#### Review of HB Oil, LLC

June 15, 2023, Change of Operator for 16 wells approved by BOGC per Order 64-2023.

HB Oil, LLC activity since change of Operator:

Amigo 1 well with API 25-101-23160 shows intermittent production of 1 BBL of oil.

Epelveit 1 well with API 25-101-07100 shows no production for 23 months.

Lonesome 1 with API 25-101-22699 shows no production since 1/31/2021.

Lonesome 2 with API 25-101-22700 shows no production since 4/30/2022.

Lonesome 3 with API 25-101-22871 shows no production since 4/30/2022.

Lonesome 4 with API 25-101-23284 shows no production since 4/30/2022.

Me 1 with API 25-101-22583 shows no production since 4/30/2022.

Me 2 with API 25-101-22591 shows no production since 1/31/2021.

Me 3 with API 25-101-22592 shows no production since 4/30/2022.

Me 4 with API 25-101-23282 shows no production since 4/30/2022.

Nobody 1 with API 25-101-22473 shows no production since 4/30/2022.

Nobody 2 with API 25-101-22481 shows no production since 4/30/2022.

Nobody 3 with API 25-101-22494 shows no production since 4/30/2022.

Nobody 4 with API 25-101-22533 shows no production since 1/31/2021.

Nobody 5 with API 25-101-22572 shows no production since 1/31/2021.

Twin Counties Assn 1 with API 25-101-07713 shows no production since 4/30/2022.

No intents to plug and abandon well have been received by BOGC staff since change of operator was approved.

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926	Α				Wells	SI	%	
нв о	il, LLC			/ W	/ell 16	15	94%	
L1	Limited Bo	nd	\$24,000	\$1,500.0	00 16	15	94%	
	SI Two to Fiv	e Years	SI Five to Ten Years	SI Greater than	Ten Years	Total		#
	15		0	0		15		
926/L1	Limited	Bond					 	ast Non-Zero
926 L1	101-23284	Lonesome 4	34N-2W	-18 SW NW SE	1540 FSL, 2200 FEL	SI	OIL	4/30/2022
926 L1	101-23282	Me 4	34N-2W	-18 SE SW SW	383 FSL, 989 FWL	SI	OIL	4/30/2022
926 L1	101-22871	Lonesome 3	34N-2W	-18 SE NW SE	1920 FSL, 1760 FEL	SI	OIL	4/30/2022
926 L1	101-22700	Lonesome 2	34N-2W	-18 NE NW SE	2340 FSL, 1760 FEL	SI	OIL	4/30/2022
926 L1	101-22699	Lonesome 1	34N-2W	-18 NW SE	2340 FSL, 2200 FEL	SI	OIL	1/31/2021
926 L1	101-22592	Me 3	34N-2W	-18 SW NE SW	1540 FSL, 1435 FWL	. SI	OIL	4/30/2022
926 L1	101-22591	Me 2	34N-2W	-18 NW NE SW	2420 FSL, 1433 FWL	. SI	OIL	1/31/2021
926 L1	101-22583	Me 1	34N-2W	-18 NE NE SW	2420 FSL, 2308 FWL	. SI	OIL	4/30/2022
926 L1	101-22572	Nobody 5	34N-2W	-18 SW SE NW	2420 FNL, 1428 FWL	. SI	OIL	1/31/2021
926 L1	101-22533	Nobody 4	34N-2W-	-18 W2 SE NW	1980 FNL, 1428 FWL	. SI	OIL	1/31/2021
926 L1	101-22494	Nobody 3	34N-2W-	-18 W2 SE NW	1980 FNL, 1868 FWL	. SI	OIL	4/30/2022
926 L1	101-22481	Nobody 2	34N-2W-	-18 NE SE NW	1650 FNL, 2199 FWL	. SI	OIL	4/30/2022

34N-2W-18 SE SE NW

34N-2W-18 NW SE

34N-2W-18 NE SW

926 L1

926 L1

926 L1

101-22473

101-07713

101-07100

Nobody 1

Epelveit 1

Twin Counties Assn 1

OIL

OIL

OIL

4/30/2022

4/30/2022

4/30/2022

SI

SI

2310 FNL, 2199 FWL

1980 FSL, 2420 FEL

2310 FSL, 1980 FWL

<sup>1</sup> Operator(s) Included in Report

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

IN THE MATTER OF HB OIL, LLC AND ITS INACTIVE WELLS IN TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 8-A-2024** 

HB Oil, LLC (HB Oil) appeared at the June 15, 2023, public hearing regarding the acquisition of 16 producing wells, all of which had been shut in for more than a year. HB Oil testified at that hearing that the previous operator, H&R Energy, LLC (H&R), was going to assist in working to get the wells operational. The transfer was approved with the request that a staff update be provided at the October 4, 2023, business meeting. At that meeting, no work had been done to the wells due to H&R's service rig being out of order. The Board requested staff to provide a subsequent update at the August 14, 2024, business meeting.

As of the August 14, 2024, business meeting, Board records indicate one well had been reactivated with production reported in only four of the last 12 months for that well. The other 15 wells have no reported production in over two years.

Board staff recommended HB Oil be required to appear at a hearing to provide the Board with an update on the progress of its efforts to reduce its plugging liability and to discuss whether maintaining the current bonding level provides adequate bond coverage.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that HB Oil appear at the October 10, 2024, public hearing to provide an update of its efforts to reduce its plugging liability and to review its plugging and reclamation bonds to determine if the coverage is adequate under § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

Benjamin Jones, Administrator

#### **New Horizon Resources, LLC Update**

August 10, 2023, New Horizon Update to BOGC per Order 103-2023.

New Horizon activity since August 10, 2023:

Shaw 10 with API 25-101-23245 plugged 6/20/2024 which was an EOR injection well.

Shaw 23 with API 25-101-234246 plugged 6/19/2024 which was an EOR injection well.

State 5 with API 25-101-07446 plugged 9/26/2023 which was an Oil well.

SCCBSU 71B-4 with API 25-035-05603 plugged 11/13/2023 which was an EOR injection well.

Currently plugging 4 wells.

6 Wells to be plugged in 2025.

#### **Review of SpringLine Operating, LLC**

October 5, 2023, Change of Operator for 34 wells approved by BOGC per Order 104-2023.

SpringLine Operating, LLC activity since change of Operator:

Plugged 1 SWD well, and 2 Oil wells.

12 producing wells:

Grosvold 1 with API 25-083-21720 brought back online 2/24. Krogedal 21-21 with API 25-085-21636 brought back online 11/23.

14 wells shut-in:

State 31-16 H with API 25-085-21681 brought online for 2 months (10/23 and 11/23) USA Martin P-7 with API 25-083-21600 brought online for 1 month (11/23)

Remainder of wells are Active Injectors or Temporarily Abandoned as of August 14, 2024.

#### **Board Business Meeting August 14, 2024**

#### CONTANGO RESOURCES, INC. - CARBON COUNTY, MONTANA

UIC Violations at: EBM2 309 EOR Well Elk Basin Field T9S-23E-35 SE SE SE

- 04/18/2024: 5-year MIT due.
- 04/29/2024: During a field visit for MIT, field operator provided a wellbore diagram indicating a cement retainer (CICR) was drilled out @ 4,710'.
  - Well failed scheduled 5-year MIT (witnessed by John Gizicki). Well was shut-in and verbal notice of 180 days to plug or repair well was given.
- 06/14/2024: Board records show no indication of the CICR being drilled out at 4,710'. UIC Director contacted Contango requesting documentation pertaining to the CICR being drilled out be provided to the Board.
  - A workover report was provided indicating on 10/23/2023 the packer was pulled and the CICR at 4,710' was drilled out to open existing Madison B perforations without prior approval or a subsequent report being submitted. (Rule violation: ARM 36.22.1010(1) Work-over, Recompletion, Well Stimulation Notice and Approval).
  - The workover report also indicated on 10/30/2023 a MIT was attempted where the annulus was pressured up to 1,000 psi and lost 220 psi in 7 minutes, which is a failed test.
  - No advance notice was given for the MIT and no subsequent report of the MIT was submitted to the Board. Rule violation ARM 36.22.1417(1)(2) Notification of Test – Reporting Results.)
  - Subsequently, the rig ended up moving off well without passing the MIT and continued to inject. (Rule violation: ARM 36.22.1416(7) Mechanical Integrity).

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

IN THE MATTER OF CONTANGO RESOURCES, INC. FAILURE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARM 36.22.1010(1), 36.22.1416(8), AND 36.22.1417(1) & (2) FOR THE EBM2 309 WELL, API # 25-009-21088.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 9-A-2024** 

Contango Resources, Inc. (Contango) is the operator of the EBM2 309, API # 25-009-21088, located in the SW¼SE¼SE¼ of Section 35, T9S-R23E, Carbon County, Montana.

On April 29, 2024, staff conducted a field visit to witness a mechanical integrity test (MIT). The well failed the MIT and Contango was given a verbal shut-in order and notice they had 180 days to plug or repair the well, in accordance with ARM 36.22.1416. During this visit, Contango's field operator provided staff a wellbore diagram indicating a cement retainer (CICR) was drilled out at 4,710'.

On June 14, 2024, the UIC director contacted Contango requesting documentation regarding the CICR, as Board records showed no indication of the CICR work being performed.

Contango provided staff a workover report that indicated on October 23, 2023, the packer and tubing was removed from the well and the CICR at 4710' was drilled out. When the packer was reset, the report indicated a pressure test was performed to 1,000 psi, which lost 220 psi in seven minutes. Contango proceeded to resume injection in the well.

On June 18, 2024, a certified letter was mailed to Contango informing them that the EBM2 309 well was in violation of following rules and that this matter would be brought up at the August 14, 2024, Board business meeting:

- 1) ARM 36.22.1010 (1) No well may be reworked without first notifying the board on Form No. 2 and receiving approval. Within 30 days following completion of the well work, a subsequent report of the actual work performed must be submitted on Form No. 2.
- 2) ARM 36.22.1416 (8) Subsequent to any mechanical integrity test, a well operation which causes the injection packer to be unseated or in which the tubing or packer was pulled, repaired, or replaced or that has experienced a loss of mechanical integrity will require that the well be retested for mechanical integrity before being placed in service.
- 3) 36.22.1417 (1) The operator must give the board at least 48 hours advance notice of any mechanical integrity test. (2) The owner or operator must provide a subsequent report of any mechanical integrity test (MIT).

Brian Jackson, senior production engineer, appeared on behalf of Contango. Mr. Jackson acknowledged the violations and stated the violations were due to a communication breakdown within the company and that new procedures have been established within the company to prevent future violations.

Board staff recommended a penalty of \$4,000 for the violation be assessed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Contango is fined \$4,000 for failure to meet the requirements of ARM 36.22.1010(1), 36.22.1416(8), and 36.22.1417(1)(2) for the EBM2 309 well.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2024

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

Benjamin Jones, Administrator

#### MONTANA BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT As of 6/30/24

Fiscal Year 2024: Percent of Year Elapsed - 100%

		Budget	Expends	%	Remaining
Regulatory	Personal Services	1,303,907	1,054,977	81	248,930
UIC	Personal Services	333,129	228,291	69	104,838
	Total	1,637,036	1,283,268	78	353,768
Regulatory	Equipment & Assets	73,800	-	-	73,800
UIC	Equipment & Assets	16,200	-	-	16,200
	Total	90,000	-	-	90,000
Regulatory	Operating Expenses:				
	Contracted Services	168,267	60,898	36	107,369
	Supplies & Materials	57,042	51,609	90	5,433
	Communication	50,495	41,285	82	9,210
	Travel	20,752	18,171	88	2,581
	Rent	1,354	953	70	401
	Utilities	23,778	14,780	62	8,998
	Repair/Maintenance	61,081	31,066	51	30,015
	Other Expenses	36,118	19,558	54	16,560
	Total Operating Expenses	418,887	238,320	57	180,567
UIC	Operating Expenses:			-	
	Contracted Services	36,343	6,955	19	29,388
	Supplies & Materials	12,521	10,322	82	2,199
	Communication	11,084	7,805	70	3,279
	Travel	4,555	3,053	67	1,502
	Rent	297	195	66	102
	Utilities	5,219	2,737	52	2,482
	Repair/Maintenance	13,408	5,937	44	7,471
	Other Expenses	7,929	1,100	14	6,829
	Total Operating Expenses	91,356	38,104	42	53,252
	Total	510,243	276,424	54	233,819
Regulatory	Debt Services	15,163	15,163	100	
UIC	Debt Services	3,328	3,328	100	
	Total	18,491	18,491	100	

Funding Breakout	2024 Total Budget	2024 Total Expends	%
State Special	2,255,770	1,578,183	70
Federal 2024 UIC (10-1-2023 to 9-30-2024)	133,000	99,750	75
Total	2,388,770	1,677,933	70

	Budget	Expends	%	Remaining
Carryforward FY22				
Personal Services	33,000	-	0	33,000
Operating Expenses	48,275	-	0	48,275
Equipment & Assests	20,000	200	0	20,000
Total	101,275	(4)	0	101,275

REVENUE INTO STATE SPEC	ΑL	REVENUE	ACC	COUNT
		FY 24		FY 23
Oil & Gas Production Tax	\$	2,247,416	\$	4,487,876
Oil Production Tax		2,141,738		4,044,880
Gas Production Tax		105,678		442,996
Drilling Permit Fees		16,250		13,225
UIC Permit Fees		235,800		238,600
Interest on Investments		354,719		178,888
Copies of Documents		323		519
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	_	48,483		-
TOTAL	\$	2,902,992	\$	4,919,108
Account Balance	\$	10,683,700		

REVENUE INTO DAMAGE N	IITIGA	TION ACC	DUNT	
		FY 24		FY 23
RIT Investment Earnings:		400,935		-
July		35		Ē
August		39,095		
September		26,736		L.
October		33,325		18
November		33,864		16.
December		28,116		250
January		40,140		5∰
February		34,541		
March		35,353		8.75
April		28,579		1.5
May		37,618		U.S.
June		63,569		15
Bond Forfeitures:		20,019		75,116
Interest on Investments		30,448		16,848
TOTAL	\$	451,402	\$	91,964
Account Balance	\$	944,198		

REVENUE INTO GENERAL FUND FROM FINES		
		FY 24
HAWLEY OIL LLP	9/1/2023	650
CYPRUS ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS LLC	9/22/2023	70
BIG SKY ENERGY LLC	9/27/2023	1,400
RELENTLESS OILFIELD INNOVATION	10/3/2023	140
COMANCHE DRILLING LLC	1/5/2024	110
JUSTICE SWD LLC	1/24/2024	60
YELLOWSTONE PETROLEUMS INC	1/31/2024	420
JUSTICE SWD LLC	2/5/2024	60
BADLANDS RESOURCE RECOVERY INC	2/20/2024	70
HAWLEY OIL LLP	3/8/2024	500
RF PARSELL PARTNERSHIP	3/29/2024	120
COMANCHE DRILLING LLC	3/29/2024	300
DIAMOND HALO GROUP LLC	3/29/2024	120
BIG SKY ENERGY LLC	4/1/2024	2,060
HAWLEY OIL LLP	4/5/2024	1,000
BLACK GOLD ENERGY INDIAN MOUND	4/5/2024	140
RELENTLESS OIL FIELD INNOVATION LLC / BADWATER DISPOSAL	4/5/2024	90
MISC OIL CO	4/24/2024	60
GLOBAL BIO CATALYTICS LTD / McOIL MONTANA ONE LLC	5/30/2024	180
HESLA OIL	6/13/2024	140
TOTAL		\$ 7,690

FEDERAL ORPHAN WELL PLUGGING CONTRACTS						
<u>Name</u>	Aut	horized Amt	<b>Expended</b>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Status</u>	Expiration Date
PLENTYWOOD PLUG AND RECLAIM WELLS	\$	3,547,496	\$ 3,317,379	\$ 230,118	<b>Under Contract</b>	9/30/2025
PLENTYWOOD WEST PLUG AND RECLAIM WELLS		1,602,967	<b>⊤</b> :	1,602,967	<b>Under Contract</b>	9/30/2025
ROUNDUP A PLUG AND RECLAIM WELL		3,579,402	3,390,240	189,162	<b>Under Contract</b>	9/30/2025
ROUNDUP B PLUG AND RECLAIM WELL		157,992	Ē	157,992	<b>Under Contract</b>	9/30/2025
ROUNDUP C PLUG AND RECLAIM WELLS		289,530	•	289,530	<b>Under Contract</b>	9/30/2025
SHELBY 2 PLUG AND RECLAIM WELLS		610,693	328,762	281,931	<b>Under Contract</b>	9/30/2025
SHELBY 3 PLUG AND RECLAIM WELLS		363,788	■.	363,788	Under Contract	9/30/2025
SHELBY 4 PLUG AND RECLAIM WELLS		250,800	=	250,800	<b>Under Contract</b>	9/30/2025
SHELBY H2S PLUG AND RECLAIM WELLS		218,430		218,430	Under Contract	9/30/2025
SIDNEY PLUG AND RECLAIM WELLS		1,804,940	1,804,940	-	Completed	9/30/2025
GLENDIVE DISTRICT PLUG AND RECLAIM WELLS		791,250	791,250		Completed	9/30/2025
SHELBY 1 PLUG AND RECLAIM WELLS		676,361	607,140	69,221	Completed	9/30/2025
CBM PLUG AND RECLAIM WELLS		281,300	230,700	50,600	Completed	9/30/2025
MURRAY 1 PLUG AND RECLAIM WELL		266,620	222,183	44,437	Completed	9/30/2025
TURNER 13-22 AND TORDALE 42-21 PLUG AND RECLAIM WELLS		133,503	111,253	22,251	Completed	9/30/2025
HANNAH 5 PLUG AND RECLAIM WELL		47,113	47,113		Completed	9/30/2025
STATE 8-8 PLUG AND RECLAIM WELL		44,965	44,965		Completed	9/30/2025
TOI AG STATION RECLAMATION		26,232	26,232		Completed	9/30/2023
TOTAL	\$	14,693,381	\$ 10,922,156	\$ 3,771,225		

OPERATING CONTRACTS					
<u>Name</u>	Authorized Amt	Expended	Balance	<u>Status</u>	Expiration Date
Agency Legal Services 2024	\$ 70,000	\$ 26,766	\$ 43,234	<b>Under Contract</b>	6/30/2024
Billings Janitorial	10,555	8,750	1,805	<b>Under Contract</b>	9/30/2024
Billings Lawn and Snow Removal	36,000	27,446	8,554	<b>Under Contract</b>	9/30/2024
Shelby O&G Lease	110,946	93,996	16,950	Under Contract	5/31/2025
TOTAL	\$ 227,501	\$ 156,959	\$ 70,542		

Agency Lega	al Serv	/ices
Expenditure	e Brea	kout
<u>Case</u>		Amt Spent
BOGC Duties	\$	17,431
Pheonix Capital		9,336
Total	\$	26,766

### **EXHIBIT 8**

#### Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Summary of Bond Activity

6/12/2024 Through 8/13/2024

#### **Approved**

Hereford Resources, LLC		941 G1	Approved	7/23/202
Chester MT			Amount:	\$10,000,00
			Purpose:	Single Well Bon
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,000.00	GLACIER BANK FSB		ACT
T2 Operating Corporation		938 U1	Approved	7/23/202
Denver CO			Amount:	\$70,000.00
			Purpose:	UIC Limited Bon
Surety Bond	\$70,000.00	UNITED STATES FIRE INS. CO.		ACT
T2 Operating Corporation		938 M1	Approved	7/23/2024
Denver CO			Amount:	\$50,000.00
			Purpose:	Multiple Well Bond
Surety Bond	\$50,000.00	UNITED STATES FIRE INS. CO.		ACT
nceled				
Hofland, James D.		3497 L2	Canceled	7/12/2024
Kevin MT			Amount:	\$3,000.00
			Purpose:	Limited Bond
Thor Resources USA, LLC		732 G5	Canceled	7/24/2024
Calgary AB			Amount:	\$10,000.00
			Purpose:	Single Well Bond
Thor Resources USA, LLC		732 G1	Purpose:	
		732 G1		Single Well Bond 7/24/2024 \$10,000.00

Company	Responsib	ility Date	Incident	Oil Released	Water Released	Source	Containe	ed Latitude	Longitude County	T-R-S
Poplar Resources LLC	BOG	6/26/2024	Spill or Release	4 Barrels		Tank or Tank Batter	y Yes	48.19580	-105.11352 Roosevelt	28N-51E-10 SWNE
Denbury Onshore, LLC	BOG	7/3/2024	Spill or Release	21 Gallons	1245 Barrels	Flow Line - Injection	No	45.08584	-105.11751 Powder River	9S-54E-4 SWNW
Denbury Onshore, LLC	BOG	7/10/2024	Spill or Release		100 Barrels	Pump Failure	No	46.39211	-104.24921 Fallon	7N-60E-6 SWNE
Denbury Onshore, LLC	BOG	7/10/2024	Other			Other	No	46.52002	-104.39335 Fallon	9N-58E-23 SWNW
Denbury Onshore, LLC	BOG	7/10/2024	Fire	3 Gallons		Flare Pit	Yes	46.31845	-104.09711 Fallon	7N-61E-32 SENE
Denbury Onshore, LLC	BOG	7/14/2024	Spill or Release	5 Gallons	2 Barrels	Flow Line - Production	on No	46.31845	-104.09711 Fallon	7N-61E-32 SENE
Continental Resources Inc	BOG	7/27/2024	Fire	1 Barrels		Flare Pit	Yes	47.99414	-104.08801 Richland	26N-59E-22 SENW
Poplar Resources LLC	BOG	7/28/2024	Spill or Release	2 Gallons	6 Barrels	Flow Line - Production	on No	48 19220	-105 11040 Roosevelt	28N-51F-10 NESE

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#### **EXHIBIT 10**

#### 8/15/2024 Hearing

## **Docket Summary**

100-2024 Phoenix Operating LLC 11-2024 F	Designate temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 30N-59E-5: all, 8: all, 17: all, 200' heel/toe setbacks and 500' lateral setbacks. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of completion. Vacate Order 85-2010 (TSU, Bkn Formation, 30N-59E-5: all, 8: all).	Related applications: 100-2024, 101-2024	
01-2024 Phoenix Operating LLC 12-2024 F	Authorize the drilling of three additional horizontal wells, temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 30N-59E-5: all, 8: all, 17: all, 200' heel/toe setbacks and 500' lateral setbacks. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of completion.	Related applications: 100-2024, 101-2024	
02-2024 Phoenix Operating LLC 13-2024 F	Designate temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 30N-59E-20: all, 29: all, 32: all, 200' heel/toe setbacks and 500' lateral setbacks. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of completion. Vacate Order 130-2010 (TSU, Bkn Formation, 30N-59E-29: all, 32: all).	Related applications: 102-2024, 103-2024	
03-2024 Phoenix Operating LLC 14-2024 F	Authorize the drilling of three additional horizontal wells, temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 30N-59E-20: all, 29: all, 32: all, 200' heel/toe setbacks and 500' lateral setbacks. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of completion.	Related applications: 102-2024, 103-2024	
04-2024 Phoenix Operating LLC 15-2024 F	Designate temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 30N-59E-4: all, 9: all, 16: all, 200' heel/toe setbacks and 500' lateral setbacks. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of completion.	Related applications: 104-2024, 105-2024	
05-2024 Phoenix Operating LLC 16-2024 F	Authorize the drilling of two additional horizontal wells, temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 30N-59E-4: all, 9: all, 16: all, 200' heel/toe setbacks and 500' lateral setbacks.	Related applications: 104-2024, 105-2024	
06-2024 Phoenix Operating LLC	Designate temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 29N-57E-23: all, 26: all, 35: all, 200' heel/toe setbacks and 500' lateral setbacks. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of completion. Vacate Order 230-2010 (TSU, Bkn Formation, 29N-57E-14: all, 23: all).	Related applications: 106-2024, 107-2024	
07-2024 Phoenix Operating LLC	Authorize the drilling of three additional horizontal wells, temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 29N-57E-23: all, 26: all, 35: all, 200' heel/toe setbacks and 500' lateral setbacks.	Related applications: 106-2024, 107-2024	
08-2024 Kraken Oil & Gas LLC	Amend Order 91-2023 and 95-2022 (TSU, Bkn/TF Formation, 26N-57E-22: all, 27: all, 34: all, 200' heel/toe, 500' lateral setbacks. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful completion. Operations must commence within one year of date of order. Vacate Orders 302-2010 (TSU, Bk Formation, 26N-57E-15: all, 22: all) and 120-2011 (TSU, Bkn Formation, 26N-57E-27: all, 34: all). Amend that operations must commence by 10/13/2025.		

109-2024 17-2024 F	Continental Resources Inc	Designate overlapping temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 28N-57E-13: all, 14: all, 23: all, 24: all, 25: all, 26: all, well at a location proximate to the common boundary between 28N-57E-14, 23, 26 and 28N-57E-13, 24, 25, 200' heel/toe setbacks. Prior to spudding the requested well, applicant will spud a well in each of the TSU. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of completion. The overlapping temporary spacing unit shall be limited to production from the proposed horizontal well. Operations must commence within one year of date of order.	Continued	Continued to October hearing, email received 8/5/24.	
110-2024	White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC	Authorize the drilling of three additional horizontal wells, temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 25N-57E-13: all, 14: all, 25N-58E-18: all, 200' heel/toe setbacks and 500' lateral setbacks.		Related applications, 81-2024 & 110-2024	
111-2024	White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC	Authorize the drilling of three additional horizontal wells, temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 25N-57E-23: all, 24: all, 25N-58E-19: all, 200' heel/toe setbacks and 500' lateral setbacks.		Related applications, 82-2024 & 111-2024	
112-2024	Scout Energy Management LLC	Designate temporary spacing unit, Firemoon Formation, 33N-32E-36: NW, 990' setbacks, Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of completion.	Withdrawn	Withdrawn, email received 7/24/24.	
113-2024	Scout Energy Management LLC	Authorize the drilling of three additional wells, temporary spacing unit, Firemoon Formation, 32N-32E-1: all, 1,250 from existing wells, 990' setbacks.			
114-2024 18-2024 F	Hell Creek Crude LLC	Vacate Order 60-1995 (TSU, Charles Fm. horizontal well; 30N-45E-21: all; 660' setback), return to statewide spacing rules.			
115-2024	Board of Oil and Gas Conservation	Vacate Board Order 14-1969; termination of the Keg Coulee Tyler Unit (Tyler) Unit by the BLM letter effective August 31, 2021.			
116-2024	Board of Oil and Gas Conservation	Vacate Board Order 39-1992; termination of the Rattler Butte Tyler A Unit (Tyler "A") by the BLM letter effective January 9, 2023.			
117-2024	MorningStar Operating LLC	Change of operator of 299 wells from EMEP Operating, LLC to MorningStar Operating LLC.			
81-2024	White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC	Designate temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 25N-57E-13: all, 14: all, 25N-58E-18: all, 200' heel/toe setbacks and 500' lateral setbacks. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of completion.		Related applications, 81-2024 & 110-2024	
82-2024	White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC	Designate temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 25N-57E-23: all, 24: all, 25N-58E-19: all, 200' heel/toe setbacks and 500' lateral setbacks. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of completion.		Related applications, 82-2024 & 111-2024	

119-2024	Grassy Butte LLC	Show Cause: failure to file injection reports and pay administrative fees.	Dismissed	The delinquent reports/fee was received. Docket administratively dismissed in accordance with policy.	
120-2024	Powder Battalion Holdings LLC	Show Cause: failure to file production reports and pay administrative fees.			
121-2024	Summit Gas Resources, Inc.	Show Cause: failure to file production and injection reports and pay administrative fees.			
122-2024	Bootstrap Oil LLC	Show Cause: why it should not be assessed additional penalties or have its plugging and reclamation bond forfeited as permitted by § 82-11-123(5), MCA for failure to begin to plug and abandon or transfer its wells located in Sheridan County, Montana, prior to the August 15, 2024, public hearing as required by Board Order 74-2024.			
123-2024	Coalridge Disposal & Petroleum	Show Cause: why its injection permits for the Astrup 1 SWD well, API # 25-091-21397, and the Spoklie 2-43 well, API # 25-091-21227, should not be revoked and why it should not be required to provide a plan and timeline for the plugging of its inactive wells in Sheridan County, Montana.			
124-2024	Noah Energy, Inc.,	Show Cause: why additional penalties should not be imposed for failure to post a well identification sign at the Rockport 16-19-27-6HZ well and the Rockport 14-19-27-6HZ well. Noah Energy, Inc. is subject to a \$25 fine for each day after the July 11, 2024, deadline that the violation remains unresolved. Board staff has the authority to dismiss the docket if the violation is resolved and any fine assessed has been paid.	Dismissed	Violations resolved and fine paid.	
96-2024	Montana Energy Company, LLC	Show Cause: why penalties should not be imposed for failure to remedy the field violation.			

(In Order of Publication)						
	Phoenix Operating LLC		Temp. Spacing; Vacate Order			
	Phoenix Operating LLC		Well Density			
	Phoenix Operating LLC		Temp. Spacing; Vacate Order			
	Phoenix Operating LLC		Well Density			
104-2024	Phoenix Operating LLC		Temp. Spacing			
105-2024	Phoenix Operating LLC		Well Density			
106-2024	Phoenix Operating LLC		Temp. Spacing; Vacate Order			
L07-2024	Phoenix Operating LLC		Well Density			
108-2024	Kraken Oil & Gas LLC		Temp. Spacing			
109-2024	Continental Resources Inc	Continued	Temp. Spacing			
110-2024	White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC		Well Density			
111-2024	White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC		Well Density			
112-2024	Scout Energy Management LLC	Withdrawn	Temp. Spacing			
113-2024	Scout Energy Management LLC		Well Density			
114-2024	Hell Creek Crude LLC		Vacate Order			
115-2024	Board of Oil and Gas Conservation		Vacate Order			
116-2024	Board of Oil and Gas Conservation		Vacate Order			
117-2024	MorningStar Operating LLC		Change of Operator			
23-2024	Continental Resources Inc	Continued	Temp. Spacing			
31-2024	White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC		Temp. Spacing			
32-2024	White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC		Temp. Spacing			
118-2024	Justice SWD, LLC		Show-Cause			
119-2024	Grassy Butte LLC	Dismissed	Show-Cause			
	Powder Battalion Holdings LLC		Show-Cause			
	Summit Gas Resources, Inc.		Show-Cause			
	Bootstrap Oil LLC		Show-Cause			
	Coalridge Disposal & Petroleum		Show-Cause			
	Noah Energy, Inc.	Dismissed	Show-Cause			
96-2024	Montana Energy Company, LLC		Show-Cause			

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APPLICATIONS TO HEAR. 8/15/2024 (In Order of Hearing)						
Docket	Applicant	Status	Request			
100-2024	Phoenix Operating LLC		Temp. Spacing; Vacate Order			
	Phoenix Operating LLC		Well Density			
102-2024	Phoenix Operating LLC		Temp. Spacing; Vacate Order			
103-2024	Phoenix Operating LLC		Well Density			
104-2024	Phoenix Operating LLC		Temp. Spacing			
105-2024	Phoenix Operating LLC		Well Density			
106-2024	Phoenix Operating LLC		Temp. Spacing; Vacate Order			
107-2024	Phoenix Operating LLC		Well Density			
108-2024	Kraken Oil & Gas LLC		Temp. Spacing			
81-2024	White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC		Temp. Spacing			
110-2024	White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC		Well Density			
82-2024	White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC		Temp. Spacing			
111-2024	White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC		Well Density			
113-2024	Scout Energy Management LLC		Well Density			
114-2024	Hell Creek Crude LLC		Vacate Order			
115-2024	Board of Oil and Gas Conservation		Vacate Order			
116-2024	Board of Oil and Gas Conservation		Vacate Order			
117-2024	MorningStar Operating LLC		Change of Operator			
118-2024	Justice SWD, LLC		Show-Cause			
120-2024	Powder Battalion Holdings LLC		Show-Cause			
121-2024	Summit Gas Resources, Inc.		Show-Cause			
122-2024	Bootstrap Oil LLC		Show-Cause			
123-2024	Coalridge Disposal & Petroleum		Show-Cause			
96-2024	Montana Energy Company, LLC		Show-Cause			

# **GAS FLARING**

August 14, 2024

## **Flaring Requests**

#### **Summary**

There are six wells flaring over 100 MCFG per day based on current production numbers. Two of the six have approved flaring exceptions.

There are four exceptions requested at this time,

#### Kraken

#### Piano Man 7-6-31 #1H - API #25-083-23459, 25N-58E-18

- 1. Flaring 259 MCF/D.
- 2. Completed: 4/2024.
- 3. Estimated gas reserves: 1,196 MMCF.
- 4. Proximity to market: Currently connected.
- 5. Flaring alternatives: Kraken is selling gas to Crusoe Energy Systems from another facility downstream of this pad. This helps improve line pressure in area, providing the Piano Man pad with more capacity to sell gas into the system. Currently 540-600 MCF/D is mitigated through this project.
- 6. Amount of gas used in lease operations: 4 MCF/D.
- 7. Justification to flare: Well is connected to gas sales pipeline, but due to capacity constraints, Kraken is unable to sell all the gas and has to flare over the limit pending future enhancements and expansions planned for the near future at the ORM Western Compressor Station.

#### Piano Man 7-6-31 #2H - API #25-083-23460, 25N-58E-18

- 1. Flaring 240 MCF/D.
- 2. Completed: 4/2024.
- 3. Estimated gas reserves: 1,196 MMCF.
- 4. Proximity to market: Currently connected.
- 5. Flaring alternatives: Kraken is selling gas to Crusoe Energy Systems from another facility downstream of this pad. This helps improve line pressure in area, providing the Piano Man pad with more capacity to sell gas into the system. Currently 540-600 MCF/D is mitigated through this project.
- 6. Amount of gas used in lease operations: 4 MCF/D.
- 7. Justification to flare: Well is connected to gas sales pipeline, but due to capacity constraints, Kraken is unable to sell all the gas and has to flare over the limit pending future enhancements and expansions planned for the near future at the ORM Western Compressor Station.

#### Piano Man 7-6-31 #3H - API #25-083-23461, 25N-58E-18

- 1. Flaring 231 MCF/D.
- 2. Completed: 4/2024.
- 3. Estimated gas reserves: 1,196 MMCF.
- 4. Proximity to market: Currently connected.
- 5. Flaring alternatives: Kraken is selling gas to Crusoe Energy Systems from another facility downstream of this pad. This helps improve line pressure in area, providing the Piano Man pad with more capacity to sell gas into the system. Currently 540-600 MCF/D is mitigated through this project.
- 6. Amount of gas used in lease operations: 4 MCF/D.
- 7. Justification to flare: Well is connected to gas sales pipeline, but due to capacity constraints, Kraken is unable to sell all the gas and has to flare over the limit pending future enhancements and expansions planned for the near future at the ORM Western Compressor Station.

#### Piano Man 7-6-31 #4H - API #25-083-23462, 25N-58E-18

- 1. Flaring 204 MCF/D.
- 2. Completed: 4/2024.
- 3. Estimated gas reserves: 1,196 MMCF.
- 4. Proximity to market: Currently connected.
- 5. Flaring alternatives: Kraken is selling gas to Crusoe Energy Systems from another facility downstream of this pad. This helps improve line pressure in area, providing the Piano Man pad with more capacity to sell gas into the system. Currently 540-600 MCF/D is mitigated through this project.
- 6. Amount of gas used in lease operations: 4 MCF/D.
- 7. Justification to flare: Well is connected to gas sales pipeline, but due to capacity constraints, Kraken is unable to sell all the gas and has to flare over the limit pending future enhancements and expansions planned for the near future at the ORM Western Compressor Station.

#### **Inactive Wells 8/14/2024 Current Actions**

#### **EXHIBIT 12**

Company Name	Total Wells Si	Status	Wells Intended for plugging 2024	Actions	Recommendations
Omimex	23	0 Producing	10	8 Wells plugged. Plan to plug remainder of wells in 2024.	On track to complete plugging
Genesis ST Operating LLC	14	2/16 Producing	2	2 wells plugged.	On track to complete plugging.
Reserve Operating	1	0 Producing	1	Response received via email with P&A plan. Approved P&A plan on 3/15/2024.	<b>一样。</b> 在表现作品的
Big Snowy Resources	7	0 Producing	0	intent to plug back and convert to water well, 1 intent to plug back and test zone. Ricky 14-1 location has been cleaned up.	Send Inactive Letter August
T.W.O. Operating (Taylor Well Operating)	11	2/13 Producing	0	2nd Inactive Letter sent 1/3/2024. Voicemail received from operator January 2024 with update. Email sent to operator for update in writing on 2/6/2024. Operator working to divest with local Hutterite Colony.	Operator left voicemall stating that they are looking to divest wells to Colony in area. Board Adminstrative Order.
Pinnacle Ranch	1	0 Producing	0	Phone call on 2/8/2024 with operator with potential to turn well into disposal.	Monitor into 2025.
Synergy Offshore, LLC	2	0 Producing	0	Operator evaluating CO2 production from the gas wells for EOR project in JOA with New Horizon.	Monitor into 2025.
Pearson, Gabriel	1	0 Producing	0	Power of Attorney is working on plugging plans. Response e-mail received 7/29/2024.	Email 7/29/2024.
Noah Energy, Inc.	5	1/4 Producing 0/1 Injecting	0	Email sent on 8/22/2023. Response received 9/27/2023. Compliance Issues referenced to Billings Office for well identification signs FIXED.	Contact with Investor looking to take over wells per inactivity of Noah Energy.
Coalridge Disposal and Petroleum, Inc	3	0/1 Producing 0/2 Injecting	0	Contact made with operator. Operator indicated bankruptcy. Operator is currently under showcause for UIC violation at tomorrows hearing.	Bonds: T1 \$7,000 in 1998; T2 \$7,000, B1 \$10,000. Monitor situation.
Walter S Fees, Jr.& Son Oil and Gas LLC	2	0 Producing	0	Sundry notice received to plug and abandon wells.	2 Bonds at \$1,500. Second letter sent 6/3/2024. Return Reciept received on 6/10/2024.
R & A Oil	13	1/14 Producing 0/1 Injecting	0	Letter Received July 1, 2024 from operatator with tax information.	2nd letter sent 6/4/2024 response received 7/1/2024.

Total Wells August 2024 Meeting 83 13 15.7% of inactive wells from list to be plugged in 2024 by operators.

Total Wells June 2024 Meeting 83

#### **Review of Taylor Well Operating Inactive wells**

Taylor Well Operating inactive well review came under board review with 85% wells shut in on 1/9/2023. 2 producing oil wells, 11 shut in gas wells.

#### Timeline of events:

- 1/9/2023 Certified Letter sent for plans and timeline to come into compliance with ARM 36.22.1303 (1).
- 1/13/2023 Return receipt received by BOGC staff for certified mail sent 1/9/2023.
- 1/24/2023 Phone call from operator indicating issues for services on Plugging wells.
- 11/27/2023 Email response from operator on shut in well review.
  - Services being main issue.
- 11/27/2023 Email to operator by BOGC staff asking if they have contacted other service companies in the area and across the state.
- 11/27/2023 Email response from operator stating they haven't contacted service companies and relying on Stenger Well Services.
- 11/27/2023 Email to operator by BOGC Staff stating what bond forfeiture means and that indications of plans are misleading to staff, and that plan and timeline are do.
- 11/28/2023 Email by operator stating they are trying to get these plugged.
- 1/2/2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Certified Letter sent for plans and timeline to come into compliance with ARM 36.22.1303 (1).
- 1/16/2024 Return receipt received by BOGC staff for certified mail sent 1/2/2024.
- 2/5/2024 Voicemail from operator left stating looking to divest wells to colony.
- 2/6/2024 Email sent to operator stating "please send me an email with an outline of what" Taylor Well Operating plans to do for the shut in wells.
- No Response or updates since from email sent 2/6/2024.

Operators under Show Cause 2024						
CoName	Total Wells SI  4/15 wells  11 producing or injecting		Actions			
Midway Energy, LLC			Plug 3 wells through 2024.	Show Cause per Order 7-A- 2023 Continued to December 2024 Hearing.		
Yellowstone Petroleums Inc 14 9/38 producing		No Action by Operator on wells.	See attached Email for update. Update to be given at October 9th, 2024 business meeting per Order 48-2024.			

#### Davis, Ben

From:

Charles Locke <charlesblocke@aol.com>

Sent:

Sunday, July 14, 2024 12:23 PM

To:

Mary-Jo Hunt; Davis, Ben

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Fwd: Production Reporting

Attachments:

2024.06.10Yellowstone.pdf; 2024\_048.pdf

Ben and Mary Jo; Mary Jo: see above. (and below) for an update.

George, Blumberg, Thumb leases: Rice Rice has one George well pumping but the two other george wells, the Blumberg, and the Thumb wells cannot be started as there is an eagle nest on top of the Tank Battery. The mother eagle "dive bombs" anybody who comes near the battery which serves the above wells and this terrifies our pumper, as it would me.

State wells: Four of the State wells are pumping. The line from the battery to the Water disposal well is still plugged, so we are bring in a pressure pump to try to blow it clear.

Denzer Wells; And mrs Denzer will not allow us onto the land, owned by the State to access the 16-13 well. The other two Denzer wells are in the middle of a grain field, also presumably farmed by the Denzer's and we do not have enough nerve to "go against the grain" so to speak.

Essex wells: Two of the wells we should abandon are just north of the Essex Cobb wells, the Essex Thompson wells. As both the productive Essex Cobb wells need rig work, and Stenger Well Service wishes to purchase this lease, I will ask them to abandon these two as part payment for the rig work needed on the Essex Cobb wells.

Sent from my iPhone

#### Begin forwarded message:

From: "Davis, Ben" <Benjamin.Davis@mt.gov>

**Date:** July 11, 2024 at 1:54:41 PM MDT

To: Charlie Locke <Charlesblocke@aol.com>, maryjo.ypi@gmail.com

**Subject: Production Reporting** 

Good afternoon, Charlie,

The Attached letter was sent on 6/11/2024 by Fed Ex. We received an email on 6/11/2024 with state wells production reporting up to March 2024.

Deliver Tracking by Fed Ex had delivery date of 6/13/2024.

Due to reporting received on 6/11/2024 the same day the letter was sent we will dismiss this violation.

However, Yellowstone Petroleums Inc needs to become compliant by bringing reporting up to date per ARM 36.22.1242. We are getting close to the violation date again.

We are also going to request per this email on plugging plans for the two wells Yellowstone plans to plug this year per Order 48-2024.

Operators responded with Updates as of 8/14/2024						
CoName	Total_Wells	Last_Inj-Prod				
Beartooth Energy, LLC	1/4 wells to remove from bond after inspection of location		Operator plugged 1 Federal Well and 1 Fee Well. Mowell 1 well need inspection before released from bond. Change of Operator has been submitted for the two George wells to Clays Consulting, Inc who has history of returning wells to production.			
Hofland, James D.	3	1 well 12/23	Response received on 4/17/2024. Potlatch 1 and 2 wells transferred to Homestake Oil & Gas Co on 5/8/2024. After transfer there are 3 wells on Hofland, James D. bonds. Hofland 3 Bonds at \$1500 and 1 Bond at \$3000.			
Cypress Energy Partners - Sheridan SWD, LLC	1	7/31/2013	Compliance issues remain. New operator has not submitted bond. Inspection 12/4/2023 still found issues with pit.  No Updates from Operator nor Transferee.			

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

IN THE MATTER OF T.W.O. (TAYLOR WELL OPERATING) INACTIVE WELLS IN LIBERTY AND TOOLE COUNTIES, MONTANA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 10-A-2024

T.W.O. (Taylor Well Operating) (T.W.O.) is the bonded operator of 13 producing wells in Liberty and Toole Counties, Montana.

On January 9, 2023, a certified letter was mailed to T.W.O. 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. T.W.O. responded that is has had issues obtaining well plugging services. Staff provided T.W.O. additional time.

On January 2, 2024, a follow up letter was sent. T.W.O. responded that it is working on transferring some wells to a local colony.

On February 6, 2024, a follow up email was sent to T.W.O. requesting an outline of the plan for the wells. No response was received.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that T.W.O. must submit its plans and timeline for its inactive wells by September 5, 2024, hearing application deadline or show cause at the October 10, 2024, public hearing, as to why it should not immediately plug and abandon its inactive wells in Liberty and Toole Counties, Montana.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

Benjamin Jones, Administrator

#### **Board Business Meeting August 14, 2024**

#### D&A WATER DISPOSAL LLC - FALLON COUNTY, MONTANA

Field and UIC Violation at: BN 12-11 SWD Monarch Field T9N-R58E-11 SW NW

Inactive Oil Well at: BN 11-11

Monarch Field

T9N-R58E-11 NW NW

- 09/27/2022: 5-year MIT due.
- 04/09/2024: Telephone call with Don Wyrick w/ D&A informing him of overdue MIT and to schedule MIT with state inspector to witness.
- 05/09/2024: Inspection found a tank leak at the tank battery up the hill from the injection well.
- 05/30/2024: Follow up inspection found the field issue had not been resolved.
- 05/30/2024: Telephone call with Don Wyrick w/ D&A informing him of field compliance issue and reminding him of the overdue MIT.
- 06/20/2024: Certified letter sent to Don Wyrick with an August 13, 2024, deadline to have well MIT'd and field issue resolved, or the issues would be discussed with the Board at the August 14, 2024, business meeting.
- 6/21/204: Follow up inspection found the field issue had not been resolved and the well had still not bee MIT'd.
- 8/13/2024: Inspection confirmed field compliance issue remains and the well has not been MIT'd.



825	Α			Wells	SI	%	
D&A \	Water Disposal LLC		/ Well	2	2	100%	
T1	UIC Single Well Bond	\$15,000	\$15,000.00	1	1	100%	
G1	Single Well Bond	\$10,000	\$10,000.00	1	1	100%	
	SI Two to Five Years	SI Five to Ten Years	SI Greater than Ten Y	ears	Total		
	1	0	1		2		
825/G1	Single Well Bond					La	st Non-Zero
825 G1	025-21273 BN 11-11	9N-58E	E-11 <b>NW NW</b> 555	FNL, 555 FWL	SI	OIL	6/30/2013
825/T1	UIC Single Well Bo	ond				La	st Non-Zero
825 T1	025-21021 BN 12-11	9N-58B	E-11 SW NW 198	0 FNL, 770 FWL	IA	SWD	9/30/2021

1 Operator(s) Included in Report

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

IN THE MATTER OF D&A WATER DISPOSAL LLC AND ITS FAILURE TO MAINTAIN MECHANICAL INTEGRITY AND FAILURE TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN THE WELLSITE ON THE BN 12-11 WELL (API # 25-025-21021).

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 11-A-2024** 

D&A Water Disposal LLC (D&A) is the operator of the BN 12-11 saltwater disposal well, API # 25-025-21021, located in the SW¼NW¼ of Section 11, T9N-R58E and the inactive BN 11-11 oil well, API 25-025-21273, located in the NW¼NW¼ of Section 11, T9N-R58E, Fallon County, Montana.

On April 9, 2024, staff contacted Don Wyrick with D&A via telephone informing him that D&A had not demonstrated the mechanical integrity at the BN 12-11 well and to address the issue immediately.

On May 9, 2024, a field inspector discovered a leaking tank with contaminated soil around the tank battery. The MIT had not been performed on the BN 12-11 well.

On May 30, 2024, the field issues remained. Staff contacted Don Wyrick with D&A via telephone informing him of the overdue mechanical integrity test (MIT), leaking tank, and contaminated soil.

On June 20, 2024, a certified letter was sent to D&A with an August 13, 2024, deadline to address the compliance issue, or this matter would be brought up at the Board business meeting. No response was received.

As of August 14th, the compliance issue remains outstanding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that failure to come into compliance by the September 5, 2024, hearing application deadline will result in D&A being ordered to show cause at the October 10, 2024, public hearing, as to why additional penalties should not be imposed for failure to remedy the field violations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board staff has authority to dismiss the docket if the violations are resolved prior to the October 10, 2024, public hearing.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2024

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

Benjamin Jones, Administrator

#### **Permitting Activity:**

#### **New Locations Vertical Wells:**

- 2 Permits issued
  - o Hereford Resources, LLC in Rosebud County
  - o Brainstorm Energy, Inc in Toole County

#### **New Locations Horizontal:**

- 14 New locations in Richland and Roosevelt Counties.
  - o Kraken Operating, LLC
  - o Grayson Mill Operating LLC

#### Re-Issued

- 2 Horizontal wells in Richland County
  - o EMEP Operating LLC

#### **Pending APDs**

- 11 total Horizontal Well APDs
  - o Kraken Operating, LLC
  - o Continental Resources, Inc
  - o Phoenix Operating, LLC
- 2 Vertical well APDs
  - o Hereford Resources, LLC
  - o Briscoe Petroleum, LLC

## MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

## BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION

2535 St. Johns Avenue, Billings, MT 59102 (406) 656-0040

ACTIVITIES:

6/16/2024 To 8/14/2024

New Locations:

Rosebud

Wildcat

087-21751

Hereford Resources, LLC

Clink 1

SHL: NE SE 2-9N-35E (1958 FSL/1304 FEL) EL 3069' GR

Proposed Depth: 8000' (Amsden)

32964

Approved: 08/05/2024

Toole

Kevin-Sunburst

101-24688

Brainstorm Energy, Inc.

Goeddertz 13X

SHL: SE SW 23-35N-3W (618 FSL/2417 FWL) EL 3398' GR

32963

PBHL: 1850' SE SW 23-35N-3W (618 FSL/2417 FWL) Madison

Proposed Depth: 1850' (Madison)

Approved: 07/24/2024

New Locations - Horizontal Wells:

Richland

Wildcat.

083-23478

Kraken Operating, LLC

Nate 6-7-18-19 1H

SHL: NW SE 6-24N-59E (595 FNL/2036 FEL) EL 2165' GR

PBHL: 28130' SW SW 19-24N-59E (205 FSL/550 FWL) Bakken

Approved: 06/26/2024

Richland

Wildcat

083-23479

083-23480

Kraken Operating, LLC

Nate 6-7-18-19 2H

SHL: NW SE 6-24N-59E (595 FNL/2003 FEL) EL 2165' GR

PBHL: 27928' SE SW 19-24N-59E (205 FSL/1850 FWL) Bakken

Approved: 06/26/2024

Richland

Wildcat

Nate 6-7-18-19 3H

Kraken Operating, LLC

SHL: NW SE 6-24N-59E (595 FNL/1970 FEL) EL 2165' GR

32949

PBHL: 27840' SW SE 19-24N-59E (205 FSL/1850 FEL) Bakken

Approved:

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ACTIVITIES:

6/16/2024 To 8/14/2024

New Locations - Horizontal Wells:

Richland

Wildcat

083-23481

Kraken Operating, LLC

Nate 6-7-18-19 4H

SHL: NW SE 6-24N-59E (595 FNL/1937 FEL) EL 2165' GR

PBHL: 27969' SE SE 19-24N-59E (205 FSL/550 FEL) Bakken

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Richland

Wildcat

083-23482

Kraken Operating, LLC

TCB 11-2-35 1H

SHL: NE NE 14-26N-57E (834 FNL/869 FEL) EL 2002' GR PBHL: 25692' NW NW 35-27N-57E (1225 FNL/552 FWL) Bakken

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Wildcat

083-23483

Kraken Operating, LLC

TCB 11-2-35 2H

SHL: NE NE 14-26N-57E (836 FNL/836 FEL) EL 2002' GR

32960

PBHL: 25377' NE NW 35-27N-57E (1213 FNL/1808 FWL) Bakken

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Wildcat

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Kraken Operating, LLC

TCB 11-2-35 3H

SHL: NE NE 14-26N-57E (838 FNL/803 FEL) EL 2002' GR

32961

PBHL: 25200' NW NE 35-27N-57E (983 FNL/1835 FEL) Bakken

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Wildcat

083-23485

Kraken Operating, LLC

TCB 11-2-35 4H

SHL: NE NE 14-26N-57E (840 FNL/770 FEL) EL 2002' GR

32962

PBHL: 25140' NE NE 35-27N-57E (971 FNL/575 FEL) Bakken

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Roosevelt

Wildcat

085-22058

Grayson Mill Operating, LLC

Challenger 23-35F 1H

SHL: NW NW 23-28N-59E (532 FNL/1064 FWL) EL 2201' GR

32951

PBHL: 26141' SW SW 35-28N-59E (200 FSL/600 FWL) Bakken

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Grayson Mill Operating, LLC

Challenger 23-35F 2H

SHL: NW NW 23-28N-59E (532 FNL/1094 FWL) EL 2201' GR

32952

PBHL: 26153' SE SW 35-28N-59E (200 FSL/1740 FWL) Bakken

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Grayson Mill Operating, LLC

Challenger 23-35F 3H

SHL: NW NW 23-28N-59E (532 FNL/1124 FWL) EL 2201' GR

PBHL: 25457' SW SE 35-28N-59E (200 FSL/2400 FEL) Bakken

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Grayson Mill Operating, LLC

Challenger 23-35F 4H

SHL: NE NE 23-28N-59E (543 FNL/796 FEL) EL 2137' GR PBHL: 26137' SE SE 35-28N-59E (200 FSL/1270 FEL) Bakken

32954

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Grayson Mill Operating, LLC

Challenger 23-35F 5H

SHL: NE NE 23-28N-59E (543 FNL/766 FEL) EL 2137' GR

32955

PBHL: 26171' SE SE 35-28N-59E (200 FSL/140 FEL) Bakken

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Wildcat

085-22063

Grayson Mill Operating, LLC

Challenger 24-36F 6H

SHL: NE NE 23-28N-59E (543 FNL/736 FEL) EL 2137' GR

PBHL: 25456' SW SW 36-28N-59E (200 FSL/550 FEL) Bakken

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Re-Issued Locations:

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Wildcat

083-22871

EMEP Operating, LLC

Porky-Harold 9-13-HSU

SHL: SW SW 9-24N-54E (275 FSL/400 FWL) EL 2425' GR

32957

PBHL: 15925' NE 5-24N-54E (671 FNL/1001 FEL) Bakken

Richland

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083-22886

EMEP Operating, LLC

Stockade-Calesto 33-3-HSU

SHL: NE NW 33-25N-54E (383 FNL/1863 FWL) EL 2325' GR

Wildcat

32958

PBHL: 16073' SE SE 2-24N-54E (670 FSL/670 FEL) Bakken

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