

other place or in any manner which would constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies and said disposal has not previously been prohibited.

(4) That the aforesaid Order No. R-3221 was issued in order to afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies designated by the State Engineer through disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, in unlined surface pits.

(5) That the State Engineer has designated, pursuant to Section 65-3-11 (15), N.M.S.A., 1953 Compilation, all underground water in the State of New Mexico containing 10,000 parts per million or less of dissolved solids as fresh water supplies to be afforded reasonable protection against contamination; except that said designation does not include any water for which there is no present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use that would be impaired by contamination.

(6) That the applicant seeks an exception to the provisions of the aforesaid Order (3) to permit the disposal of salt water, produced by applicant's wells completed or to be completed in said quarter section, in unlined surface pits on said lease.

(7) That wells presently completed on the subject lease produce approximately 84 barrels of water per day.

(8) That there appears to be no shallow fresh water wells within a radius of four miles of the subject lease.

(9) That there appears to be no shallow fresh water in the vicinity of the subject unlined pits for which a present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use is or will be made that would be impaired by contamination.

(10) That the applicant should be permitted to dispose of salt water produced by wells completed or to be completed on the subject lease in unlined surface pits located on said lease.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, V. S. Welch, is hereby granted an exception to Order (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended,