

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF WHITING OIL AND GAS
CORPORATION FAILURE TO MEET THE HYDRAULIC
FRACTURING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IVERSON
BROS 14-33-2H (API# 25-083-23277) AND IVERSON BROS
14-33-3H (API# 25-083-23278) WELLS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 12-A-2019

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting) is the operator of the Iverson Bros 14-33-2H (API# 25-083-23277) and Iverson Bros 14-33-3H (API# 25-083-23278) wells that are both located in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, T26N-R58E, Richland County, Montana. Both wells were completed in March of 2019.

On September 24, 2019, Board staff notified Whiting that the Iverson Bros 14-33-2H and Iverson Bros 14-33-3H wells were in violation of ARM 36.22.608 for failure to have administrative approval prior to the hydraulic fracture stimulations.

Jacob Parker, regulatory manager, appeared on behalf of Whiting. Mr. Parker acknowledged that the stimulations were performed without prior approval and that new procedures had been established within the company to prevent future violations.

Board staff recommended a penalty of \$2,500 per well violation be assessed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Whiting is fined \$5,000 for failure to meet the fracturing requirements of ARM 36.22.608 for the Iverson Bros 14-33-2H and Iverson Bros 14-33-3H wells.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2019

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

James W. Halvorson, Administrator