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Site Overview

Operator:	Northeast Natural Energy
Sites:	<i>Monongalia County Operations</i>
Location:	Monongalia County, West Virginia, USA
Area:	40,000 net acres
Number of employees:	Approximately 50
Production phase:	Active production
Production volume:	Approximately 500 mmcf/d
Assessment Body:	Responsible Energy Solutions, LLC



Site Profile

Founded in 2009, Northeast Natural Energy, LLC (NNE) is a West Virginia-focused producer of dry, pipeline quality natural gas from the Marcellus Shale. The company is a private equity backed operator, headquartered in Charleston, West Virginia, with a Morgantown office supporting field operations. The company's operations are in Monongalia County, West Virginia where they currently operate on 22 well pads, encompassing 138 wells and eleven (11) field compressor units. NNE also maintains a site for above ground storage of freshwater for use in operations and two measuring and regulating (M&R) sites. At the time of the assessment average daily production from operations was approximately 500 mmcf/day.

Stakeholders and Communities

NNE's sustainability report outlines the organization's commitment to their public stakeholders in the area of operations. NNE has developed a positive working relationship with landowners, regulators and first responders including MECCA 911 as evidenced in interviews and field assessment. Key social investment initiatives include water infrastructure improvements in the Clay-Battelle Public Service District (PSD) road infrastructure improvements and commitment to local education including West Virginia University research. Stakeholders identified by NNE include:

- Local Landowners
- Mineral Rights Owner Representative
- Office of Emergency Management, MECCA 911
- West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Oil and Gas Division,
- West Virginia Department of Highways
- West Virginia University Research Project – Marcellus Shale Energy and Environmental Lab (MSEEL)
- Suppliers and service providers

NNE engages a variety of stakeholders and values their feedback that enhances its relationships in the community. NNE's core values emphasize safety, quality, and responsibility in its efforts to work together to produce clean natural gas.

Certification Results

NNE has met the requirements for certification of the Marcellus Shale properties in Monongalia County, West Virginia, to the EO100™ Standard for Responsible Energy Development (2017) and the EO100™ Technical Supplement: Onshore Natural Gas and Light Oil Production (2022). NNE has developed a continuous improvement action plan that will be evaluated annually.

The EO100™ Standard encompasses the following Principles:

1. Corporate Governance, Transparency & Ethics
2. Human Rights, Social Impact & Community Development
3. Indigenous People's Rights
4. Fair Labor & Working Conditions
5. Climate Change, Biodiversity & Environment

NNE committed to adopting the EO100™ Standard and engaged Equitable Origin-approved independent assessors, Responsible Energy Solutions, LLC, to conduct the re-verification assessment of their operations in April 2023.

The assessment team conducted verification activities focused primarily on assessing improvements made over the course of the year with a focus on actions undertaken in the continuous improvement action plan. Additionally, some randomly selected performance targets were checked to ensure no regression in performance occurred and Performance Targets 2, and 3 were assessed as warranted.

The assessment concluded that NNE has succeeded in meeting or partially meeting all the applicable Level 1 Performance Targets (see Figure 1). The assessment further concluded that NNE's successful efforts in implementing continuous improvement elements at Level 2 and 3 Performance Targets were significant contributing factors in their final results. NNE has been provided a list of the remaining gaps identified during the re-verification for incorporation into the continuous improvement process.

As evidenced by the resulting re-verification scores for Principles 1, 2, 4 and 5, NNE has continued to make significant progress in implementing revised practices. This year, the company's improvements across PT1 included Community Health & Safety and Grievance Mechanism, and Occupational Health & Safety. Improvements across PT2 included Legal Compliance; Financial Disclosure; Bribery, Corruption, Money Laundering & Financing of Terrorism; Management Systems; Contractors and Transparency & Disclosure; Fair, Inclusive Engagement & Good Faith Consultation; Human Rights & Security Personnel; Community Health & Safety; and Sustainable



Community Investment; Labor & Working Conditions; Working Hours & Leave; Remuneration; Workplace Grievances; and Occupational Health & Safety. PT3 scores improved for Legal Compliance; Financial Disclosure; Management Systems; and Contractors; Human Rights; Fair, Inclusive Engagement & Good Faith Consultation; Human Rights & Security Personnel; Land Rights; and Sustainable Community Investment; Labor and Working Conditions and Working Hours & Leave.

Table 1 shows the results summarized by Principle for each Performance Target level.

Table 1: Summary Results by Principle

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Principle	2023 Re-Verification Assessment
1: Corporate Governance, Transparency & Ethics	100%
2: Human Rights, Social Impact & Community Development	100%
3: Indigenous Peoples' Rights	N/A
4: Fair Labor & Working Conditions	99%
5: Climate Change, Biodiversity & Environment	98%

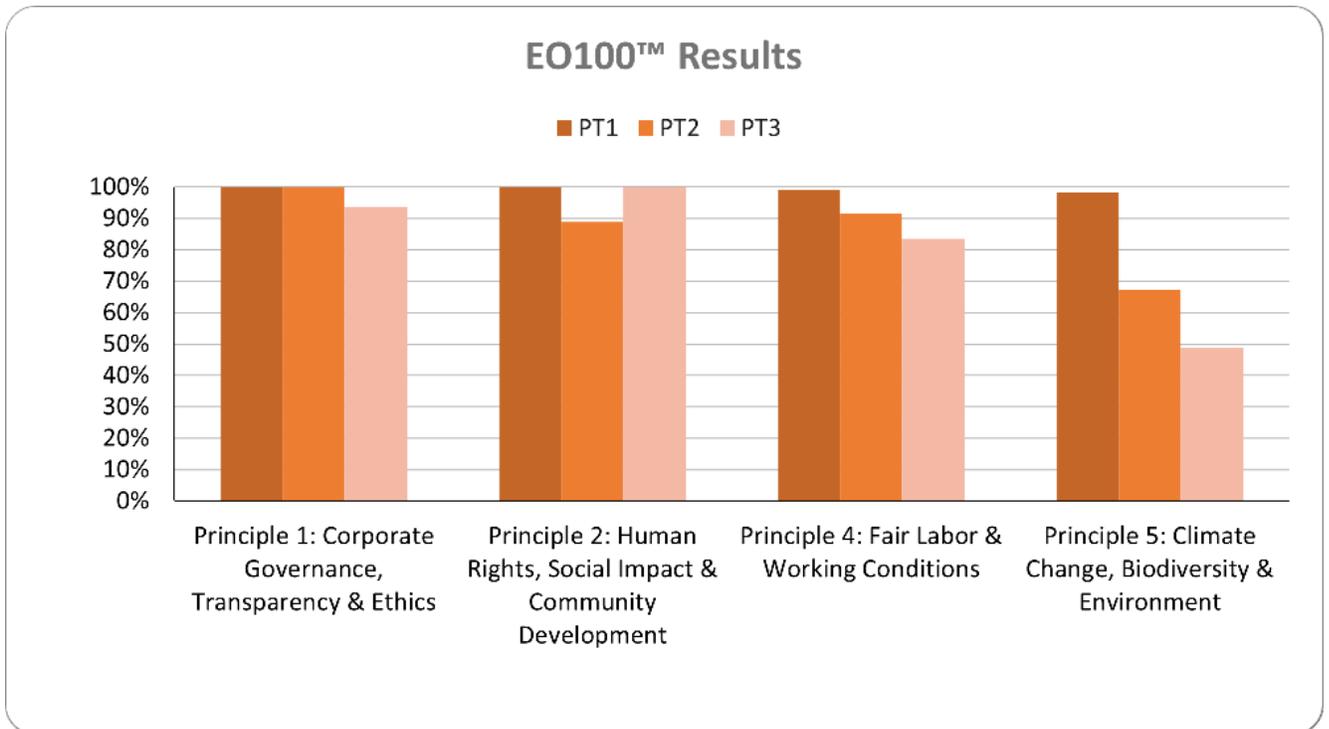


Figure 1: EO100™ 2023 Re-Verification Assessment Results

EO100™ Certification Summary

Certificate Issuer:	Equitable Origin, Inc.
Operator:	Northeast Natural Energy, LLC
Certified Unit:	<i>Monongalia County Operations</i>
Location of certification:	Monongalia County, West Virginia, USA
Certification date:	28 October 2021
Re-verification date:	28 October 2023
Expiration date:	28 October 2024
Certification Standard:	EO100™ Standard for Responsible Energy Development (2017) and the EO100™ Technical Supplement: Onshore Natural Gas and Light Oil Production (2022)
Assessment Body:	Responsible Energy Solutions, LLC
Certificate Number:	EO100-28102021-US

The purpose of this report is to document the EO100™ Certification and annual re-verification assessments conducted for NNE’s natural gas operations in Monongalia County, West Virginia. The assessment scope included NNE’s Natural gas operations in Monongalia County which were treated as one Certified Unit and included multiple well pads and one water storage facility. Re-verification assessment activities carried out in October 2023. All supporting assessment documents will remain confidential.

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Expiration Date:	28 October 2024
Assessment Dates:	September 2023
Assessor:	Responsible Energy Solutions, LLC


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If organizations or individuals have concerns, complaints, or comments about the operator's EO100™ Certification, they should first contact the Certified Operator directly: 304-414-7060.

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