

STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
BILLINGS, MONTANA
December 4 & 5, 2024

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 4, 2024, 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 9, 2024, business meeting
4. Review of HB Oil, LLC reduction in plugging liability
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 5, 2024, 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 172-2024

APPLICANT: WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC** to approve and certify the following wells in Richland County, Montana, as horizontally recompleted wells (recompleted existing horizontal drain holes) entitled to applicable severance tax reductions through the Montana Department of Revenue and to certify production decline rates to be used in the calculation of incremental production. Staff notes this application is eligible for placement on the default docket.

API Number	Well Name	Location	Recompletion Date (Refrac)
25-083-22344	BR 11-14H 54	25N-54E-14	August 2024
25-083-22279	MORASKO 41-25H 43	24N-53E-25	September 2024
25-083-22598	IRIGOIN STATE 11X-16	25N-54E-16	September 2024
25-083-21969	IRIGOIN 24X-18	25N-54E-18	September 2024
25-083-22416	BR 44-9H 54	25N-54E-9	August 2024
25-083-22523	BR 11-27H 43	24N-53E-27	August 2024

Docket 173-2024

APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** to amend Board Order 178-2010 to authorize the drilling of a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 2 and 11, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof. Applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Docket 174-2024

APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** to authorize the drilling of up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 2 and 11, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof. Applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Docket 175-2024

APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** to authorize the drilling of up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5 and 8, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof. Applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Docket 176-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to amend Board Orders 18-2020, 2-2022, 3-2023, and 1-2024 to provide that operations for the drilling of a well in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 22, 27, and 34, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana must be commenced prior to February 15, 2026. All other provisions in said order remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

Docket 177-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to amend Board Order 11-2023 and 6-2024 to provide that operations for the drilling of a well in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Section 36, T27N-R57E and all of Sections 1 and 12, T26N-R57E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana must be commenced prior to February 15, 2026. All other provisions in said order remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

Docket 178-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to amend Board Order 6-2023 and 3-2024 to provide that operations for the drilling of a well in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T24N-R59E, Richland County, Montana must be commenced prior to February 15, 2026. All other provisions in said order remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

Docket 179-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to amend Board Order 4-2023 and 2-2024 to provide that operations for the drilling of a well in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 4, 9, and 16, T24N-R59E, Richland County, Montana must be commenced prior to February 15, 2026. All other provisions in said order remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

Docket 180-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to amend Board Order 42-2022 to provide that operations for the drilling of a well in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 4 and 9, T26N-R57E and all of Section 33, T27N-R57E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana must be commenced prior to February 15, 2026. All other provisions in said order remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

Docket 181-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to create an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 3, 10, and 15, T26N-R57E and all of Section 34, T27N-R57E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well must commence within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. The overlapping temporary spacing unit shall be limited to production from the proposed horizontal well, and applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Applicant requests that Board Order 40-2017 pertaining to Sections 33 and 34, T27N-R57E be amended to clarify that said order is limited to oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from the Shayla 34-33 #1H well.

Applicant further requests to vacate Board Order 301-2010 that designated a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 3 and 10, T26N-R57E and Board Order 51-2012 that adjusted the setbacks in that spacing unit be vacated.

Docket 182-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to authorize the drilling of up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 3, 10, and 15, T26N-R57E and all of Section 34, T27N-R57E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

Docket 183-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to create a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 30 and 31, T27N-R57E and all of Sections 6 and 7, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well must commence within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. The applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Applicant requests to vacate Board Order 416-2011 that designated a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 6 and 7, T26N-R57E and Board Order 96-2011 that designated a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 30 and 31, T27N-R57E.

Docket 184-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to authorize the drilling of up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 30 and 31, T27N-R57E and all of Sections 6 and 7, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

Docket 185-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to create a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 15, 22, and 27, T24N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well must commence within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. The applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Applicant requests to vacate Board Order 121-2011 that designated a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 15 and 22, T24N-R59E.

Docket 186-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to authorize the drilling of up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 15, 22, and 27, T24N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

Docket 187-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to create a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 1, 12, 13, and 24, T24N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well must commence within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. The applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Applicant requests to vacate Board Order 207-2014 that designated a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 1, 12, and 13, T24N-R58E and that Order 323-2014 that authorized additional wells in that spacing unit be vacated.

Docket 188-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to authorize the drilling of up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 1, 12, 13, and 24, T24N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

Docket 189-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to create a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 2, 11, 14, and 23, T24N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well must commence within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. The applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Applicant requests to vacate Board Order 208-2014 that designated a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 2, 11, and 14, T24N-R58E and that Order 322-2014 that authorized additional wells in that spacing unit be vacated.

Applicant requests to vacate Board Order 377-2012 that designated a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 22 and 23, T24N-R58E.

Docket 190-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to authorize the drilling of up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 2, 11, 14, and 23, T24N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

Docket 191-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to create a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 3, 10, 15, and 22, T24N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well must commence within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. The applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Applicant requests to vacate Board Order 377-2012 that designated a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 22 and 23, T24N-R58E and Board Order 267-2014 that designated a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 3, 10, and 15, T24N-R58E.

Docket 192-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to authorize the drilling of up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 3, 10, 15, and 22, T24N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

Docket 193-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to create a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 4, 9, 16, and 21, T24N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well must commence within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. The applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Applicant requests to vacate Board Order 375-2012 that designated a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 16 and 21, T24N-R58E and Board Order 268-2014 that designated a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 4, 9, and 16, T24N-R58E.

Docket 194-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to authorize the drilling of up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 4, 9, 16, and 21, T24N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

Docket 195-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to create an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 20, 29, and 32, T26N-57E, Richland County, Montana, to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well must commence within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. The overlapping temporary spacing unit shall be limited to production from the proposed horizontal well, and applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Applicant requests that Board Order 143-2013 pertaining to Sections 17 and 20, T26N-R57E be amended to clarify that said order is limited to oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from the Breaks 20-17 #1-H well.

Applicant further requests that Board Order 561-2012 pertaining to Sections 29 and 32, T26N-R57E be amended to clarify that said order is limited to oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from the Mahlen 24-32H well and that Order 562-2012 that authorized additional wells in that spacing unit be vacated.

Docket 196-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to authorize the drilling of up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 20, 29, and 32, T26N-57E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof. The overlapping temporary spacing unit shall be limited to the production from the proposed horizontal wells.

Docket 197-2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to authorize the drilling of up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T26N-57E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof. The overlapping temporary spacing unit shall be limited to the production from the proposed horizontal wells.

Docket 198-2024
3-2025 FED

APPLICANT: CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Continental Resources Inc** to authorize the drilling of an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 14, 23, and 26, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof. The application indicates that the W½E½ and Lots 3, 4, 7, and 8 of Section 14, and Lots 1, 5, 6, and NW¼NE¼ of Section 23, T28N-R57E, contain Indian Trust minerals.

Docket 199-2024

APPLICANT: CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Continental Resources Inc** to create an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 14, 23, and 26, T26N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well must commence within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. The overlapping temporary spacing unit shall be limited to production from the proposed horizontal well, and applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Applicant requests to vacate Board Order 221-2014 that designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 26 and 35, T26N-R54E.

Applicant further requests that Board Order 126-2012 pertaining to Sections 14 and 23, T26N-R54E be amended to clarify that said order is limited to oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from the Harold 1-14H well and that Order 135-2012 that authorized additional wells in that spacing unit be vacated.

Docket 200-2024

APPLICANT: CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Continental Resources Inc** to authorize the drilling of up to two additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 14, 23, and 26, T26N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

Docket 201-2024

APPLICANT: CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Continental Resources Inc** to create an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 3 and 10, T26N-R54E and all of Section 34, T27N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well must commence within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. The overlapping temporary spacing unit shall be limited to production from the proposed horizontal well, and applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Applicant requests that Board Order 474-2012 pertaining to Sections 3 and 10, T26N-R54E be amended to clarify that said order is limited to oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from the Kane 1-10H well and that Order 475-2012 that authorized additional wells in that spacing unit be vacated.

Docket 202-2024

APPLICANT: CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Continental Resources Inc** to authorize the drilling of up to two additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 3 and 10, T26N-R54E and all of Section 34, T27N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

Docket 203-2024

APPLICANT: CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Continental Resources Inc** to create an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 1 and 12, T24N-R53E and all of Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, T24N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well must commence within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. The overlapping temporary spacing unit shall be limited to production from the proposed horizontal well, and applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Applicant requests to vacate Board Order 142-2009 that designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 4, 5, 8, and 9, T24N-R54E.

Docket 204-2024

APPLICANT: CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Continental Resources Inc** to authorize the drilling of up to two additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 1 and 12, T24N-R53E and all of Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, T24N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

Docket 205-2024
4-2025 FED

APPLICANT: CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Continental Resources Inc** to create an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R54E and all of Section 35, T27N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well must commence within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. The overlapping temporary spacing unit shall be limited to production from the proposed horizontal well, and applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Applicant requests to vacate Board Order 432-2005 that designated a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 26 and 35, T27N-R54E.

Applicant further requests that Board Order 340-2012 pertaining to Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R54E be amended to clarify that said order is limited to oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from the Potts 1-11H well and that Order 339-2012 that authorized additional wells in that spacing unit be vacated.

Docket 206-2024
5-2025 FED

APPLICANT: CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Continental Resources Inc** to authorize the drilling of up to two additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells anywhere within the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R54E and all of Section 35, T27N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

Docket 207-2024
6-2025 FED

APPLICANT: CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Continental Resources Inc** to authorize the drilling of an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 14, 23, and 26, T26N-R53E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

Docket 208-2024

APPLICANT: CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Continental Resources Inc** to create an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, and 26, T26N-R53E, Richland County, Montana, to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well therein at any location not further than 500' from the common boundary between all of Sections 13, 24, and 25, T26N-R53E, and all of Sections 14, 23, and 26, T26N-R53E with a 200' heel/toe setback to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well must commence within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. The overlapping temporary spacing unit shall be limited to production from the proposed horizontal well, and applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

Applicant requests that Board Order 112-2013 pertaining to Sections 13 and 24, T26N-R53E be amended to clarify that said order is limited to oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from the Devin 1-13H well.

Applicant further requests that Board Order 92-2022 pertaining to Sections 13, 24, and 25, T26N-R53E be amended to clarify that said order is limited to oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from the Devin FIU 3-13H and Devin FIU 4-13H wells.

Applicant further requests that Board Order 42-2013 pertaining to Sections 14 and 23, T26N-R53E be amended to clarify that said order is limited to oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from the Egan 1-14H well.

Docket 209-2024

APPLICANT: HYDRA MT, LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of Hydra MT, LLC to drill the Mike Jr 15-1H SWD well in the NW¼NW¼ of Section 15, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana (wildcat) as a saltwater disposal well in the Dakota Formation at a depth of approximately 4,906 – 5,780 ft KBTVD. An aquifer exemption is being requested since the injection zone contains water with less than 10,000 mg/l total dissolved solids. Staff notes this application is eligible for placement on the default docket.

Docket 210-2024

APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of Phoenix Operating LLC to drill the Ronin 1 SWD well in the SW¼SE¼ of Section 35, T29N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana (wildcat) as a saltwater disposal well in the Dakota Formation at a depth of approximately 5,049 – 5,537 ft. An aquifer exemption is being requested since the injection zone contains water with less than 10,000 mg/l total dissolved solids. Staff notes this application is eligible for placement on the default docket.

Docket 211-2024

APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of Phoenix Operating LLC to drill the Scadden 1 SWD well in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, T30N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana (wildcat) as a saltwater disposal well in the Dakota Formation at a depth of approximately 5,332 – 5,811 ft. An aquifer exemption is being requested since the injection zone contains water with less than 10,000 mg/l total dissolved solids. Staff notes this application is eligible for placement on the default docket.

Docket 153-2024
Continued from October 2024

APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** to create an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T26N-57E, Richland County, Montana, to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well must commence within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. The overlapping temporary spacing unit shall be limited to production from the proposed horizontal well, and applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion. The overlapping temporary spacing unit shall be limited to the production from the proposed horizontal well.

Applicant requests that Board Order 143-2013 pertaining to Sections 17 and 20, T26N-R57E be amended to clarify that said order is limited to oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from the Breaks 20-17 #1-H well.

Applicant further requests that Board Order 47-2012 that created a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5 and 8, T26N-R57E, be vacated.

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APPLICANT: MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **MorningStar Operating LLC** to designate a permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 16, 17, 20, and 21, T25N-R53E, Richland County, Montana, for the production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation with respect to the Ed & Paul 17-20 XE 1H well.

Docket 159-2024
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APPLICANT: MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **MorningStar Operating LLC** to pool all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 16, 17, 20, and 21, T25N-R53E, Richland County, Montana, for the production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation with respect to the Ed & Paul 17-20 XE 1H well.

Docket 160-2024
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APPLICANT: MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **MorningStar Operating LLC** to designate a permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 12 and 13, T25N-R53E and all of Sections 7 and 18, T25N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, for the production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation with respect to the Flik 12-13 XE 1H well.

Docket 161-2024
Continued from October 2024

APPLICANT: MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **MorningStar Operating LLC** to pool all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 12 and 13, T25N-R53E and all of Sections 7 and 18, T25N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, for the production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation and to authorize the recovery of non-consent penalties in accordance with Section 82-11-202(2), M.C.A., with respect to the Flik 12-13 XE 1H well.

Docket 212-2024
SHOW-CAUSE HEARING

RESPONDENT: BAD WATER DISPOSAL, LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the Board's own motion to require **Bad Water Disposal, LLC** appear and show cause, if any it has, why additional penalties should not be imposed for failure to file in reports and to pay the administrative penalty assessed for delinquent injection reporting. In accordance with Board policy the amount due now is \$140. 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 Bad Water Disposal LLC to further penalties as prescribed by Board Policy.

Docket 213-2024
SHOW-CAUSE HEARING

RESPONDENT: BIG SKY ENERGY, LLC – CARBON, GOLDEN VALLEY, & STILLWATER COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the Board's own motion to require **BIG SKY ENERGY, LLC** 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 injection reporting. In accordance with Board policy the amount due now is \$140. 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 Hesla Oil, LLC to further penalties as prescribed by Board Policy.

Docket 214-2024
SHOW-CAUSE HEARING

RESPONDENT: MONTANA ENERGY COMPANY, LLC – MUSSELSHELL COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the Board's own motion to require Montana Energy Company LLC to appear show cause if any it has, why additional penalties should not be imposed for failure to pay the fine of \$2,500 in accordance with Administrative Order 14-A-2024 and Board Order 99-2024.

Docket 215-2024
SHOW-CAUSE HEARING

RESPONDENT: POWDER BATTALION HOLDINGS LLC – BIG HORN COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the Board's own motion to require **Powder Battalion Holdings LLC** to appear and show cause, if any it has, for why it should not immediately plug and abandon or transfer its wells in Big Horn County, Montana.

Docket 216-2024
SHOW-CAUSE HEARING

RESPONDENT: SUMMIT GAS RESOURCES, INC. – BIG HORN & POWDER RIVER COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the Board's own motion to require **Summit Gas Resources, Inc.** appear and show cause, if any it has, or why it should not immediately plug and abandon or transfer its wells in Big Horn and Powder River Counties, Montana.

Docket 163-2024
SHOW-CAUSE HEARING
Continued from October 2024

RESPONDENT: COALRIDGE DISPOSAL AND PETROLEUM, INC. – SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the Board's own motion to require **Coalridge Disposal and Petroleum, Inc.** 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 production and injection reporting. In accordance with Board policy the amount due now is \$160. 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 Coalridge Disposal and Petroleum, Inc. to further penalties as prescribed by Board Policy.

Docket 164-2024
SHOW-CAUSE HEARING
Continued from October 2024

RESPONDENT: COALRIDGE DISPOSAL & PETROLEUM – SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the board's own motion to require **Coalridge Disposal & Petroleum** to appear and show cause, if any it has, why it should not immediately plug and abandon its wells in Sheridan County, Montana.

Docket 166-2024
SHOW-CAUSE HEARING
Continued from October 2024

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

Upon the Board's own motion to require **D&A Water Disposal LLC** appear and show cause, if any it has, why additional penalties should not be considered for failure to remedy field violations at its BN 12-11 well, API # 25-025-21021, located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, T9N-58E, Fallon County, Montana. Board staff has authority to dismiss the docket if D&A Water Disposal LLC achieves compliance prior to the October 10, 2024, public hearing.

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