

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation
Board members
Attn: Jim Halvorson, Administrator
2535 St. Johns Avenue
Billings, MT 59102
August 9, 2017
Re: Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure Rulemaking
Dear Members of the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation,
Northern Plains Resource Council looks forward to participating as the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation updates its Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure Rule. Northern Plains supports transparency and the timely accessibility of information on chemicals used during oil and gas development and exploration. This would enable pre-drilling baseline water testing based on disclosed chemicals and eliminate uncertainty in pre-drilling water quality conditions. Mutually acknowledged baseline water quality conditions protects all parties by providing landowners a foundation for recourse in cases of legitimate and provable water contamination while shielding operations from unfounded contamination claims.

Northern Plains supports the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation in soliciting robust public input as the Board revises the rule. In addition to accepting written public comment and public comment during the Board's regularly scheduled meetings, Northern Plains encourages the Board to host hearings on the revisions to the Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure Rule in Billings, Columbus, and Sidney.

Northern Plains looks forward to participating in the process to update the Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure Rule.

Sincerely,


Deborah Hanson

Chair, Northern Plains Resource Council Oil and Gas Task Force 220 South $27^{\text {th }}$ Street, Suite A
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Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation<br>2535 St. Johns Avenue<br>Billings, MT 59102<br>By first class mail and electronic mail to ihalvorson@mt.gov

August 4, 2017

## Re: Public Comments on Agenda Item for August 9, 2017, Business Meeting - Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure Rulemaking Procedures

To the Members of the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation:
Please accept the following comments regarding the Board's forthcoming rulemaking to address the public disclosure of hydraulic fracturing chemical information.

We appreciate the Board's interest in soliciting public input on the appropriate scope of its chemical disclosure rulemaking. Expanding access to information about the chemicals used for hydraulic fracturing in our state is an issue of substantial public interest and importance, as it affects Montanans' ability to protect their health, property, water supplies, and livelihoods from the potential adverse effects of hydraulic fracturing. The Legislature took an important step forward this year in enacting SB 299, which concerns requests by oil and gas operators to exempt alleged trade secret material from existing chemical-disclosure requirements, and the Board has the opportunity to address significant public concerns over access to hydraulic fracturing chemical information through rulemaking to implement SB 299. At the same time, we believe there are additional issues the Board can and should address in its rulemaking, beyond those mandated by SB 299, to improve public access to important hydraulic fracturing fluid information.

To facilitate meaningful public input on the scope of the Board's rulemaking, we respectfully request that the Board convene (1) a public hearing in Billings, (2) a public listening session in Columbus, and (3) a public listening session in Sidney so that landowners and others affected by hydraulic fracturing can comment on the issues the Board should address in its chemical disclosure rulemaking. We believe that a hearing in Billings, while necessary, is not alone sufficient to permit landowners and others directly interested in accessing hydraulic fracturing chemical information to share their views with the Board on this important issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Board's rulemaking process.

> Sincerely,

Mary Anne Mercer
550 Elbow Creek Road
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(Roberts, MT landowner and Richland
County, MT mineral interest owner)

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1473 Stillwater River Road
Nye, MT 59061
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Bridger, MT 59014

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Derf Johnson
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P.O. Box 1184

Helena, MT 69601

## STATE OF MONTANA

PROPOSED Meeting Schedule

| JANUARY |  |  |  |  |  |  | FEBRUARY |  |  |  |  |  |  | MARCH |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| APRIL |  |  |  |  |  |  | M AY |  |  |  |  |  |  | JUNE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 29 | 30 |  |  |  |  |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |  | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| JULY |  |  |  |  |  |  | AUGUST |  |  |  |  |  |  | SEPTEMBER |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| OCTOBER |  |  |  |  |  |  | NOVEMBER |  |  |  |  |  |  | DECEMBER |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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MONTANA BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## As of $6 / 30 / 2017$

Fiscal Year 2017: Percent of Year Elapsed - 100\%

|  |  |  | Budget | Expends | Remaining | \% |  |  | Budget | Expends | Remaining | \% |
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| Regulatory UIC | Personal Services |  | 1,312,453 | 975,129 | 337,324 | 74.3 |  | Carryforward FY15 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Personal Services |  | 211,630 | 190,989 | 20,641 | 90.2 |  | Personal Services | 40,249 | 91,754 | $(51,505)$ | 228.0 |
|  | Total Expended |  | 1,524,083 | 1,166,118 | 357,965 | 76.5 |  | Operating Expenses Equipment \& Assests Total | 497 | 23 | 474 | 4.6 |
| Regulatory UIC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 80,497 | 29,466 | 51,031 | 36.6 |
|  | Equipment \& Assets |  | 39,477 | 35,376 | 4,101 | 89.6 |  |  | 121,243 | 121,243 | - | 100.0 |
|  | Equipment \& Assets |  | 17,073 | 7.765 | 9,308 | 45.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total Expended |  | 56,550 | 43,141 | 13,409 | 76.3 |  | Carryforward FY16 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Personal Services | 21,416 | - | 21,416 | 0.0 |
| Regulatory | Operating Expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  | Operating Expenses | 42,833 | - | 42,833 | 0.0 |
|  | Contracted Services |  | 175,279 | 105,591 | 69,688 | 60.2 |  | Equipment \& Assests | 42,833 | - | 42,833 | 0.0 |
|  | Supplies \& Materials |  | 48,500 | 41,252 | 7,248 | 85.1 |  | Total | 107,082 | - | 107,082 | 0.0 |
|  | Communication |  | 49,835 | 43,485 | 6,350 | 87.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Travel |  | 38,000 | 20,406 | 17,594 | 53.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Rent |  | 33,000 | 21,793 | 11,207 | 66.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Utilities |  | 20,615 | 15,998 | 4,617 | 77.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Repair/Maintenance |  | 21,234 | 28,829 | $(7,595)$ | 135.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses |  | 25,614 | 14,869 | 10,745 | 58.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total Operating Expenses |  | 412,077 | 292,223 | 119,854 | 70.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UIC | Operating Expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Contracted Services |  | 16,152 | 13,752 | 2,400 | 85.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Supplies \& Materials |  | 12,561 | 8,198 | 4,363 | 65.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Communication |  | 8,350 | 8,317 | 33 | 99.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Travel |  | 9,213 | 5,225 | 3,988 | 56.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Rent |  | 4,175 | 3,059 | 1,116 | 73.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Utilities |  | 7,000 | 2,925 | 4,075 | 41.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Repair/Maintenance |  | 9,000 | 6,056 | 2,944 | 67.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Other Expenses |  | 15,052 | 4.441 | 10,611 | 29.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total Operating Expenses |  | 81,503 | 51,973 | 29,530 | 63.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total Expended |  | 493,580 | 344,196 | 149,384 | 69.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Funding Breakout | Regulatory Budget | Regulatory Expends | UIC Budget | UIC Expends | 2017 Total Budget | 2017 Total Expends | \% |  |  |  |  |  |
| State Special | 1,764,007 | 1,302,728 | 310,206 | 250,727 | 2,074,213 | 1,553,455 | 74.9 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Federal 2016 UIC (10-1-2015 to 9-30-2016) |  |  | 108,000 | 108,000 | 108,000 | 108,000 | 100.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Federal 2017 UIC (10-1-2016 to 9-30-2017) |  |  | 105,676 | 51,148 | 105,676 | 51,148 | 48.4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 1,764,007 | 1,302,728 | 523,882 | 409,875 | 2,287,889 | 1,712,603 | 74.9 |  |  |  |  |  |


| REVENUE INTO STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT as of 6/30/17 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | FY 17 |  | FY 16 |
| Oil \& Gas Production Tax | \$ | 1,703,125 | \$ | 813,345 |
| Oil Production Tax |  | 1,556,410 |  | 758,083 |
| Gas Production Tax |  | 146,715 |  | 55,261 |
| Drilling Permit Fees |  | 12,575 |  | 15,025 |
| UIC Permit Fees |  | 242,800 |  | 239,600 |
| Interest on Investments |  | 8,826 |  | 10,513 |
| Copies of Documents |  | 541 |  | 1,407 |
| Public Information Request |  | 221 |  | - |
| Miscellaneous Reimbursements |  | 6,801 |  | 37,500 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 1,974,889 | \$ | 1,117,390 |


| REVENUE INTO DAMAGE MITIGATION ACCOUNT as of 6/30/17 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | FY 17 |  | FY 16 |  |
| RIT Investment Earnings: | \$ | - | \$ | 490,672 |
| July |  | - |  |  |
| August |  | - |  | - |
| September |  | - |  | 49,110 |
| October |  | - |  | 40,670 |
| November |  | - |  | 37,753 |
| December |  | - |  | 49,344 |
| January |  | - |  | 37,052 |
| February |  | - |  | 37,189 |
| March |  | - |  | 47,949 |
| April |  | - |  | 35,271 |
| May |  | - |  | 36,482 |
| June |  | - |  | 119,853 |
| Bond Forfeitures: |  | 15,000 |  | 234,904 |
| Interest on Investments |  | 7,562 |  | 2,016 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 22,562 | \$ | 1,218,264 |


| INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 6/30/17 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Regulatory Account | $\$$ | 603,227 |
| Damage Mitigation Account | $\$$ | 869,738 |


| REVENUE INTO GENERAL FUND FROM FINES as of 6/30/17 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | FY 17 |  |
| STEALTH ENERGY INC | 7/1/16 | \$ | 1,420 |
| ENERGY QUEST II LLC | 7/8/16 |  | 80 |
| HOFLAND JAMES D | 7/8/16 |  | 70 |
| MONTANA LAND AND MINERAL COMPANY | 7/8/16 |  | 60 |
| UNIT PETROLEUM COMPANY | 7/8/16 |  | 60 |
| VECTA OIL AND GAS LTD | 7/8/16 |  | 60 |
| TNT OIL LLC | 7/15/16 |  | 60 |
| STATOIL \& GAS LP | 8/1/16 |  | 420 |
| RINCON OIL AND GAS LLC | 8/19/16 |  | 70 |
| MONTANA LAND AND EXPLORATION INC | 9/2/16 |  | 60 |
| WHITING OIL AND GAS CORP | 9/9/16 |  | 250 |
| GRASSY BUTTE LLC | 9/16/16 |  | 70 |
| TEMPEL CONTRACTING INC | 9/16/16 |  | 80 |
| SOLOMON EXPLORATION/SOLOMON, TED / GAIL | 9/23/16 |  | 60 |
| RANCH OIL CO INC | 9/30/16 |  | 60 |
| YELLOWSTONE PETROLEUMS INC | 10/6/16 |  | 50 |
| BRAINSTORM ENERGY INC | 10/7/16 |  | 60 |
| BRAINSTORM ENERGY INC | 10/7/16 |  | 60 |
| YELLOWSTONE PETROLEUMS INC | 10/7/16 |  | 70 |
| MOUNTAIN VIEW ENERGY INC | 10/11/16 |  | 120 |
| SHADWELL RESOURCES GROUP LLC | 10/11/16 |  | 1,000 |
| HERCO EXPLORATION LLC | 10/14/16 |  | 70 |
| COALRIDGE DISPOSAL AND PETROLEUM | 10/21/2016 |  | 90 |
| JUSTICE SWD LLC | 10/21/2016 |  | 80 |
| MONTANA OILFIELD ACQUISITION I LLC | 10/28/2016 |  | 220 |
| BALLANTYNE VENTURES LLC | 11/4/2016 |  | 90 |
| MCOIL MONTANA ONE LLC | 11/9/2016 |  | 110 |
| SLOHCIN INC | 11/9/2016 |  | 70 |
| WIND RIVER HYDROCARBONS | 11/9/2016 |  | 70 |
| SDOCO LLC | 11/18/2016 |  | 60 |
| SHADWELL RESOURCES GROUP LLC | 11/18/2016 |  | 90 |
| SEYMOUR OIL \& GAS | 12/5/2016 |  | 140 |
| WHITING OIL AND GAS CORP | 12/22/2016 |  | 250 |
| BENSUN ENERGY LLC | 1/9/2017 |  | 120 |
| MOUNTAINVIEW ENERGY INC | 1/10/2017 |  | 70 |
| HINTO ENERGY INC | 1/30/2017 |  | 160 |
| MONTANA LAND AND MINERAL COMPANY | 1/30/2017 |  | 120 |
| TYLER ROCKIES EXPLORATION LTD | 1/30/2017 |  | 70 |
| SEYMOUR OIL AND GAS | 2/1/2017 |  | 1,380 |
| HEAVY WATER HAULERS INC | 2/1/2017 |  | 60 |
| SLEEPY HOLLOW OIL \& GAS LLC / KYKUIT RESOURCES, LLC | 2/2/2017 |  | 520 |
| ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORPORATION | 2/17/2017 |  | 70 |
| HAWLEY OIL LLP | 2/24/2017 |  | 420 |
| GUDINO SERVICES LLC / FAIRWAYS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION LLC | 3/3/2017 |  | 70 |
| DRAWINGS LLC | 3/3/2017 |  | 70 |
| JP OIL INC / ANTELOPE RESOURCES INC | 3/17/2017 |  | 260 |
| SHADWELL RESOURCES GROUP LLC | 4/5/2017 |  | 2,000 |
| HOFLAND, JAMES D. | 4/21/2017 |  | 90 |
| MCPHILLIPS, R. D. / MCPHILLIPS, BERNICE | 4/21/2017 |  | 110 |
| UNITED STATES ENERGY CORP | 4/21/2017 |  | 90 |
| SLOW POKE PRODUCTION / DOBSON, GEORGE | 4/28/2017 |  | 70 |
| SONKAR INC | 5/3/2017 |  | 90 |
| NINE POINT ENERGY LLC | 5/15/2017 |  | 230 |
| TOTAL |  | \$ | 11,650 |


| GRANT BALANCES - 6/30/17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name | Authorized Amt* |  | Expended |  | Balance |  | Expiration Date |
| 2011Southern - TankBattery2 RIT 12-8723 | \$ | 204,951 | \$ | 204,951 | \$ |  | 9/30/2016 |
| 2011 Northern/Eastern RIT 13-8753 |  | 332,642 |  | 332,642 |  |  | 9/30/2016 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 537,593 | \$ | 537,593 | \$ | - |  |
| * includes match requirement for grant |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| CONTRACT BALANCES - 6/30/17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name | Authorized Amt |  | Expended |  | Balance |  | Status | Expiration Date |
| MT Tech - Elm Coulee EOR Study (MOU 127220) | \$ | 863,905 | \$ | 635,514 | \$ | 228,391 | Under Contract | 12/31/2017 |
| Central Avenue Mall FY '16 (9/1/15-8/31/16) |  | 400 |  | 400 |  |  | Completed | 8/31/2016 |
| Central Avenue Mall FY '17 (9/1/16-8/31/17) |  | 400 |  | 400 |  | - | Completed | 8/31/2017 |
| Agency Legal Services 2017 |  | 70,000 |  | 48,770 |  | 21,230 | Completed | 6/30/2017 |
| COR Enterprises - Billings Janitorial |  | 15,688 |  | 15,590 |  | 98 | Completed | 6/30/2017 |
| Kelly \#1 Well |  | 19,360 |  | 12,744 |  | 6,616 | Completed | 7/31/2016 |
| Big Wall Site |  | 18,451 |  | 18,450 |  |  | Completed | 9/30/2016 |
| Re-Enter, Re-Plug, and Reclaim Kopp \#1 Well |  | 263,930 |  | 249,937 |  | 13,993 | Completed | 11/1/2016 |
| Flack \#1 Plugging |  | 45,493 |  | 44,506 |  | 988 | Under Contract | 12/30/2017 |
| O\&G Plugging FY 2017 (A) |  | 177,504 |  | 162,404 |  | 15,101 | Completed | 12/31/2017 |
| Danielson 1 Well Plug and Reclaim |  | 23,805 |  | - |  | 23,805 | Under Contract | 6/30/2018 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 1,498,935 | \$ | 1,188,714 | \$ | 310,221 |  |  |


| Agency Legal Services Expenditures in FY17 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Case |  | Amt Spent |
| BOGC Duties | \$ | 32,820 |
| Hekkel |  | 162 |
| CCRC |  | 866 |
| Ostby |  |  |
| Interstate |  | 3,486 |
| Malsam |  | 5,716 |
| Hydraulic |  | 5,720 |
| Total | \$ | 48,770 |

## PLUGGING PROJECTS \& FIELD INSPECTOR SUMMARY

August 9, 2017

## Orphaned Well Flack \#1 (Plugged):

Plugging operations were completed 6/22/17.

## Orphaned Well Danielson 1 (Contracted):

Work to the Danielson 1 well will coincide with the Goeddertz 1 well.

## Orphaned Well Goeddertz 1: (Contracted):

Work to the Goeddertz 1 well will coincide with the Danielson 1 well.

## Orphaned Well Beery 22-24 and Beery 2 (Out to Contract):

Plugging Along was awarded the bid. Contractor is now current to work for State of Montana. The contract has been completed and is out to legal. 811 one calls were placed and completed.
Surface owner will be notified when the contract goes out for signatures and a timeline for the start of operations has been established.

## Krone-Augusta 31-32 (Out for Bid):

Bidding closed 5/24/17, Liquid Gold Well Service was the only company to submit a bid. LGWS bid for plugging and reclamation totaled $\$ 516,351.99$. The RFP review committee requested some clarification to parts of the bid and answers to those questions have been received. Following review by the committee LGWS will be awarded the bid.

Inspector Training:
The annual H2S re-certification course will be later in the year due to the large number of projects currently underway by both the industry and MGOGC.

## Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation <br> Summary of Bond Activity <br> 6/14/2017 Through 8/8/2017

Approved

| A. B. Energy LLC <br> Chester MT | 693 U1 | Approved <br> Amount: <br> Certificate of Deposit | $\$ 20,000.00$ | First Security Bank Fort Benton |
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Canceled

| Bluebonnet Energy Corporation | 761 M2 | Canceled | 8/1/2017 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Englewood CO |  | Amount: | \$50,000.00 |
|  |  | Purpose: | Multiple Well Bond |
| Bluestone Natural Resources II, LLC | 799 L1 | Canceled | 8/1/2017 |
| Tulsa OK |  | Amount: | \$20,000.00 |
|  |  | Purpose: | Limited Bond |
| Central Montana Resources, LLC | 648 M1 | Canceled | 7/17/2017 |
| San Antonio TX |  | Amount: | \$50,000.00 |
|  |  | Purpose: | Multiple Well Bond |
| Fort Worth Operating Company, LLC | 619 G13 | Canceled | 7/12/2017 |
| Fort Worth TX |  | Amount: | \$10,000.00 |
|  |  | Purpose: | Single Well Bond |
| Fort Worth Operating Company, LLC | 619 G12 | Canceled | 7/12/2017 |
| Fort Worth TX |  | Amount: | \$10,000.00 |
|  |  | Purpose: | Single Well Bond |
| Lario Oil and Gas Company | 456 M1 | Canceled | 8/8/2017 |
| Wichita KS |  | Amount: | \$50,000.00 |
|  |  | Purpose: | Multiple Well Bond |

Forfeiture Ordered

| Montana Oil Field Acquisition I, LLCRutherford NJ |  | 772 M1 | Forfeiture Ordered | 6/15/2017 |
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|  |  |  | Amount: | \$50,000.00 |
|  |  |  | Purpose: | Multiple Weil Bond |
| Certificate of Deposit | \$50,000.00 | FIRST INTERSTATE BANK |  | ACT |
| Mountain Pacific General Inc. |  | 5265 M1 | Forfeiture Ordered | 6/15/2017 |
| Cut Bank MT |  |  | Amount: | \$50,000.00 |
|  | - |  | Purpose: | Multiple Well Bond |
| Certificate of Deposit | \$50,000.00 | 1ST STATE BANK - SHELBY |  | ACT |

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# Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Summary of Bond Activity 

6/14/2017 Through 8/8/2017

## Letter Sent

| Augusta Exploration, LLC |  | 773 G1 | Letter Sent | 6/28/2017 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Whitefish MT |  |  | Amount: | \$10,000.00 |
|  |  |  | Purpose: | Single Well Bond |
| Letter of Credit | \$10,000.00 |  |  |  |



[^0]Petro-Hunt, LLC
Continental Resources Inc
Continental Resources Inc
Slawson Exploration Company Inc
Montana Heartland LLC
XTO Energy Inc.
Continental Resources Inc
Enerplus Resources USA Corporation Oasis Petroleum North America LLC Genesis ST Operating LLC
BOG 6/19/2017 Spill or Release
BOG 6/25/2017 Spill or Release
BOG 6/29/2017 Spill or Release
BOG 7/6/2017 Fire
BOG 7/6/2017 Spill or Release
BOG 7/10/2017 Spill or Release
BOG 7/27/2017 Fire
Oil Released
30 Barrels
2 Barrels
4 Barrels
4 Barrels
1 Barrels
18 Barrels
1 Barrels
5 Barrels
2 Barrels

| Water Released Source | Contained Latitude |  |  | Longitud County |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Well Head | No | 48.52506 | -104.12700 Sheridan |

## T-R-S

32N-58E-13 NWS 6N-60E-11 SESW 32N-57E-12 SWS 23N-54E-11 NENE 23N-54E-11 NENE 29N-59E-17 NENE 24N-54E-20 SESE 22N-59E-18 NWN 23N-55E-24 SWS 24N-55E-11 NENE 26N-58E-23 SWS 29N-58E-10 SESE

| 33-2017 | St. Croix Operating, Inc. | Vacate or amend order 153-2009 (TSU, 32N-48E-25: SWSW, 26 : SESE, 35: NENE, and 36: NWNW), Duprow Formation test well, 660 ' setback. | Withdrawn | Order 153-2009: TSU, 32N-48E-25: SWSW, 26. SESE, 35: NENE, and 36: NWNW, one well to be located in Sec. 35: $150^{\prime}$ FNL $500^{\prime}$ FEL <br> Application withdrawn, email received $8 / 7 / 17$. | $\square$ |
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| 34-2017 | McCartney Family Mineral Trust | Vacate Order 240-2014, non-consent penalties for the McCartney Family Mineral Trust, Manush $1-12 \mathrm{H}$ well, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 29N-58E-1: all, 12: all. | Continued | Application continued, email received 8/7/17. | $\square$ |
| 35-2017 | Kraken Oil \& Gas LLC | Permanent spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 27N-57E35: all, 36: all (Farrah 35-36 \#1H). |  | TSU, Order 34-2016 <br> Related applications 35-2017, 36-2017 | $\square$ |
| 36-2017 | Kraken Oil \& Gas LLC | Pooling, permanent spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 27N-57E-35: all, 36: all (Farrah 35-36 \#1H). Non-consent penalties requested. |  | Related applications 35-2017, 36-2017 | $\square$ |
| 37-2017 | Kraken Oil \& Gas LLC | Permanent spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 27N-57E27: all, 28: all (Fallon 27-28 \#1H). |  | TSU, Order 144-2015, amended by order 352016 <br> Related applications 37-2017, 38-2017 | $\square$ |
| 38-2017 | Kraken Oil \& Gas LLC | Pooling, permanent spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 27N-57E-27: all, 28: all (Fallon 27-28 \#1H). Non-consent penalties requested. |  | Related applications 37-2017, 38-2017 | $\square$ |
| 39-2017 | Kraken Oil \& Gas LLC | Permanent spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 27N-57E33: all, 34: all (Shayla 34-33 \#1H). |  | TSU, Order 145-2015, amended by order 362016 <br> Related applications 39-2017, 40-2017 | $\square$ |
| 40-2017 | Kraken Oil \& Gas LLC | Pooling, permanent spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 27N-57E-33: all, 34: all (Shayla 34-33 \#1H). Non-consent penalties requested. |  | Related applications 39-2017, 40-2017 | $\square$ |
| 41-2017 | Kraken Oil \& Gas LLC | Amend Order 380-2011 to authorize the drilling of a horizontal wells, 500' lateral, 200' heel/toe setbacks in temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, $27 \mathrm{~N}-57 \mathrm{E}-16$ : all, 21: all. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful completion. Operations must commence within one year of date of order. Default Docket requested. |  |  | $\square$ |
| 42-2017 | Kraken Oil \& Gas LLC | Amend Order 380-2011 to authorize the drilling of a horizontal wells, 500' lateral, 200' heel/toe setbacks in temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, $27 \mathrm{~N}-57 \mathrm{E}-17$ : all, 20 : all. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful completion. Operations must commence within one year of date of order. Default Docket requested. | , |  | $\square$ |
| 43-2017 | Briscoe Petroleum, LLC | Exception to statewide drilling and temporary spacing rules, Amsden Formation test well, $1 \mathrm{~N}-34 \mathrm{E}$ : 20, 2,558' FNL, 549' FEL. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful completion. Default docket requested. |  | Proposed location closer than $330^{\prime}$ to south boundary of SE/4 NE/4 which would be the statewide temporary spacing unit for a well drilled to a depth of 6000' or less. | $\square$ |


| 44-2017 | Cline Production Company | Class II Permit, Enhanced Recovery, C.M. Federal 34-30 (API \# 087-21655), Tyler "C" Formation, 12N-33E-30: 338' FSL / 1875' FEL (SWSE) | Continued | Staff continued on $7 / 27 / 17$ for failure to run newspaper notice. | $\square$ |
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| 19-2017 | Encrplus Resources USA Corporation | Extend Class II pilot enhanced recovery project for 18 months, Bakken Formation, Bullwinkle-Yahoo \#4-1-HSU, permanent spacing unit $23 \mathrm{~N}-57 \mathrm{E}-3$ : all, 4: all. Approved for 18 months following re initiation of injection. |  | Continued lo August, itr received 5/12/17 | $\square$ |
| 45-2017 | Black Gold Energy Resource Development, LLC | Show Cause: why additional penalties should not be assessed for failure to pay the outstanding fine and for failure to submit a written plan of its proposed action to remedy the violation at the the Indian Mound 1 well located in the SW $1 / 4 S W 1 / 4$ of Section 15 , T23N-R55E, Richland County, Montana within 15 days of the June 15, 2017, public hearing. |  |  | $\square$ |
| 46-2017 | Stealth Energy USA, Inc. | Show Cause: failure to file production reports and pay administrative fees. |  |  | $\square$ |
| 338-2014 | K2 America Corporation | Show Cause: why its bond should not be forfeited for failure to provide a plan and timeline for plugging its wells. [Continued from 6/25/2015, 6/16/2016, \& 6/15/17.] |  |  | $\square$ |
| 49-2016 | Storm Cat Energy (USA) Operating Corporation | Show Cause: why it should not provide a plan and timeline for the plugging and abandonment or transfer of its three wells and why additional penalties should not be assessed for failure to pay the outstanding fine of $\$ 1,340$, and appear at the August 11, 2016, public hearing. |  |  | $\square$ |

## GAS FLARING

August 9, 2017

|  | Wells |  |  |  | Wells over |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wells |  |  |  |  |
| Flaring over | Flaring over |  |  |  |  |
| 100 w/o |  |  |  |  |  | | Current |
| :---: |
| Exceptions |
| Company |

## Flaring Requests

## Summary

There are 4 wells flaring over 100 MCFG per day based on current production numbers.
1 of the 4 wells have approved exceptions due to distance, pipeline capacity issues, or time to connection.

There are 3 exceptions requested at this time.

## Continental

## Revere 1-31H - API \#25-083-22953, 27N-53E-31

1. Flaring 114 MCF/D. Sixth exception request.
2. Completed: 2/2013.
3. Estimated gas reserves: 293 MMCF.
4. Proximity to market: Connected to pipeline
5. Flaring alternatives: None.
6. Amount of gas used in lease operations: $8 \mathrm{MCF} / \mathrm{D}$.
7. Justification to flare: Unable to sell due to H2S. Currently uneconomic to treat H 2 S and insufficient capacity issues at Grasslands Plant. It is estimated that it would cost $\$ 2.92 / \mathrm{MCF}$ to treat the gas and could then only be sold for $\$ 2.7 / \mathrm{MCF}$.

## Whiting Oil \& Gas -

Iversen 34-32-4H - API \#25-083-23238, 26N-58E-32

1. Flaring $87 \mathrm{MCF} / \mathrm{D}$. Fifth exception request.
2. Completed: 7/2014.
3. Estimated gas reserves: 315 MMCF.
4. Proximity to market: 5280 ft to pipeline.
5. Estimated gas price at market: $\sim \$ 1.80 / \mathrm{MCF}$.
6. Flaring alternatives: None.
7. Amount of gas used in lease operations: $2 \mathrm{MCF} / \mathrm{D}$.
8. Justification to flare: Insufficient compression capacity on Oneok's system in this area.

## Sundheim 21-27-3H - API \#25-083-23215, 25N-58E-27

1. Flaring $110 \mathrm{MCF} / \mathrm{D}$. Third exception request.
2. Completed: 7/2014.
3. Estimated gas reserves: 480 MMCF .
4. Proximity to market: Connected.
5. Estimated gas price at market: $\sim \$ 1.80 / \mathrm{MCF}$.
6. Flaring alternatives: None.
7. Amount of gas used in lease operations: 2 MCF/D.
8. Justification to flare: Insufficient compression capacity on Oneok's system in this area.

[^0]:    8/8/2017

