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Whitney McKee.
Solaris Water Midstream, LLC
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Re: Request for Extension to Commence Injection

Administrative Order SWD-2321
Aurora Fed SWD Well No. 1 [30-025-Pending]

Dear Ms. McKee:

The Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”) has reviewed Solaris Water Midstream, LLC’s (“Solaris”) requests for extension to commence injection for the specified well. The request was received prior to the applicable deadline.

The well is located within a ten (10) mile radius of the Hat Mesa Seismic Review Area (“Area of Review”). On November 23, 2021, OCD published a notice to operators stating that pending UIC well applications within the Area of Review require additional review and will not be approved for at least one year or until an appropriate response plan is established for the Hat Mesa Seismic Review Area.

The available data indicates that injection into UIC wells in the Area of Review is a potential cause or contributor to seismic activity in the Hat Mesa Seismic Review Area. Accordingly, OCD has determined that Solaris’ requests for extension to commence injection for the specified well will require additional review and will not be approved for at least one year or until an appropriate response plan is established for the Hat Mesa Seismic Review Area. Because Solaris timely filed the request, OCD will consider its subsequent decision whether to grant or deny the requests to relate back to the applicable deadlines, and Solaris will not be required to file new applications unless otherwise determined by OCD.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the OCD Engineering Bureau at, OCD.engineer@state.nm.us.



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Date: 4/28/2022

cc: OCD Engineering Bureau