

Alberta's Methane Emissions Reduction

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Background

- The GoA made a commitment to reduce methane emissions from Alberta's oil and gas industry
- To achieve the outcome the AER has developed a set of methane reduction requirements
- A multi-stakeholder process informed the development of the requirements



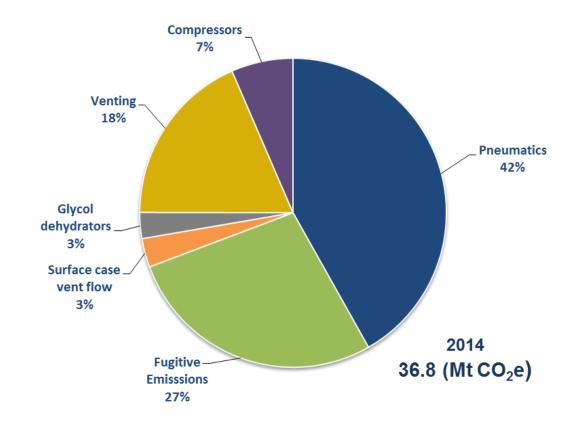
Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan

- The Government of Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan has four pillars:
 - Carbon levy
 - Oil sands emissions cap
 - Phase out coal power
 - Methane Reduction

Alberta's Oil and Gas
Estimated
Methane
Emissions

The draft requirements focus on reducing emissions by source:

- Pneumatic devices Compressors
- Fugitive emissions
 Glycol dehydrators
- Venting



Scenarios & Decision Making

- AER developed various scenarios that would reduce methane emissions for each source type
- All sources have reporting requirements A reporting system for this purpose is also being developed to consolidate reports and decision making

Regulatory Assessment Criteria

- Are they cost effective?
- Are they adaptive?
- Are they operationally feasible?
- Are they transparent and credible?

Research and Innovation

- AER has funded 8 projects to address methane related knowledge gaps
- AER staff has also advised on projects funded by technology funders (PTAC, ERA, AI)
- 2018 projects have focused on improvements to modeling assumptions and technologies and approaches for fugitive emissions detection

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