

STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION  
BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
BILLINGS, MONTANA  
December 7 & 8, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana will hold its business meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana.

The agenda for that meeting is as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Public comment on agenda and non-agenda items
3. Approval of minutes of October 12, 2022, business meeting
4. Empire North Dakota LLC reduction of plugging liability, required by Board Order 55-2022
5. Financial report
6. Bond summary & incident report
7. Docket summary
8. Gas flaring exceptions
9. Inactive well review
10. Orphan well and federal grant update
11. Staff reports
12. Other business
13. Adjourn

The Board will conduct public hearings pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 82 of the Montana Code Annotated on the matters described below at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022, in the hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana. Interested persons have the opportunity to be heard for each docket. For more information or to request accommodation for a disability, please contact Jennifer Breton at (406) 656-0040, as soon as possible before the scheduled hearing.

**Please take note that corporations, partnerships, limited-liability companies (LLCs), or any other legal entity that is not a natural person cannot appear before the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation except through an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Montana. Failure of a designated and duly licensed legal representative to appear at the time and place identified in this hearing notice may result in imposition of sanctions for failure to appear before the Board.**

Docket 124-2022

**APPLICANT: EMPIRE NORTH DAKOTA LLC– RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Empire North Dakota LLC** to authorize the drilling of an additional Red River Formation well within the permanent spacing unit comprised of the NE¼ of Section 34 and the NW¼ of Section 35, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana at a proposed well location approximately 1,980' FNL and 1,980' FEL in Section 34, as an exception to Board Order 55-1976 (Middle Sioux Pass Field).

Docket 125-2022  
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**APPLICANT: CWT OPERATING, LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **CWT Operating, LLC** to vacate Board Order 102-2015 that created a temporary spacing unit comprised of the S½SW¼ of Section 22 and N½NW¼ of Section 27, T28N-R51E, Roosevelt County, Montana, for the purpose of drilling a Nisku Formation test well at a location approximately 505' FSL and 935' FWL in Section 22, as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702. Default docket requested.

Docket 126-2022

**APPLICANT: CWT OPERATING, LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **CWT Operating, LLC** to create a temporary spacing unit comprised of the SW¼ of Section 22, T28N-R51E, Roosevelt County, Montana, to drill a test well from the top of the Kibbey Formation to base of the Charles Formation at any location not closer than 660' from the exterior boundaries thereof, as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702. Applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Docket 127-2022

**APPLICANT: KARSTED OPERATING, LLC – DANIELS COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Karsted Operating, LLC** to designate a permanent spacing unit comprised of the S½NW¼ and N½SW¼ of Section 19, T34N-R46E, Daniels County, Montana, for the production of oil and associated natural gas from the Mission Canyon Formation with respect to the Wilcoxon 19-2 well.

Docket 128-2022

**APPLICANT: FORZA OPERATING, LLC – TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Forza Operating, LLC** to designate a permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Section 34, T35N-R1E, Toole County, Montana, for the production of oil and associated natural gas from the Nisku Formation with respect to the Turner 34-1H well.

Docket 115-2022  
Continued from October 2022

**APPLICANT: FORZA OPERATING, LLC – TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Forza Operating, LLC** to designate a permanent spacing unit comprised of the W½W½ of Section 34, T35N-R1E, Toole County, Montana, for the production of oil and associated natural gas from the Nisku Formation with respect to the Turner 34-1H well.

Docket 129-2022

**APPLICANT: DENBURY ONSHORE, LLC – FALLON COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Denbury Onshore, LLC** to convert the Cabin Creek CH31-17SH well in the NW¼NE¼ of Section 17, T10N-R58E, Fallon County, Montana (Cabin Creek Field) to an enhanced recovery injection well in the Madison Formation at a depth of 6,968 -7,370 ft. Staff notes this application is eligible for placement on the default docket.

Docket 118-2022  
Continued from October 2022

**APPLICANT: HYDRA MT LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Hydra MT LLC** to drill the Leonardo 18-1H SWD well in the NW¼NE¼ of Section 18, T25N-R59E, Richland County, Montana (Fairview Field) as a saltwater disposal well in the Dakota Formation at a depth of 4,796-5,720 ft. Staff notes this application is eligible for placement on the default docket.

Docket 130-2022

**APPLICANT: MONTALBAN OIL & GAS OPERATIONS, INC. – GLACIER AND TOOLE COUNTIES, MONTANA**

Request for a change of operator, and as required by Board policy, the Board will hold a hearing to consider approval of the transfer of plugging and reclamation responsibilities for 39 wells in Glacier and Toole Counties, Montana, from **Croft Petroleum Co to Montalban Oil & Gas Operations, Inc.** and to determine if the proposed plugging and reclamation bond coverage is adequate under § 82-11-123(5), MCA. Of the wells involved in the transfer, Board records show Croft Petroleum Co is responsible for 22 producing wells covered by a multiple well bond, 8 injection wells which are bonded separately, and 9 federally bonded wells. A list of the wells is available online or in the Billings office for review.

Docket 131-2022  
**SHOW-CAUSE HEARING**

**RESPONDENT: D&A WATER DISPOSAL LLC – FALLON COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the Board's own motion to require **D&A Water Disposal LLC** to appear and show cause, if any it has, why additional penalties should not be imposed for failure to file reports and to pay the administrative penalty assessed for delinquent reporting. In accordance with Board policy the amount due now is \$180.00. This docket will be dismissed if payment and reports are received ten days prior to the hearing. Failure to appear at the Show Cause hearing or to make suitable arrangements prior to said hearing subjects D&A Water Disposal LLC to further penalties as prescribed by Board Policy.

Docket 132-2022  
**SHOW-CAUSE HEARING**

**RESPONDENT: SEYMOUR, JAMES & LORRAINE – TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the Board's own motion to require **Seymour, James & Lorraine** to appear and show cause, if any it has, why its plugging and reclamation bond should not be forfeited for failure to begin to plug and abandon its State 8-8 well, API # 25-101-22239, located in the W½SE¼NE¼ of Section 8, T37N-R4W, Toole County, Montana, prior to the December 8, 2022, public hearing.

Docket 120-2022  
**SHOW-CAUSE HEARING**  
Continued from October 2022

**RESPONDENT: APEX ENERGY LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the Board's own motion to require **Apex Energy LLC** to appear and show cause, if any it has, why penalties should not be considered for failure to remedy the field violations.

Docket 122-2022  
**SHOW-CAUSE HEARING**  
Continued from October 2022

**RESPONDENT: GENESIS ST OPERATING LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the Board's own motion to require **Genesis Operating LLC** to appear and show cause, if any it has, why penalties should not be considered for failure to remedy the field violations.

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Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist