

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT II FOR AN EMERGENCY  
ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN APPROVED APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS  
TO DRILL, AND FOR ADOPTION OF SPECIAL RULES FOR DRILLING IN  
CERTAIN AREAS FOR THE PROTECTION OF FRESH WATER, CHAVES AND  
EDDY COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO**

**CASE NO. 15487  
ORDER NO. R-14164**

**ORDER OF THE DIVISION**

This case came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on May 10, 2016, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner William V. Jones, on Applicant's request for issuance of an INTERIM ORDER, after notice and hearing, (such Interim Order to be effective until a full hearing is had on the merits of this Application and an Order issued thereon) suspending all existing, approved APDs for wells not yet drilled within the Designated Area, and authorizing the District Supervisor to approve exceptions to such suspension upon demonstration that fresh water sources will be adequately protected.

NOW, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, the Division Director, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner,

**FINDS THAT:**

[1] An emergency exists that requires the extension of the suspension of Applications for Permits to Drill (APDs) heretofore approved for the drilling of wells in the Designated Area identified below until a full hearing is had on the merits in this case, and an Order is issued thereon.

[2] The emergency exists because APDs that the Division has heretofore approved, and are now in force the conditions of which may not adequately protect certain fresh water aquifer(s) in the area specified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto (Designated Area), and a hearing cannot practicably be held until at least June 15, 2016.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

[1] All Applications for Permits to Drill that the Division has heretofore approved and that have not expired, for wells not yet drilled, within the Designated Area (as defined on Exhibit A attached to this Order), are hereby suspended during the term of this Order.

[2] The District Supervisor of Oil Conservation Division District II is authorized to make exceptions to the suspension above provided upon conditions that he determines will adequately protect all sources of fresh water designated by the State Engineer.

[3] This Order shall remain in force until a full hearing is had on the merits of the Application filed by the District Supervisor in this case, and an Order is issued thereon.

[4] Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.



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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David R. Catanach".

DAVID R. CATANACH  
Director

Exhibit A

T 7S R21E - All - All, T 7S R22E - All - All, T7S R23E - All - All, T7S R24E Sec 4-9, 16-21, 27-34

T 8S R21E - All, T 8S R22E - All, T8S R23E - All, T8S R24E Sec 2-11, 13-36 T8S R25E Sec 30 & 31

T 9S R21E - All, T 9S R22E - All, T9S R23E - All, T9S R24E Sec 6-8, 18-20, 29-33

T 10S R21E - All, T 10S R22E - All, T10S R23E, T10S R24E - All, T10S R25E Sec 4-10, 14-24, 26-35

T11S R21E - All, T11S R22E - All, T11S R23E - All, T11S R24E - All, T11S R25E Sec 2-11, 14-23, 26-36

T12S R21E - All, T12S R22E - All, T12S R23E - All, T12S R24E - All, T12 R25E - All, T12S R26E Sec 5-8, 16-20, 26-35

T13S R21E - All, T13S R22E - All, T13S R23E - All, T13S R24E - All, T13S R25E - All T13S R26E Sec 2-11, 14-23, 27-35

T14S R21E - All, T14S R22E - All, T14S R23E - All, T14S R24E - All, T14S R25E - All T14S R26E - All

T15S R21E - All, T15S R22E - All, T15S R23E - All, T15S R24E - All, T15S R25E - All T15S R26E Sec 1-11, 14-23, 27-33

T16S R21E - All, T16S R23E - All, T16S R24E - All, T16S R25E - All, T16S R26E - All T16S R27E Sec 19 & 30

T17S R21E - All, T17S R23E - All, T17S R24E - All, T17S R25E - All, T17S R26E - All T17S R27E Sec 5-8, 18, 19, 30, 31

T18S R23E - All, T18S R24E - All, T18S R25E - All T18S R26E - All, T18S R27E Sec 6,7, 18, 19, 30, 31

T19S R23E - All, T19S R24E - All, T19S R25E - All T19S R26E - All T19S R27E Sec 5-8, 18,19

T20S R23E - All, T20S R24E - All, T20S R25E - All T20S R26E Sec 1-12, 14-23, 28-32

T20.5S R22E - All, T20.5S R23E - All