Oil and gas wells on Denver International Airport’s lands aren't making a lot of money, according to a new report from Denver Auditor Timothy O’Brien.

In fact, a review of the well operations and revenue for the first nine months of 2017 found that 26 of the 71 wells in airport’s 53-square-miles of land were losing money.

Six of the 26 wells had been shut down temporarily and the other 20 wells lost $200,000, the auditor’s office said Thursday.

Taken collectively, the 71 wells brought in “a little more than $617,000” in net revenue during the first nine months of 2017, the report said.

“The airport needs to take a closer look at whether it’s a good idea to continue operating wells that could be costing – instead of making – money on the airport’s land,” O’Brien said in a statement.

DIA, in its written response to the audit, said it has hired the University of Wyoming’s College of Business and Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute to do a feasibility study on the airport’s oil and gas operations – including a well-by-well review.

The company hired to manage the wells, PetroPro Engineering Inc., also has reviewed the wells’ performance, DIA said.

PetroPro recommended two of the 20 shut-in wells be plugged and abandoned, DIA said in its response, signed by Greg Karayiannakis, DIA’s senior vice president for airline and commercial affairs.

DIA said in a statement that airport officials agreed with the auditor’s recommendations and are working to implement recommended changes by May.

“As with any such operation, some of the wells produce better than others,” DIA said in a statement, noting that profit margins are “greatly affected by the fluctuating price of oil.”

The oil and gas sector nationwide underwent a major downturn in the last few years and is just starting to regain its financial feet.

PetroPro’s contract is for up to $5.6 million to operate and maintain the wells for DIA between Nov. 16, 2016 and October 2021.

In 2015, DIA had 76 oil and gas wells which had generated between $5 million and $7 million a year since 2010, according to an airport spokesman.

DIA’s oil and gas revenues are used to help pay for airport operations.