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Professional Petroleum Data Management Association Regulatory Standards Initiative

Dear Ms. Curtis:

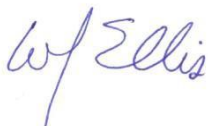
The Alberta Energy Regulator fully supports the Professional Petroleum Data Management Association (PPDM) Regulatory Data Standards Initiative. PPDM is a global leader in petroleum industry data standards and has a proven track record of relevance, adoption, and stakeholder engagement.

Interaction and collaboration between regulators is increasing on an international scale. Common language and data standards are vital for consistent information reporting, analysis, decision-making, and interpretation. The initiative will improve regulators' ability to communicate with other regulators, operators, and third party vendors. Data standards will help enable transparent, consistent, and trusted information.

Regulatory data standards will reduce complexity for operators and vendors both nationally and internationally.

The AER strongly encourages all those involved in the petroleum industry to engage in the establishment of regulatory data standards with PPDM.

Sincerely,



Jim Ellis, *President and Chief Executive Officer*