

The Implementation of IRIS at the Government of Saskatchewan and What It Means to the Oil and Gas Industry

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Abstract

Late this fall, the Government of Saskatchewan will deliver the final components of the Integrated Resource Information System (IRIS), and along with it, the oil and gas industry will be able to do many routine business activities with the province online, anytime, anywhere. IRIS is the culmination of the government's multi-year program – known as the Process Renewal and Infrastructure Management Enhancements (PRIME) Project – to completely modernize its 30-year-old oil and gas business processes and computer systems. In his presentation, Ed Dancsok, Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for the Ministry of the Economy's Petroleum and Natural Gas Division, will walk participants through the major enhancements the government is introducing to doing oil and gas business in Saskatchewan through IRIS, including activities related to land sales, disposition management, well licence applications, well data submissions, incident reporting and inspection activities. Find out how IRIS will benefit your Saskatchewan-based operations, and learn how your interactions with the government are going to change for the better.

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