

Production Accountability Technician Production Verification Training 3100-17

3100-17 is a week long course that provides a basic entry level synopsis of production accountability responsibilities and duties performed within BLM. The course provides:

- an overview of BLM policy guidelines and regulatory requirements when conducting a production record review
- basic overview of how to request production records from an operator based upon a specific case
- how to adequately conduct a production record review once the documentation is received from the operator for simple oil and gas production leases.
- How to coordinate effectively with the PETs on cases with off-lease measurement, commingling, and other complex production accounting scenarios
- Coordination with MMS on production records and requesting amended reports
- Documentation and enforcement issues that pertain to production accountability efforts.

Course Topics & Objectives:

PRODUCTION RECORD REVIEWS

Objectives/ Goals

- Verify / ensure accurate OGOR reported volumes
- Identify steps needed to perform a complete Production Record Review
- Conduct a PR on a simple oil measurement by Tank Gauging case
- Conduct a PR on a simple oil measurement by LACT case
- Conduct a PR on a simple gas measurement case with gas chart recorders
- Conduct a PR on a simple gas measurement case with electronic flow meters
- Document your PR findings
- Issue Enforcement actions as needed

MMS COORDINATION

Objectives/Goals

- Discussion of MMS role in Royalty management, and its interaction with BLM.
- Discuss MMS/MRM website and how this can assist the PAT with contacts and handbook
- Discuss Roles: MMS is the jurisdictional agency for production reports. We receive the production information from them. They are the official record keeper of production information.
 - MMS collects royalties based upon the reported volumes. BLM verifies reported production volumes. Royalties and production volumes do not always correlate due to valuation issues, allowances, etc.
 - The Royalty Valuation Group compares the production reports against the royalty reports.
 - OGOR REPORTS NEED TO BE VERIFIED AGAINST ROYALTY REPORTS, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.