

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

IN THE MATTER OF SHUCK OIL & GAS LLC AND ITS  
FAILURE TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN ITS HOCKSPRUNG 1  
WELLSITE, API # 25-101-05593, IN TOOLE COUNTY,  
MONTANA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 10-A-2023

Shuck Oil & Gas LLC (Shuck Oil) is the operator of the Hocksprung 1 well, API # 25-101-05593, located in the NW¼SW¼NW¼ of Section 4, T34N-R1W, Toole County, Montana. The well was drilled in 1945 and has not reported production since 1991.

An inspection performed on September 20, 2023, found that the produced water evaporation pit associated with the Hocksprung 1 well was in violation of the pit permit. The produced water evaporation pit was being used to improperly store humic sludge, a foreign nontoxic solid waste, from activities not associated with oil and gas exploration and production. Humic sludge is also being improperly stored and disposed of on the property. Shuck Oil was notified of the violations on September 29, 2023.

The violation was reported to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). In a letter to the surface owner dated November 22, 2023, the DEQ outlined the steps and established deadlines for the removal of material from the property.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Shuck Oil & Gas LLC must immediately cease using the Hocksprung 1 produced water evaporation pit until compliance with the pit permit and Board rules is confirmed by field inspection.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

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Benjamin Jones, Administrator