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Administrative Order SWD-1453-A  
April 7, 2014

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Pursuant to the provisions of 19.15.26.8B, NMAC, Fasken Oil and Ranch, Limited (the "operator") seeks an administrative order to utilize its Quail 16 State Well No. 2 with a surface location of 1230 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line, Unit letter N of Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, for produced water disposal purposes. This order supersedes Administrative Order SWD-1453 approved on December 23, 2013.

**THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FINDS THAT:**

The application has been duly filed under the provisions of 19.15.26.8B, NMAC and satisfactory information has been provided that affected parties as defined in said rule have been notified. The applicant has presented satisfactory evidence that all requirements prescribed in 19.15.26.8 NMAC have been met and the operator is in compliance with 19.15.5.9 NMAC.

The operator petitioned the Division to amend Administrative Order SWD-1453 for approval of the proposed top of the injection interval as submitted in application dated October 11, 2013. The operator provided supplemental information for its application which identified lithologic boundaries and evidence of a low porosity interval that confines the injection interval below the proposed top of 5334 feet. The operator also provided an analysis to support an absence of significant hydrocarbon potential for this interval. Recognizing this proposed top of interval was identified in the notification conducted for the application, the Division approves the extension of the injection interval to the original application depth of 5334 feet. Note that with this change in top of injection interval, the maximum surface injection pressure approved under this Order is **decreased to 1067 psig.**

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

Fasken Oil and Ranch, Limited (OGRID 151416), is hereby authorized to utilize its Quail 16 State Well No. 2 (API 30-025-39340) with a surface location of 1230 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line, Unit letter N of Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, for disposal of oil field produced water (UIC Class II only) into the Delaware Mountain Group (Bell Canyon, Cherry Canyon, and Brushy Canyon formations) through perforations from approximately **5334 feet to 8255 feet.** Injection will occur through internally-coated, 2 7/8-inch tubing and a packer set within 100 feet of the top perforation in the permitted interval.

The operator will install a cast-iron bridge plug (CIBP or equivalent type plug) with a cement cap that will become the bottom-hole plug for the injection well. The CIBP will be located in the casing within 200 feet of the deepest perforation and above the diverter valve (identified as DV2 in the proposed completion diagram) at approximately 8493 feet.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

The operator shall take all steps necessary to ensure that the disposed water enters only the approved disposal interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface. This includes the well construction proposed and described in the application.

After installing tubing, the casing-tubing annulus shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with a pressure gauge or an approved leak detection device in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer. The casing shall be pressure tested from the surface to the packer setting depth to assure casing integrity.

The well shall pass an initial mechanical integrity test ("MIT") prior to initially commencing disposal and prior to resuming disposal each time the disposal packer is unseated. All MIT testing procedures and schedules shall follow the requirements in Division Rule 19.15.26.11A. NMAC. The Division Director retains the right to require at any time wireline verification of completion and packer setting depths in this well.

The wellhead injection pressure on the well shall be limited to **no more than 1067 psig**. In addition, the disposal well or system shall be equipped with a pressure limiting device in workable condition which shall, at all times, limit surface tubing pressure to the maximum allowable pressure for this well.

The Director of the Division may authorize an increase in tubing pressure upon a proper showing by the operator of said well that such higher pressure will not result in migration of the disposed fluid from the target formation. Such proper showing shall be demonstrated by sufficient evidence including but not limited to an acceptable Step-Rate Test.

The operator shall notify the supervisor of the Division's district I office of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment and of any MIT test so that the same may be inspected and witnessed. The operator shall provide written notice of the date of commencement of disposal to the Division's district I office. The operator shall submit monthly reports of the disposal operations on Division Form C-115, in accordance with Division Rules 19.15.26.13 and 19.15.7.24 NMAC.

Without limitation on the duties of the operator as provided in Division Rules 19.15.29 and 19.15.30 NMAC, or otherwise, the operator shall immediately notify the Division's district I office of any failure of the tubing, casing or packer in the well, or of any leakage or release of water, oil or gas from around any produced or plugged and abandoned well in the area, and shall take such measures as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

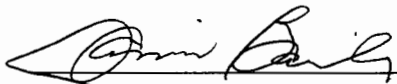
The injection authority granted under this order is not transferable except upon division approval. The Division may require the operator to demonstrate mechanical integrity of any injection well that will be transferred prior to approving transfer of authority to inject.

The Division may revoke this injection permit after notice and hearing if the operator is in violation of 19.15.5.9 NMAC.

The disposal authority granted herein shall terminate two (2) years after the effective date of this order if the operator has not commenced injection operations into the subject well. One year after the last date of reported disposal into this well, the Division shall consider the well abandoned, and the authority to dispose will terminate *ipso facto*. The Division, upon written request mailed by the operator prior to the termination date, may grant an extension thereof for good cause.

Compliance with this order does not relieve the operator of the obligation to comply with other applicable federal, state or local laws or rules, or to exercise due care for the protection of fresh water, public health and safety and the environment.

Jurisdiction is retained by the Division for the entry of such further orders as may be necessary for the prevention of waste and/or protection of correlative rights or upon failure of the operator to conduct operations (1) to protect fresh or protectable waters or (2) consistent with the requirements in this order, whereupon the Division may, after notice and hearing, terminate the disposal authority granted herein.



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