

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

IN THE MATTER OF R & A OIL, INC. INACTIVE WELLS IN
MUSSELSHELL AND PETROLEUM COUNTIES,
MONTANA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 6-A-2024

R & A Oil, Inc. (R & A) is the bonded operator of 13 producing wells and one injection well in Musselshell and Petroleum Counties, Montana. Of the 13 producing wells, 12 wells have been inactive for two or more years.

On January 31, 2024, a certified letter was mailed to R & A 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. No response was received.

On June 4, 2024, a follow up letter was sent. This letter was delivered on June 6, 2024. As of the June 12, 2024, business meeting, no response has been received.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that R & A must submit its plans for its inactive wells by July 11, 2024, hearing application deadline or show cause at the August 15, 2024, public hearing, as to why it should not immediately plug and abandon its inactive wells in Musselshell and Petroleum Counties, Montana.

Dated this 12th day of June, 2024

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

Benjamin Jones, Administrator