

**Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Supervisor's Report to Commission – Mark Watson
July 2017**



APDs:

There were 458 APDs approved during the month of June 2017. That number is down from 699 that were approved in May 2017.

The number of APDs received in June 2017 was 967 which was an increase from 718 the previous month.

RIG COUNT:

According to Baker Hughes' Rig Count Summary Report ending June 30, 2017 the rig count was 25. The rig count last year at this time was seven.

BONDS:

The end of June 2017 bond report is as follows:

Total Bond Amount \$179,407,031 Idle wells \$122,839,406

FLARE:

The volume of approved flared gas for April 2017 from seven wells was 67,200 MCF total.

However, the actual flared volume of gas for the same time period was 7,704 MCF total; which is approximately 11% of the approved volume.

There are currently five oil wells flaring in excess of the 60 MCFD limit, in accordance with WOGCC Rule Chapter 3, Section 39(b); that requires Supervisor or Commission approval.

ORPHAN WELL UPDATE:

In June 2017, 56 wells were removed from the Orphan Well Plugging list (YTD total is 198).

Remaining under contract are 126 wells in the Arvada - 2016 package.

Plugging of two conventional wells in Niobrara County (total footage 12,283') commenced, and bids close next week for the 17 Industrial Gas Service wells in Sweetwater County (total footage 170,450').

Lien searches are being completed for the 187 well Kuhn Ranch - 2017 CBM package.

Two (2) wells were added to the orphan well list from the Commission's actions at the June hearings: Bear Oil and Gas (1) and Armada Operating (1). Storm Cat Energy and Petcon wells will be added when the grace periods imposed by the Commission for posting of bonds have expired.

POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Protest Policy for Applications for Permit to Drill will start at the August 2017 hearing. The policy is available on WOGCC's website.