

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

IN THE MATTER OF J&M SNAKE CREEK DISPOSAL,
INC. AND ITS FAILURE TO MAINTAIN MECHANICAL
INTEGRITY ON THE PICARD 5-12 WELL (API # 25- 085-
21354).

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 8-A-2021

J&M Snake Creek Disposal, Inc. (J&M) is the operator of the Picard 5-12 salt water disposal well, API # 25-085-21354, located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, T29N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana.

On January 30, 2020, J&M failed the Mechanical Integrity Test (MIT) on the Picard 5-12 well. Wells that fail the MIT must be immediately shut-in until either repaired, reworked, or plugged for abandonment within 180 days, in accordance with ARM 36.22.1414. The wells must be successfully retested for mechanical integrity before being placed in injection service.

Board staff have had numerous discussions with J&M in an effort to get this matter resolved. On January 14, 2021, J&M was informed that if the well was not in compliance by the end of the upcoming summer field season, the matter would be referred to the Board.

At the October 13, 2021, business meeting, staff reported that J&M has not repaired, reworked, or plugged for abandonment the Picard 5-12 well.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that J&M must show cause at the December 2, 2021, public hearing, as to why it should not immediately plug and abandon the Picard 5-12 salt water disposal well, API # 25-085-21354, located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, T29N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2021

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

James W. Halvorson, Administrator