

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

IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT HAWKINS, INC. AND ITS  
FAILURE TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN ITS BROWNELL 4-2  
WELLSITE, API # 25-099-21082, IN TETON COUNTY,  
MONTANA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 6-A-2023

Robert Hawkins, Inc. is the operator of the Brownell 4-2 well, API # 25-099-21082, located in the NE¼NE¼NE¼ of Section 2, T27N-R5W, Teton County.

An inspection performed on March 17, 2023, found that the pit associated with the Brownell 4-2 well has several violations. The first violation is of ARM 36.22.1207(1) that states oil or sludge cannot be stored, disposed of, or retained in earthen storage pits and that all oil must be removed within 48 hours. It appears the operator is dumping oil from a truck into the pit. The second violation is of ARM 36.22.1223 (1) that states that open storage vessels, earthen pits, or ponds that contain oil must be fenced, screened, and netted. A deadline of March 31, 2023, was given to address the compliance issues. The issues were not remedied nor did Robert Hawkins, Inc. request additional time to clean up the wellsite. A second notice was verbally given to Robert Hawkins, Inc. on April 4, 2023, with an immediate deadline.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Robert Hawkins, Inc. must have the Brownell 4-2 well location in compliance prior to the May 11, 2023, hearing application deadline. If compliance is not achieved by that date, Robert Hawkins, Inc. will be ordered to show cause at the June 15, 2023, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

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Benjamin Jones, Administrator