Top five SAGD project steam-to-oil ratios

Three out of the five thermal oilsands projects with the lowest steam to oil ratios (SORs) during the first quarter were field pilots: Baytex Energy's Cliffdale cyclic steam stimulation pilot in the Peace River region, Baytex's Gemini steam assisted gravity drainage (SAGD) pilot at ColdLake, and BlackPearl Resources' Blackrod SAGD pilot south of Fort McMurray.

Cenovus Energy continues to take top spot with its high-performing Christina Lake SAGD project, while during the first quarter of this year junior Osum Oil Sands continues to improve operations at the Orion SAGD project, which it acquired from Shell Canada in mid-2014. In February, Alberta Energy Regulator data shows that Orion achieved an average SOR under 2:1 for the first time since operations started in 2007.
Source: Alberta Energy Regulator