

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

IN THE MATTER OF LUSTRE SALT WATER DISP,
VERNON R. JUSTICE DBA FAILURE TO MAINTAIN THE
RAYMOND SONSTENG 1-19 WELL, API # 25-105-21247,
VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 14-A-2025

Lustre Salt Water Disp, Vernon R. Justice Dba (Lustre) is the operator of the Raymond Sonsteng 1-19 well, API # 25-105-21247, located in the NW¼SW¼ of Section 19, T31N-R45E, Valley County, Montana. This well has not reported injection since 2006.

On February 21, 2024, the field inspector discovered the netting on the production pit associated with the Raymond Sonsteng 1-19 had fallen and was no longer intact.

On April 1, 2025, the field inspector again visited the location and observed oil on the surface of the pit.

Lustre is in violation of the following rules:

- ARM 36.22.1207(1) – Waste oil must not be stored, disposed of, or retained in earthen storage pits or in open vessels.
- ARM 36.22.1223(1) - Open storage vessels, earthen pits, or ponds that contain oil must be fenced, screened, and netted.

Staff made multiple attempts to contact the operator regarding these violations.

On September 11, 2025, a certified letter was sent to Lustre advising the matter would be discussed at the October 8, 2025, business meeting regarding the operator's failure to repair the pit netting and remove the oil. The letter was delivered on September 13, 2025. As of the October 8, 2025, business meeting, no response has been received.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Lustre must appear and show cause at the December 11, 2025, public hearing, if any it has, why additional penalties should not be assessed for failure to remedy the pit violations, and to discuss its future plans for its well in Valley County, Montana.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2025

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

Benjamin Jones, Administrator