

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
OF THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the provisions of Order No. R-3714, Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp. has made application to the Commission on February 13, 1978, for permission to expand its La Plata Mancos Unit Area Pressure Maintenance Project in the La Plata-Gallup Oil Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico.

NOW, on this 16th day of March, 1978, the Secretary-Director finds:

1. That application has been filed in due form.
2. That satisfactory information has been provided that all operators of offset acreage have been duly notified; and
3. That no objections have been received within the waiting period prescribed by Order No. R-3714.
4. That the proposed injection well is eligible for conversion to water injection under the terms of Order No. R-3714.
5. That the proposed expansion of the above-referenced water flood project will not cause waste nor impair correlative rights.
6. That the application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the applicant, Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp., be and the same is hereby authorized to inject gas into the Niobrara Member of the Mancos formation through plastic-lined tubing set in a packer at approximately 2245 feet in the following described well for purposes of pressure maintenance, to wit:

La Plata Mancos Unit Well No. 6, located in Unit C of Section 6, Township 31 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

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

That 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.

That the injection well or system shall be equipped with a pop-off valve or device which will limit the wellhead pressure to a maximum of 1550 pounds per square inch; provided however that the Secretary-Director of the Commission may administratively authorize a pressure limitation in excess of the above upon the operator's establishing that such higher pressure will not result in fracturing of confining strata.

That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the Commission's Aztec District Office before injection is commenced through said well;

That the operator shall immediately notify the Supervisor of the Commission's Aztec District Office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely or necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


JOE D. RAMEY
Secretary-Director