

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 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, T9N-R58E and the inactive BN 11-11 oil well, API 25-025-21273, located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 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