

**United States Department of the Interior
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DECISION RECORD

**Vess Oil Flaring Request
DOI-BLM-MT-C020-2016-0032-DNA**

Location: Sheridan County
Federal 1-5H, NENE Section 6, T31N-R59E
Federal 22-5, SENW Section 5, T31N-R59E

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It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action as described in DOI-BLM-MT-C020-2016-0032-DNA, authorizing the flaring of casinghead gas from two federal oil wells producing on lease MTM82973; Federal 1-5H, NENE Section 6, T31N-R59E and Federal 22-5, SENW Section 5, T31N-R59E. EA DOI-BLM-MT-C020-2011-0256-EA analyzed these same actions and will be incorporated into the proposal. Based on the Documentation of NEPA Adequacy, I have determined that the proposed action involves no significant impact to the human environment and no further analysis is required. The Proposed Action is in conformance with the 2015 Miles City Approved Resource management Plan.

Terms and Conditions of Approval:

1. No royalty shall accrue if the gas is vented or flared from the above captioned facilities.
2. This approval does not constitute approval via permit or rule to vent gas from the Oil and Gas Conservation Division, Department of Natural Resource and Conservation of the State of Montana or the Air Quality Division, Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences. Venting and flaring cannot occur unless it is in compliance with the aforementioned agencies' permits and administrative rules.
3. This approval is in effect until April 1, 2017, unless conditions change that would allow the vented/flared gas to be sold. Approval to vent/flare gas after this date will require another NTL-4A application or evidence submitted on Sundry Notice Form 3160-5 that the same conditions exist for which this approval was given.

Compliance with Laws & Conformance with the Land Use Plan

This decision is in conformance with the 2015 Miles City Record of Decision/Approved Resource Management Plan.

Administrative Remedies

You have the right to request a State Director Review of this decision and these Conditions of Approval pursuant to 43 CFR 3165.3(b). An SDR request, including all supporting documentation shall be filed with the Montana State Office, State Director (MT-920) at 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669 within 20 business days of your receipt of this decision. If adversely affected by the State Director's decision, it can be further appealed to the

Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) pursuant to 43 CFR 3165.4, 43 CFR 4.411, and 43 CFR 4.413. Should you fail to timely request an SDR, or after receiving the State Director's decision, fail to timely file an appeal with IBLA, no further administrative review of this decision would be possible.

Signature of Authorized Official

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Date