

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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**BY ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

Chevron USA Inc. (OGRID 4323)  
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Midland, TX 79706  
c/o Cody Comiskey, Subsurface Advisor  
E-mail contact: cody.comiskey@chevron.com

**RE: Hearing Order No. R-23087; UIC Permit SWD-2538; Extension of Injection Authority**

Well: Papa Squirrel Federal SWD No.1

Location: Sec. 13, Township 26 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico

Latitude/Longitude: 32040937° N and 103.634196° W NAD83

Order Date: March 4, 2024

Injection formations: Bell Canyon and Cherry Canyon Formations of the Delaware Mountain Group; 4654 feet to 7285 feet

Dear Mr. Comiskey:

Reference is made to your December 4, 2024, request on behalf of Chevron USA, Inc. (the "operator") to extend the deadline stipulated in Underground Injection Control ("UIC") Permit SWD-2538 under Section I(A)3(a), which states that "the permit shall expire one year after the date of issuance if injection has not commenced into the well; however, the OCD (Oil Conservation Division or "Division") may grant a single extension of no longer than one (1) year for good cause shown. The permittee shall submit a written request for an extension to the OCD Engineering Bureau no later than thirty (30) days prior to the deadline for commencing injection." Your request was received prior to the deadline stated in the permit.

It is the Division's understanding from your correspondence that since the date of issuance of this UIC permit, no additional wells that penetrate the approved injection interval have been drilled in the one-mile Area of Review ("AOR"). Additionally, no new affected parties have been identified in the AOR. Therefore, the extension request may be reviewed administratively for approval.

The Division finds that for the reasons you have stated, granting this request to extend the UIC permit is in the interest of conservation, will prevent waste, and will protect the environment.

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Consequently, the deadline to commence injection for the existing order is hereby extended until March 4, 2026.

All requirements of the above-referenced hearing order, associated UIC permit, and any agreements in the application remain in full force and effect. Any additional extension of the deadline to commence injection for this UIC permit will not be considered unless the operator has already commenced drilling of the referenced well. Otherwise, the injection authority shall expire under the terms of the extended permit and the operator shall be required to submit a new application to obtain injection authority for the referenced well.



**GERASIMOS RAZATOS**  
**Director (Acting)**

**DATE:** 1/14/2025

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cc: Case No. 23686  
File for UIC Permit SWD-2538

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