



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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September 2, 1998

Oxy USA, Inc.
P.O. Box 50250
Midland, Texas 79710-0250

Attn: Mr. David Stewart

**RE: Injection Pressure Increase,
State 'DW' Well No.4, SWD,
Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Stewart:

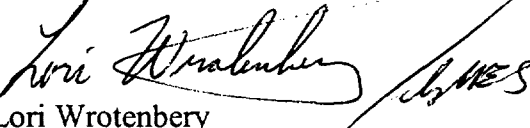
Reference is made to your request dated July 22, 1998 to increase the surface injection pressure on the above referenced well. This request is based on a step rate test conducted on July 2, 1998. The results of the test have been reviewed by my staff and we feel an increase in injection pressure on this well is justified at this time.

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

Well and Location	Maximum Surface Injection Pressure
State 'DW' Well No.4	2106 PSIG
Located in 'F' of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico.	

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

Sincerely,


Lori Wrotenbery
Director

LW/BES

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs
Files: SWD-287; PSI-X 1st QTR99