

**Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
Supervisor's Report to Commission – Mark Watson  
March 2020**



**APDs:**

The number of APDs received in February 2020 was 181 – a decrease of 181 or 50% from previous month.

**RIG COUNT:**

According to Drill Info, the rig count report for the week of March 9, 2020 is 21, down 4 from last month.

The Wyoming rig count according to Baker Hughes for this week is 21. The Wyoming rig count this time last year was 36 according to Baker Hughes' historical records.

**MONTHLY PRODUCTION:** Wyoming oil production for December 2019 was 9,258,509 BOO, up by approximately 14% from December of 2018.

Wyoming gas production for December 2019 was 137,910,468 MCF, down approximately 8% from December 2018.

**BONDS:**

The end of February 2020 bond report is as follows:

Total bond amount was \$224,002,324. Idle wells bond was \$158,001,719 which is approximately 70% of the total bond amount.

**FLARE:**

The volume of approved flared gas for December 2019 from 31 wells was 587,200 MCF total.

However, the actual flared volume of gas for the same time period was 88,314 MCF total; which is 15 percent of the approved volume.

There are currently 9 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:**

- A total of 9 wells were removed from the Orphan Well Program list for the month of February.
- A statewide bid for the 6 Antelope and Ventrum wells closed February 14. 2 CBM projects went out late February and closed March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Work will begin on these projects when weather permits

**Update on 2020 Legislation**

The WOGCC has been following two bills, HB 14 and SF 45.

- HB 14 is the forced pooling bill that will allow the original mineral owner the option to take a royalty instead of a working interest.
- SF 45 moves the jurisdiction of Commercial Class II oil and gas wells from the DEQ to the WOGCC. This will involve a rulemaking process before enacted upon.