

#### Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission

# **Flaring and Venting Survey**

Energy Resources, Research & Technology Committee

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#### Agenda

#### Survey background

Initial overview



#### Preliminary question analysis

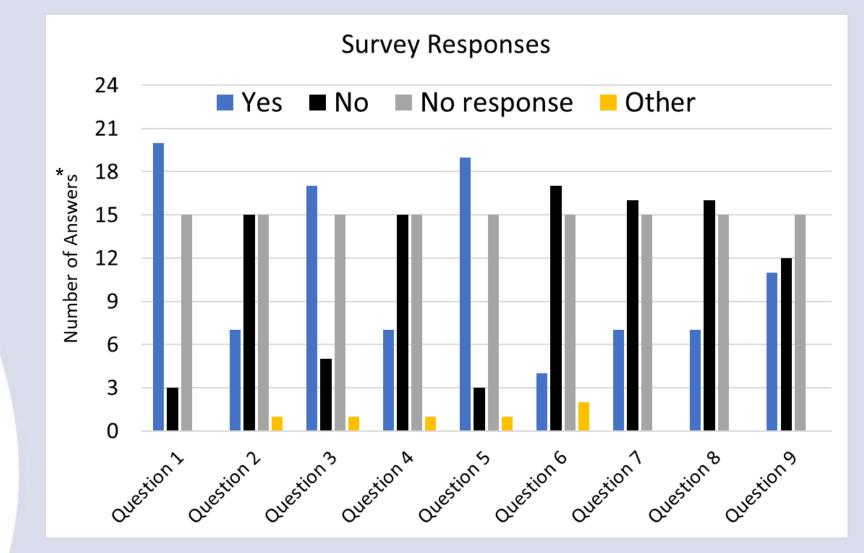
#### Connection to ERRT

# Survey Overview

	What	<ul> <li>Knowledge sharing on flaring and venting waste prevention regulations</li> </ul>
	How	<ul> <li>Initiated by New Mexico Oil Conservation Division</li> <li>Distributed and compiled by IOGCC</li> </ul>
	Who	<ul> <li>Includes responses from 19 States and 4 Canadian Provinces</li> </ul>
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### Initial Overview



\* Preliminary data only. Not from a published report.

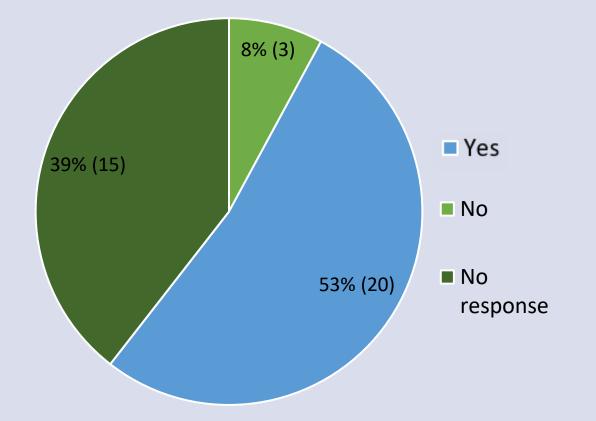
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#### Question 1

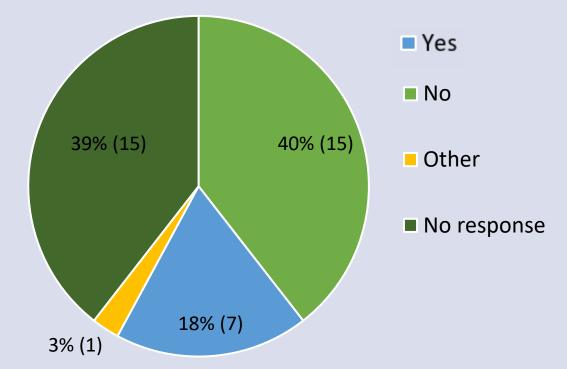
Does your state or province regulate venting or flaring of natural gas from either upstream or midstream operations based on prevention of waste?





#### Question 2

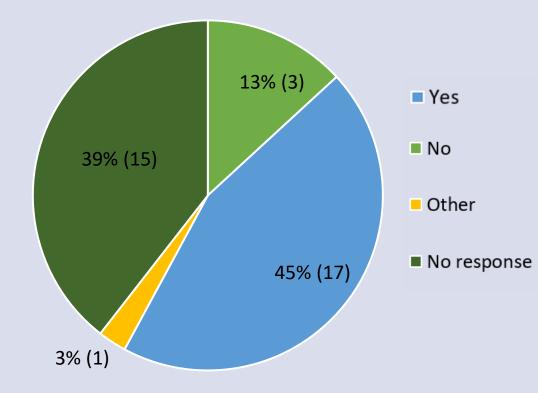
Does your state or province have engineering, equipment, or design requirements intended to reduce the need for or increase the efficiency of flaring or venting (e.g., required use of auto-igniters, mandate combustion efficiency, required demonstration of sufficient capacity for expected flow volumes and pressures)?





Question 3

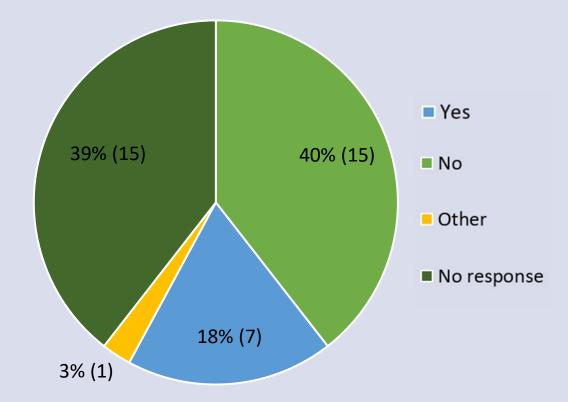
Does your state or province require reporting of volumes of natural gas vented or flared?





**Question 4** 

Does your state or province require a gas capture plan related to natural gas venting and flaring?

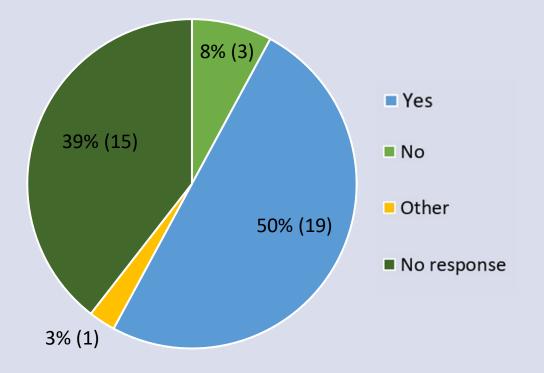




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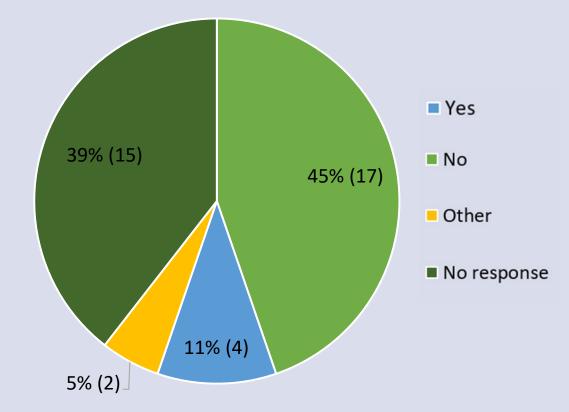
Are there specified exceptions to venting or flaring restrictions, i.e., circumstances under which venting or flaring is allowed (for example, flaring allowed for first X months of production; upset conditions; non routine maintenance; first well in leasehold allowed to flare for longer time period, etc.)?





#### Question 6

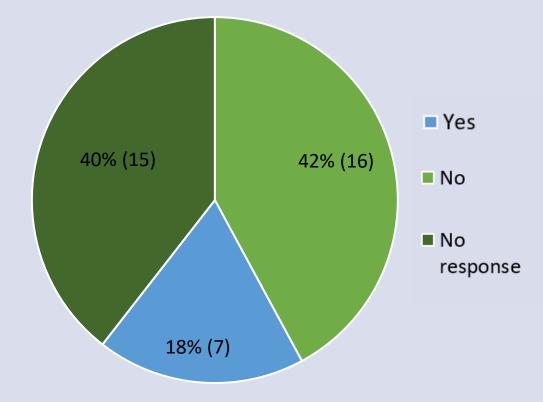
Does your state or province require operators to pay royalties on natural gas volumes that are flared or vented?





Question 7

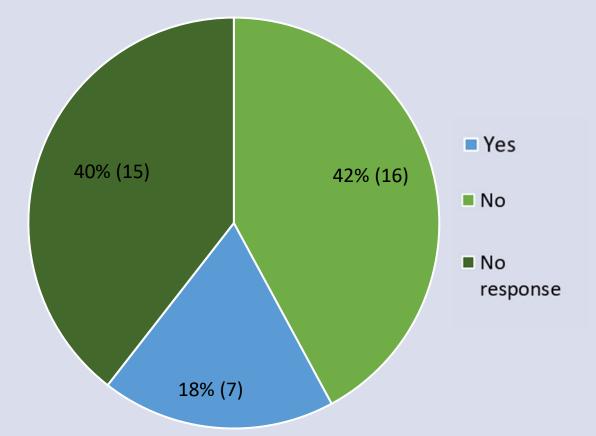
Does your state or province impose a tax or any other fee on natural gas volumes that are flared or vented?





#### **Question 8**

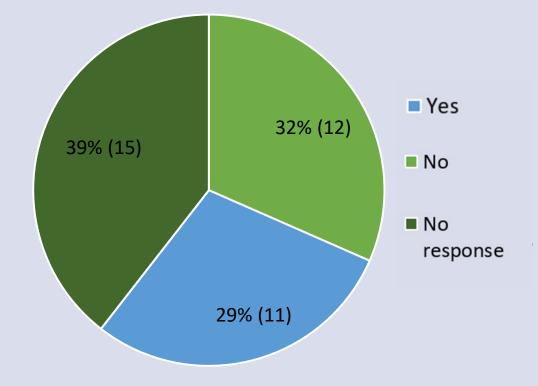
Does your state or province provide incentives for operators that capture gas rather than vent or flare (e.g., severance tax reduction)?





#### **Question 9**

Does your state or provincial agency coordinate efforts with your state or provincial environmental agency regarding venting and flaring operations?





# Connection to ERRT

- ERRT portal could help bridge gap between regulators and most current flaring practices and technology
- The survey concerned aspects of flaring that ERRT has begun to address through:
  - A regulator-only portal
  - Upcoming webinars
  - Available subject matter experts
- Possible workshop/webinar or survey/report topics:
  - Gas capture plan to prevent flaring and venting
  - Engineering and design requirements
  - Royalties, taxes, fees, and incentives





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