic Controllers		
Methane Challenge Partner ID 	MC1234	Assigned Methane Challenge Partner ID Number are unique to each partner. Each reporting facility under the Partner should use the same Methane Challenge Partner ID Number.		
Methane Challenge Facility ID Numb	5678	Assigned Methane Challege Facility ID Number is unique to each facility. Each reporting facility for a Partner should have a unique Methane Challenge Facility ID Number.		
GHGRP ID Number	123546	A 6-digit number, not beginning with 'MC', indicates that this facility also reported through the GHGRP. On all subsequent tabs, fields shaded in grey represent information have been pre-populated with data submitted to GHGRP. Therefore, when completing these forms, those fields will be locked to prevent changes and you may skip fields that are shaded in grey.		

"For facilities that have been reported through the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP), the GHGRP ID number should be the six-digit GHGRP ID. For those facilities that are not reported to GHGRP, please leave this field blank.

BMP Reporting Forms: Functionality



Based on your commitment, please fill out all of the fields below. Hitting the tab key after data entry will automatically take you to the next data-entry field.

For additional information about the data being requested, and for further detail on quantification methodologies, please refer to the "BMP Commitment: Distribution Segment Supplementary Technical Information" document found on the Methane Challenge website.

Partner Name	Facility Name	Report Year
Please select partner name		2016

Distribution Mains - Cast Iron and Unprotected Steel¹

	Total miles of distribution mains	Annual CH ₄ emissions (mt CH ₄)
Distribution Mains, Gas Service - Unprotected Steel		
Distribution Mains, Gas Service - Protected Steel		
Distribution Mains, Gas Service - Plastic		
Distribution Mains, Gas Service - Cast Iron		
Distribution Mains, Gas Service - Reconditioned Cast Iron (with cured-in-place liners)		
Distribution Mains, Gas Service - Unprotected Steel with cured-in- place liners		

Voluntary Actions Taken to Reduce Methane Emissions in 2016

Miles of cast iron mains:		
Replaced with plastic		
Replaced with protected steel		
Rehabilitated with cured-in-place liners		
Miles of unprotected steel mains:		
Cathodically protected or replaced with protected steel		

See <u>Table W-7 to Subpart W of Part 98 - Default Methane Emission Factors for Natural Gas</u>
Distribution, for EFs by line material

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 Partner Name
 Facility Name
 Report Year

 Please select partner name
 2016

This source is not required to be reported for the industry segment selected

Transmission Pipeline Blowdowns between Compressor Stations¹

Quantification Method	Equipment or event type	Total number of blowdowns	Total CH ₄ emissions (mt CH ₄)
	Pipeline integrity work (e.g., the preparation work of modifying facilities, ongoing assessments, maintenance or mitigation)		
Subpart W Method 1, based on volume, temperature, and pressure	Traditional operations or pipeline maintenance		
	Equipment replacement or repair (e.g., valves)		
	Pipe abandonment		
	New construction or modification of pipelines including commissioning and change of service		
	Operational precaution during activities (e.g. excavation near pipelines)		
	All other pipeline segments with a physical volume greater than or equal to 50 cubic feet		
Subpart W Method 2, based on measurement	Calculated using flow meter		

Voluntary Actions Taken to Reduce Methane Emissions in 2016

Total number of blowdowns		
Number of blowdowns that routed gas to:		

Questions?



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