

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

IN THE MATTER OF CARRELL OIL COMPANY DBA
COCO FAILURE TO PERFORM MECHANICAL
INTEGRITY TESTS ON THE FIFER 3 (API # 25-069-05141)
AND THE GOVT. 4 (API # 25-033-05028) WELLS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 13-A-2019

Carrell Oil Company DBA COCO (Carrell) is the operator of the following two enhanced oil recovery wells used for injection:

- Fifer 3 well, API # 25-069-05141, located in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, T15N-R30E, Petroleum County, Montana
- Govt. 4 well, API # 25-033-05028, located in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ in Section 6, T14N-R31E, Garfield County, Montana

At the October 9, 2019, business meeting, staff reported that Carrell is in violation of ARM 36.22.1416, which requires injection wells to be retested for mechanical integrity no less than once each five years until the well is plugged. Wells that fail a mechanical integrity test must be immediately shut-in until either repaired, reworked, or plugged for abandonment in accordance with ARM 36.22.1414. The wells must be successfully retested for mechanical integrity before being placed in injection service.

Staff made several attempts to contact the operator.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Carrell must return these wells to compliance prior to the November 7, 2019, hearing application deadline. Failure to come into compliance will result in Carrell being ordered to show cause at the December 5, 2019, public hearing, as to why these wells remain out of compliance and why additional penalties should not be imposed.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2019

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

James W. Halvorson, Administrator