

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



APDs:

The number of APDs received in November 2017 was 1485, which was an increase from 1348 the previous month.

RIG COUNT:

According to Baker Hughes' Rig Count Summary Report ending December 1, 2017, the rig count was 25. The rig count last year at this time was 19.

BONDS:

The end of November 2017 bond report is as follows:

Total Bond Amount \$184,407,132 Idle wells \$126,088,556

FLARE:

The volume of approved flared gas for September 2017 from five wells was 24,100 MCF total.

However, the actual flared volume of gas for the same time period was 13,149 MCF total; which is approximately 55 percent of the approved volume.

There are currently four 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 November, one well was plugged. The depth of the IGS well in Sweetwater County is approximately 13,000 feet and requires a longer time to plug.

An additional 11 wells were removed from the orphan well list after review of their documented status in the well files. This includes five wells to be used for water wells, three wells found to have already been plugged, and three wells assigned to a new operator. In 2017, 379 wells have been removed from the list, leaving 3,622 wells currently orphaned. Since 2014, 2,078 wells have been removed from the list.

Two remaining wells to be plugged in the Arvada - 2016 program will be deferred until 2018 due to extensive road work needed to access the locations. Twelve IGS wells, averaging 9,000 feet in depth, remain to be plugged in the Sweetwater - 2017 package, which is in progress and will continue throughout the winter as weather conditions permit. The Kuhn Ranch - 2017 project (approximately 200 wells) will likely begin in early 2018.