

# *EPA NATURAL GAS STAR PROGRAM*



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## *EPA Welcomes a new Natural Gas STAR Partner*



Devon Energy becomes an official partner in the EPA Natural Gas STAR Program on July 21, 2003

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# Challenges

## Previous Company Participation in the STAR Program

- Pennzoil Company
- Mitchell Energy
- Ocean Energy

Ocean Energy was the only company to submit emission reductions

- Numbers were inconsistent
- No documentation
- Inaccurate reports

# *Moving Forward*

Devon requested EPA take Ocean's reductions off of the books to allow Devon to start fresh

## Strategy

- Track down accurate accountable reductions
- Assure thorough documentation
- Encourage future reporting from the field

## Results

- Competition amongst divisions
- Accurate numbers
- Good documentation
- Team spirit

## *Keeping the Program Alive*

Devon actively participated in a video shoot in the Bridgeport area showing Devon's involvement in the STAR Program Produced by a public TV station

- 2 minute version for airing during environmentally related segments
- 12 minute version to be used by the STAR Program to promote the Program to other companies

Participated in an interview for the “STAR Profile” section of the Program's fall edition of the STAR quarterly newsletter.

## *Keeping the Program Alive*

Co-authored a SPE paper on the optimization of separator pressure to reduce methane emissions.

- Paper was presented at the annual SPE conference held in Galveston, Texas.
- Authored with the intent of creating a PRO Fact Sheet for the STAR Program.

Named EPA Natural Gas STAR “Rookie of the Year”



## *Keeping the Program Alive*

Developed a monthly STAR newsletter to be distributed to managers to assure communications regarding the status of the Program. Newsletter contains:

- A STAR PRO Fact Sheet
- Graph reflecting Devon's emission reductions annually
- Status table providing a breakdown by
  - Division
  - Area
  - Activity



# Natural Gas STAR Partner Newsletter

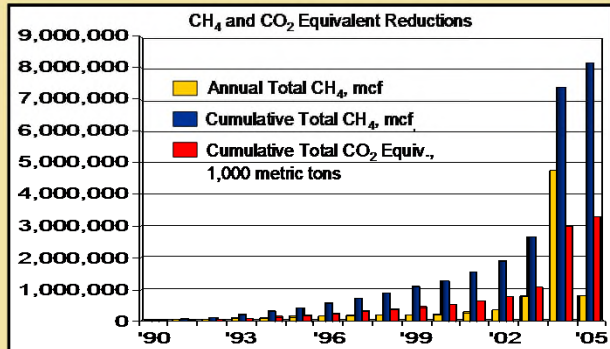


March 2005

## Welcome

This is the March 2005 installment of a monthly newsletter highlighting Devon's activities in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Natural Gas STAR Program. These monthly installments summarize Devon's methane emission efforts and a specific partner reported emission reduction opportunity that might be of benefit at certain Devon operations.

STAR Reductions Through 2005	
Methane Reduction Activity	Methane Reductions
Central Division	3,015,124
Southern Division	3,087,134
South Texas	1,204,526
Carthage	1,441,498
Groesbeck	441,110
Western Division	2,068,677
Rockies	864,360
Permian	1,204,317
Gulf Division	-
Midstream	-
<b>Total Reductions</b>	<b>8,170,935</b>



### PRO Fact Sheet of the Month

#### "Portable Desiccant Dehydrators"

This month, the highlighted PRO (Partner Reported Opportunities) Fact Sheet document is related to "Portable Desiccant Dehydrators". The attached PRO Fact Sheet feature provides more details about the technology and associated benefits of desiccant dehydration units. Additional information on desiccant dehy's may be found in the EPA Lessons Learned report located at [http://www.epa.gov/gasstar/pdf/lessons/ll\\_desde.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/gasstar/pdf/lessons/ll_desde.pdf)

If you have an idea or recognize an opportunity for a process change or pressure setting to improve efficiencies or reduce venting, please discuss these ideas with your EHS specialist or call Steve O'Connell at (405) 552-4672.

# Each monthly newsletter contains a PRO Fact Sheet and a link to a Lessons Learned on the EPA Gas STAR website

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- Division Status Table
- Annual Reduction Graph
- PRO Fact of the Month

Check out Devon's EPA video on the K drive at: [K:\Universal\Permanent\EHS Dept. Presentations\Natural Gas STAR](#)

## *Keeping the Program Alive - 2005*

- Sponsorship and co-sponsorship of EPA Natural Gas STAR Technology Workshops Oklahoma City and the Rocky Mountain Region.
- Participate in a leak detection survey at the Bridgeport Plant (USEPA Natural Gas STAR DI&M Grant).
- Development of a database to track future methane reduction activities

# *Summary of Devon Reductions*

- Overall Reductions - 10.55 Bcf (through 2004)
  - Low Bleed Pneumatics 2.235 Bcf
  - Reduced Emission Completions 5.291 Bcf
  - AOF Testing 442 Mmcf
  - VRU's 1.125 Bcf
  - Dehy Controls 87.85 Mmcf
  - Plunger Lift Systems 417 Mmcf
  - Flared Volumes 950 Mmcf

## *Devon's Accomplishments*

- Over 11.9 BCF in total methane emission reductions since 1990 (projected through 2005)
- 5.5 BCF reported for the year 2004
  - 73% from RECs
  - 12% from flared volumes/reduced venting
  - 7% from low bleed pneumatics
  - 5% from plunger lift systems

## *Economics*

Year	Volume	Gas Price	Revenue
1990	19.73 Mmcf	\$ 1.52	\$29,989
1991	38.25 Mmcf	\$ 1.88	\$71,910
1992	47.81 Mmcf	\$ 1.67	\$79,842
1993	98.24 Mmcf	\$ 1.95	\$191,568
1994	124.71 Mmcf	\$ 2.02	\$251,914
1995	205.41 Mmcf	\$ 1.62	\$332,764
1996	296.96 Mmcf	\$ 3.42	\$1,105,603
1997	341.71 Mmcf	\$ 4.09	\$1,397,593

## *Economics*

Year	Volume	Gas Price	Revenue
1998	254.81 Mmcf	\$ 2.20	\$560,582
1999	272.54 Mmcf	\$ 2.29	\$624,116
2000	846.36 Mmcf	\$ 3.77	\$3,190,777
2001	714.42 Mmcf	\$ 4.51	\$3,222,034
2002	623.60 Mmcf	\$ 3.16	\$1,970,576
2003	1.14 Bcf	\$ 4.96	\$5,654,400
2004	5.52 Bcf	\$ 6.15	\$33,948,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.55 Bcf</b>		<b>\$52,541,671</b>

# *Success Story*

- Implementation Manager discussed STAR opportunities with the Production Supervisor in the FWB
- Reviewed opportunities to reduce venting during cleanup procedures after fracs
  - Evaluated portable flare systems
  - Supervisor discussed it further with superintendents and foreman
- Completions Superintendent decided there was a better option available



## *FWB Reduced Emission Completions (RECs)*

Previous procedure upon completion of the frac job

- Flow well back to frac tanks until clean up is completed
- Snub tubing in the hole while venting gas back to reduce the pressure on the well
- Run required tests to atmosphere to calculate the absolute open flow potential

## ***FWB REC's***

Current procedure upon completion of the frac job

- Install temporary flowline and meter run on location during completion process
- Flow well back to frac tanks until gas is encountered



## ***FWB REC<sub>s</sub>***

- Turn well down line and sale gas while cleaning up the well
- Snub tubing in the hole while selling gas back to reduce the pressure on the well
- Run required tests through sales to calculate the absolute open flow potential



## *Benefits of FWB RECs*

- Reduces the volume of methane emissions
- Allows wells to be cleaned up longer with better results
- Additional gas sales
- Safer work environment



## *Economics of FWB RECs*

Initiated RECs in the FWB in March of 2004

<b>Gas Recovered *</b> <b>(mcf)</b>	<b>\$6.15/mcf</b>	<b>Incremental Cost</b>	<b>Net Gas Sale Value</b>
581,696	\$3,577,430	\$470,940	\$3,106,490

\* STAR credits - 491,533 mcf (methane - 84.5%)

## *Economics of FWB RECs*

Average Additional Sales	\$53,861
Average Incremental Cost	\$8,721
Additional Revenue	\$45,140

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