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Administrative Order IPI-305
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RE: Injection Pressure Increase
Wersell Federal Well No. 2
Unit D, Sec 4, T22S, R27E
Eddy County, New Mexico
SWD-301, Delaware Injection 2,832 – 3,794

Reference is made to your request received by the Division on September 25, 2008, to increase the surface injection pressure on the Wersell Federal Well No. 2. This well was approved by the Division for injection in SWD-301. It is our understanding that this well will not take a sufficient volume of water at the present pressure limit and a higher pressure limit is needed for water disposal operations.

This request is based on a step rate test conducted on February 28, 2008. The results of the step rate test show that an increase in the surface injection pressure is justified and will not result in the fracturing of the injection formation and confining strata.

You are therefore authorized to increase the surface injection pressure on the following well:

Well, API, and Location	Maximum Permitted Surface Injection Pressure
Wersell Federal Well No. 2 API No. 30-015-24845 Unit D, Sec 4, T22S, R27E	900 PSIG into 2-3/8" Tubing

The operator is responsible for ensuring injected waters do not migrate upward inside or outside of the casing and enter formations above the permitted injection interval.



The Division Director may rescind this injection pressure increase if it becomes apparent that the injected fluid is not being confined to the injection zone or is endangering protectable water aquifers.

Sincerely,



2 Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Division Director

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Artesia
File: SWD-301