

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

IN THE MATTER OF BRANDON OIL COMPANY
TORDALE 42-21 (API #101-22755) AND TURNER 13-22 (API
#101-22965) INACTIVE WELLS IN TOOLE COUNTY,
MONTANA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 4-A-2023

Brandon Oil Company is the operator of the Tordale 42-21 well, API # 101-22755, located in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, T35N-R1E and the Turner 13-22 well, API # 101-22965, located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, T35N-R1E, Toole County, Montana. These wells have been inactive for two or more years.

On November 10, 2022, a certified letter was mailed to Brandon Oil Company requesting a plan and schedule of abandonment for the inactive wells or justification with supporting documentation for leaving the inactive wells unplugged. This request was made in accordance with ARM 36.22.1307.

On November 30, 2022, Brandon Oil Company sent an email with its intent to plug the wells. The operator worked with the Shelby office on the plugging plans.

On February 13, 2023, Brandon Oil Company responded that due to its financial conditions it is unable to plug the wells, but it would reclaim the existing pits, removal all the equipment, clean-up sites and restore the locations back to the natural contour.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Brandon Oil Company must show cause at the June 15, 2023, public hearing, as to why it should not immediately plug and abandon its wells in Toole County, Montana.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2023

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

Benjamin Jones, Administrator