

Well Review Definitions

Shut-in (SI) Well - A well that is physically and mechanically capable of producing oil and/or gas in paying quantities or capable of service use but had no volumes of oil and/or gas produced or fluids injected during the month. Also called Inactive well.

Temporarily Abandoned (TA) Well - A well that is physically or mechanically incapable of producing oil and/or gas of sufficient value to exceed direct operating costs but may have value for a future oil/gas completion or as a service completion for enhanced recovery or water disposal.

Orphan Well - A well that is not associated with a responsible or liable party nor has sufficient bond coverage for plugging and surface restoration costs.

Idle Well - A well that has been shut in or temporarily abandoned for 12 consecutive months or longer.

Idle Well Review - The action taken by BLM to resolve an idle well situation. If BLM determines during the idle well review that a well does not have a beneficial use, the well shall be plugged and abandoned by the operator.