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## **Sklar stakes 9400-ft northern Natchitoches Parish test**

Sklar Exploration plans to drill a 9400-ft vertical Hosston test in far northern Natchitoches Parish.

The 1 Pavillion Land 6-5 (API 17-069-20447) will be drilled in the se sw nw of section 6-13n-7w, within the Ashland city limits. There has been no Hosston production in the vicinity.

Less than a half-mile to the northwest is a deep vertical test drilled in section 1-13n-8w. Will-Drill Producing 1 Warren was abandoned in 2004 at a total depth of 10,740 ft in the Cotton Valley.

Most of the wells in North Louisianas Ashland field are within two miles southwest of Sklars scheduled Hosston test. The bulk of the wells in the area produced oil and gas through perforations in the Nacatoch (1450-1550 ft) and Tuscaloosa (3100-3300 ft). The lone current producer in the area is Iron Spring Operatings B2 A.R. Johnson in section 1-13n-8w. In January, recovery from the Ashland field well totaled 299 bbls of crude. The 3293-ft well produces through Tuscaloosa perforations at 3280-92 ft.

Deeper production in Ashland field comes from a handful of horizontal gas wells generally south of Sklars scheduled test. Wells operated by SND Operating produce through perforations in the Cotton Valley and Haynesville Shale. In January, three horizontal wells recovered 19.4 million cu ft of gas.

Ashland field was opened in 1946.

