

THE APPLICATION OF UNION TEXAS PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR A SALT WATER DISPOSAL WELL.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Under the provisions of Rule 701(B), Union Texas Petroleum Corp. made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on June 9, 1981, for permission to complete for salt water disposal its Gregory El Paso Federal No. 4 located in Unit K of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

The Division Director finds:

(1) That application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 701(B) of the Division Rules and Regulations;

(2) That satisfactory information has been provided that all offset operators and surface owners have been duly notified; and

(3) That the applicant has presented satisfactory evidence that all requirements prescribed in Rule 701 will be met.

(4) That no objections have been received within the waiting period prescribed by said rule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the applicant herein, Union Texas Petroleum Corp. is hereby authorized to complete its Gregory El Paso Federal No. 4, located in Unit K of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to permit the injection of salt water for disposal purposes into the San Andres formation from 3990 feet to 4682 feet through 2 3/8-inch plastic lined tubing set in a packer located at approximately 3900 feet.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

That the operator shall take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water 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 pressure limiting device which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 800 psi.

That the Director of the Division may authorize an increase in injection pressure upon a proper showing by the

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operator of said well that such higher pressure will not result in migration of the injected fluid from the San Andres formation.

That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.

That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Division's Hobbs 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 and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That jurisdiction of this cause is hereby retained by the Division for such further order or orders as may seem necessary or convenient for the prevention of waste and/or protection of correlative rights; upon failure of applicant to comply with any requirement of this order after notice and hearing, the Division may terminate the authority hereby granted in the interest of conservation. That applicant shall submit monthly reports of the disposal operations in accordance with Rule 706 and 1120 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 13th day of October, 1981.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION


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