

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

IN THE MATTER OF APEX ENERGY LLC AND ITS  
FAILURE TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN ITS WELLSITES IN  
RICHLAND AND DAWSON COUNTIES, MONTANA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 10-A-2022

Apex Energy LLC (Apex) is the operator of 10 producing wells in Richland County, Montana and one producing well in Dawson County, Montana.

A landowner requested the location of the Iverson 1-13 well be cleaned up. The location is covered in vegetation. A subsequent review determined that the wells operated by Apex need vegetation control.

On May 27, 2021, and February 23, 2022, certified letters were sent to Apex to address the field compliance issues at the well locations. Apex responded that it was going to retain a contractor for the cleanup work.

On July 18, 2022, a certified letter was sent to Apex detailing the above listed field compliance issues at its well locations with an August 16, 2022, deadline to address the compliance issues, or this matter would be brought up at the Board Business meeting.

An inspection performed prior to this meeting indicated that the issues remain.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Apex must appear and show cause at the October 13, 2022, public hearing why additional penalties should not be considered for failure to remedy the field violations and to provide an update of its activities it has taken to come into compliance.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

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Benjamin Jones, Administrator