

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

IN THE MATTER OF BLACK GOLD ENERGY RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT, LLC AND THE INDIAN MOUND 1
COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL TRANSFER REQUEST.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 10-A-2026

Siege Environmental Services LLC (Siege) filed an application to request a transfer of plugging, reclamation, and reporting responsibility for the Indian Mound 1 commercial disposal well, API # 25-083-21377, from Black Gold Energy Resource Development LLC (Black Gold) to Siege.

Black Gold is the bonded operator of the Indian Mound 1 commercial disposal well.

At the December 12, 2025, public hearing, Black Gold protested the transfer request. Following testimony and based on the evidence presented at the hearing, the Board determined that Siege has the legal authority to operate the well and inject into the wellbore and that Black Gold did not have legal authority to operate the well or access the well location. The Board issued Order 356-2025 authorizing staff to proceed with administrative review and approval of the change of operator request for the Indian Mound 1 commercial disposal well as submitted by Siege.

On April 28, 2026, a certified letter was sent to Siege and Black Gold with a June 10, 2026, deadline to provide the necessary notarized organization report and \$40,000 plugging and reclamation bond to complete the transfer, or this matter would be brought up at the Board business meeting on June 10, 2026.

Siege responded that it has some questions and concerns regarding the condition of the facility.

To date, Siege has not submitted the required bond or paperwork necessary for Board staff to approve the transfer.

As a result, no transfer of operator responsibility has been approved by the Board, and Black Gold remains the recognized bonded operator of record for the Indian Mound 1 commercial disposal well despite not having the legal authority to operate the well or access the well location.

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Black Gold must appear at the August 13, 2026, public hearing and show-cause, if any it has, why it should not be ordered to immediately plug and abandon its Indian Mound 1 well located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, T23N-R55E, Richland County, Montana.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board staff has the authority to dismiss the docket if the transfer has been approved 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