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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SWD-554

APPLICATION OF MW PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Under the provisions of Rule 701(B), MW Petroleum Corporation made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on November 23, 1993, for permission to complete for salt water disposal its Jicarilla Apache Tribal 124 Well No. 7 located 990 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 13, Township 25 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FINDS THAT:

- (1) The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 701(B) of the Division Rules and Regulations;
- (2) Satisfactory information has been provided that all offset operators and surface owners have been duly notified;
- (3) The applicant has presented satisfactory evidence that all requirements prescribed in Rule 701 will be met; and
 - (4) No objections have been received within the waiting period prescribed by said rule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The applicant herein, MW Petroleum Corporation is hereby authorized to complete its Jicarilla Apache Tribal 124 Well No. 7 located 990 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 13, Township 25 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, in such manner as to permit the injection of salt water for disposal purposes into the Burro Canyon formation at approximately 8039 feet to 8100 feet through 2 7/8-inch plastic-lined tubing set in a packer located at approximately 8000 feet.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

The operator shall take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.

Prior to commencing injection operations into the well, the casing shall be pressure tested from the surface to the packer setting depth to assure the integrity of said casing.

The casing-tubing annulus shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with a pressure gauge at the surface or left open to the atmosphere to facilitate detection of leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

The injection well or system shall be equipped with a pressure limiting device which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 1608 psi.

The Director of the Division may authorize an increase in injection pressure upon a proper showing by the operator of said well that such higher pressure will not result in migration of the injected fluid from the Burro Canyon formation. Such proper showing shall consist of a valid step-rate test run in accordance with and acceptable to this office.

The operator shall notify the supervisor of the Aztec District Office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment and of the mechanical integrity test so that the same may be inspected and witnessed.

The operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Aztec District Office of the Division of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer in said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, jurisdiction of this cause is hereby retained by the Division for the entry of such further order or orders as may be deemed necessary or convenient for the prevention of waste and/or protection of correlative rights; upon failure of the operator to conduct operations in a manner which will ensure the protection of fresh water or in a manner inconsistent with the requirements set forth in this order, the Division may, after notice and hearing, terminate the injection authority granted herein.

The operator shall submit monthly reports of the disposal operations in accordance with Rule Nos. 706 and 1120 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

The injection authority granted herein shall terminate one year after the effective date of this order if the operator has not commenced injection operations into the subject well, provided however, the Division, upon written request by the operator, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown.

This approval is subject to like approval from the Jicarilla Tribal Environmental Protection Agency prior to commencement of injection operations.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 24th day of March, 1994.

WILLIAM J. LEMAY, Director

WJL/BES/amg

xc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

NM State Land Office - Oil and Gas Division US Bureau of Land Management - Farmington

Jicarilla Tribal EPA

Ernie Busch

From:

Ernie Busch

To:

Ben Stone; David Catanach

Subject:

MW PETROLEUM CORPORATION (SWD)

Date:

Tuesday, February 15, 1994 8:05AM

Priority:

High

JICARILLA APACHE 124 #7 M-13-25N-04W RIO ARRIBA

RECOMMEND: The operator to determine if the water in the Burro Canyon is greater than 10,000 tds, before we approve the application administratively. Also require the operator to run a CBL.

MW PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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MW Petroleum Corporation C/O Apache Corporation 304 N. Behrend Ave. Farmington, NM 87401 (505)-325-0318

February 3, 1994

RE: Application on Form C-108 for a Produced Water Disposal Well.

Director:

Enclosed is the application for a disposal well, converting the Jicarilla Apache Tribal 124 #7, presently a West Lindrith Gallup Dakota well, producing only the Gallup.

The produced water will come from all the MW Petroleum Corporation (managed by Apache Corporation) and all the Apache Corporation wells in and around the area. The produced water is presently being disposed of in a commercial evaporative pond located in the area.

Since Mobil Oil Corporation was granted approval (Administrative Order SWD-355, Attachment "H" page 6) for their Lindrith "B" #25 disposal well in the Burro Canyon formation. MW Petroleum Corporation is requesting that the well be granted administrative approval instead of going to hearing.

If all the information requirements have not been met, please notify the undersigned.

Thank you,

MW Petroleum Corporation

Apache Corporation

Stan Phillips, Production Foreman

CC: Oil Conservation Division - Santa Fe, NM; Aztec, NM MW Petroleum Corporation - Denver, CO BIA - Realty Meridian Oil Co. Conoco Inc.

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