

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

IN THE MATTER OF WESTERN MEADOWLARK
RESOURCES LLC FAILURE TO MAINTAIN ITS WELL
SITES IN SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 9-A-2026

Western Meadowlark Resources LLC (Western Meadowlark) is the operator of 10 producing wells and one injection well in Sheridan County, Montana.

On October 20, 2025, staff conducted a field visit and discovered several rule violations at the following well sites.

- Marvin Ator 2, API # 25-091-21355, located in T32N-R56E-21: C NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
 - Central tank battery with oil staining inside berms.
- Benson 6, API # 25-091-21521, located in T32N-R56E-22: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
 - No well identification.
- Tronson 1, API # 25-091-21242, located in T32N-R56E-27: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 - Leaking wellhead causing an oil mess around the wellhead.
- Tronson 2, API # 25-091-21253, located in T32N-R56E-27, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 - Leaking stuffing box causing an oil mess around the wellhead.

On April 8, 2026, staff discovered a new rule violation at the following well site:

- Tronson 4, API # 25-091-21306, located in T32N-R56E-27: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
 - Oil contaminated soil on location. An overflow tank that caused misting onto Hwy 573. Contaminated soil inside the berms at the tank battery from spills.

On May 11, 2026, a certified letter was mailed to Western Meadowlark with a June 10, 2026, deadline to address the compliance issues or the matter would be brought up at the Board business meeting. The letter was delivered on May 20, 2026. No response was received.

As of June 10th, the compliance issues remain outstanding.

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Western Meadowlark must be in compliance by the July 9, 2026, hearing application deadline, or it will be required to appear at the August 13, 2026, public hearing and show cause, if any it has, why penalties should not be imposed for failure to remedy the violations.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board staff has authority to dismiss the docket if Western Meadowlark achieves compliance prior to the August 13, 2026, public hearing.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2026

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

Benjamin Jones, Administrator