

DATA FOR  
PROPOSED PILOT WATER FLOOD PROJECT  
WILLIAM A. RAMSAY "A" LEASE  
EUMONT AND SOUTH EUNICE OIL POOLS  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION HEARING  
NOVEMBER 2, 1960  
CASE NO. 2111

Gulf Oil Corporation  
Roswell District

WATER FLOOD DATA FOR HEARING BEFORE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

OPERATOR Gulf Oil Corporation DATE November 2, 1960

LEASE William A. Ramsay "A"

POOLS Eumont Oil and South Eunice Oil COUNTY Lea

RESERVOIR Queen

Other operators injecting into this reservoir in these pools None

I. Reservoir and Fluid Characteristics

A. Information on entire reservoir

1. Name of reservoir Queen
2. Composition Gray, fine-grained, shaly sandstone interbedded with tan and gray fine to medium crystalline dolomite and anhydrite.
3. Structure Generally west dipping sand beds with minor local anticlines.
4. Type drive during depletion Solution gas drive.
5. Original reservoir pressure 1,450 psig.

B. Information on Proposed Project Area

1. Number of productive acres in project area to be flooded The initial project area will include 680 acres as shown on the area plat.
2. Average depth to top of pay 3,700 feet.
3. Estimated average gross thickness 150 feet.
4. Estimated average effective thickness 13 feet.
5. Estimated average effective porosity 14.1%.
6. Average horizontal permeability 5 Mds. Range 0 - 58 Mds.
7. Estimated connate water content 35%.
8. Gravity of oil 35.6° API.

II. Primary Production History and Present Status of Project Area

1. Date first well completed October 30, 1937
2. Oil and water production history by months since date of first well completion to present time See Table I and Production Performance Curve.
3. Stage of depletion of project area Late
4. Number of producing wells in project area 28, six of which will be converted to water injection.
5. Average daily oil production per well at present time 13.5 barrels
6. Cumulative oil production to October 1, 1960 from area to be flooded 1,248,081 barrels

III. Injection

1. Source of injected water Water to be injected will be that produced from the Arrowhead, Eumont, Eunice, and South Eunice Oil Pools by Gulf wells producing into a commingled automatic battery located approximately in the center of the project area and from a battery located on our H. T. Mattern "E" Lease in the SW/4 of Section 1, T-22S, R-36E, about 1 mile southeast of the project area. Approximately 4,340 barrels per day will be available from these two batteries which will be more than enough water required.
2. Type of water Brackish - Injection system will be corrosion-proof. ✓
3. Treatment of injected water None - analysis of a representative sample indicates no treatment will be necessary.
4. Pattern and spacing 80-acre 5 spot patterns as shown on the area plat.
5. Initial injection pressure to be used Unknown, but anticipate about 300 psi initially. Maximum pressure will be 1,000 psi.

6. Estimated initial per well rate of injection 500 barrels per day.

7. Additional injection and producing wells to be drilled None

#### IV. Results Expected

It is expected that this pilot project will provide sufficient data to evaluate the floodability of the Queen formation underlying the William A. Ramsay "A" Lease.

#### V. Recommendations and Reasons Therefor

The Eumont and South Eunice Oil Pools produce by solution gas drive mechanism and as a result, a considerable quantity of oil will remain at the end of the primary depletion unless some type of fluid injection project is inaugurated to increase the ultimate oil recovery.

Production from those wells in the area outlined in yellow on the plat, which comprise the major portion of our property in the Eumont and South Eunice Oil Pools and which ultimately we hope to have under water flood, has declined such that the average daily oil production is only 14.1 barrels per well. At the existing rate of decline these properties have only a few years remaining to produce prior to depletion and abandonment. Therefore, in order to prolong the productive life of these wells and to increase the ultimate recovery, some type of secondary recovery project should be inaugurated. The available data indicate that the Queen formation underlying this area would be susceptible to water flood and that the proposed plan should increase ultimate recovery.

The proposed project area contains 28 wells, 21 of which are producing from the Queen formation of the Eumont Oil Pool and 3 wells are producing from the Queen formation of the South Eunice Oil Pool. Of the remaining 4 wells, 1 is completed as a Eumont gas well, though having formerly produced from the Eumont Oil Pool, and 3 wells are temporarily abandoned in the Eumont Oil Pool. As shown on the project area production

curve, the capacity of these wells is on decline and in September, 1960, the average daily oil production was only 13.5 barrels per well. At the existing rate of decline, it is estimated that the project area, which we feel will yield results that should be representative of the entire area under consideration, has a future life of about 4 years. The area is approximately 80% depleted and in order to evaluate this method of fluid injection in a reasonable period of time a pilot water flood project should be inaugurated now. We anticipate that approximately one year will elapse before any appreciable response is obtained from this project after which an additional period of time will be required to determine the feasibility of applying this type of secondary recovery to a fieldwide basis.

The 150 gross feet of reservoir oil column is roughly divisible into six major sand zones. Relatively dense dolomite, containing streaks of shale and anhydrite, having limited vertical permeability exists between these more porous sand zones so that vertical communication within the reservoir is limited. Therefore, the injection of extraneous fluids below the water-oil contact for the purpose of maintaining reservoir pressure to increase ultimate oil recovery does not appear feasible. In addition, within the major porous sand zones, extensive inter-fingering of porosity exists. For this reason, injection of extraneous fluids on the periphery does not appear to be a feasible method of increasing oil recovery. The nature of the reservoir rock indicates that a pattern type water injection project will be the most efficient and therefore required if maximum ultimate oil recovery is to be obtained. Therefore, in the interest of conservation and in order to achieve maximum oil recovery for this reservoir, a pilot water flood project should be inaugurated on the William A. Ramsay "A" Lease to determine the feasibility of this type

fluid injection project for fieldwide application. Gulf Oil Corporation respectfully requests that the Oil Conservation Commission authorize the installation of a pilot water flood on the William A. Ramsay "A" Lease, Lea County, as outlined in red on the area plat.

Gulf proposes in the installation of this project to convert six producing wells, Nos. 14, 24, 27, 32, 35 and 48, to injection wells and utilize two existing wells, Nos. 30 and 33, located equidistant from the injection wells, as center producers in the project, and use 20 adjacent wells as offset or diagonally offset producers in the pilot area.

If the project indicates this type of fluid injection to be feasible, Gulf requests authority to expand the water flood area in accordance with the administrative procedure outlined in Paragraph 5 of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Rule 701 (E).

TABLE I

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<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Oil Bbls.</u>	<u>Water Bbls.</u>	<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Oil Bbls.</u>	<u>Water Bbls.</u>
<u>1937</u>			<u>1941</u>		
Nov.	441		Jan.	3,498	5,513
Dec.	3,188		Feb.	3,459	6,437
<u>1938</u>			March	4,899	11,600
Jan.	2,001		April	3,685	12,467
Feb.	1,938		May	4,499	8,302
March	2,085		June	3,161	5,097
April	1,942		July	3,330	4,137
May	1,618		Aug.	3,052	18,727
June	2,472	265	Sept.	4,511	28,439
July	3,429	574	Oct.	4,436	28,330
Aug.	3,784	242	Nov.	3,632	23,608
Sept.	3,109	325	Dec.	4,770	24,939
Oct.	3,564	354	<u>1942</u>		
Nov.	3,252	327	Jan.	3,754	24,039
Dec.	5,112	4,993	Feb.	3,442	12,420
<u>1939</u>			March	4,604	13,462
Jan.	4,600	4,107	April	2,618	16,716
Feb.	4,771	5,175	May	2,291	16,525
March	5,085	4,855	June	2,590	16,300
April	4,665	4,468	July	2,510	18,600
May	5,110	5,507	Aug.	3,144	30,400
June	4,550	4,893	Sept.	3,277	30,330
July	4,884	5,411	Oct.	3,360	27,467
Aug.	3,256	3,840	Nov.	3,336	17,370
Sept.	3,376	4,125	Dec.	3,435	33,266
Oct.	4,536	6,647	<u>1943</u>		
Nov.	4,782	5,151	Jan.	3,236	29,470
Dec.	3,754	4,501	Feb.	3,416	23,260
<u>1940</u>			March	3,593	26,940
Jan.	3,314	3,237	April	3,258	24,770
Feb.	3,096	3,322	May	3,952	25,445
March	3,763	5,209	June	3,625	25,960
April	3,375	4,340	July	3,841	24,460
May	3,489	3,108	Aug.	2,953	25,210
June	2,225	2,305	Sept.	3,765	23,380
July	3,587	3,399	Oct.	4,257	27,350
Aug.	4,100	6,198	Nov.	4,099	19,605
Sept.	3,178	5,971	Dec.	3,297	16,373
Oct.	2,938	2,440	<u>1944</u>		
Nov.	3,134	2,869	Jan.	3,842	21,115
Dec.	3,560	3,697	Feb.	3,950	26,160
			March	4,251	26,440

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<u>1944 cont.</u>			<u>1947 cont.</u>		
April	3,889	22,150	June	2,857	39,960
May	3,658	17,290	July	3,845	42,530
June	3,620	28,190	Aug.	2,786	36,520
July	3,552	27,422	Sept.	2,796	37,120
Aug.	3,334	25,660	Oct.	3,446	35,640
Sept.	3,520	27,680	Nov.	1,900	22,760
Oct.	3,422	23,170	Dec.	2,611	43,540
Nov.	3,711	31,820			
Dec.	3,249	29,450	<u>1948</u>		
<u>1945</u>			Jan.	3,093	41,160
Jan.	2,997	13,470	Feb.	2,174	39,560
Feb.	2,917	15,820	March	2,399	41,800
March	3,362	25,900	April	2,872	41,520
April	3,092	33,910	May	3,221	43,180
May	3,320	35,040	June	2,858	27,540
June	3,378	18,728	July	2,028	31,040
July	2,950	23,019	Aug.	2,136	17,860
Aug.	3,289	19,400	Sept.	2,004	53,680
Sept.	3,031	25,500	Oct.	2,055	50,240
Oct.	2,912	30,400	Nov.	2,206	46,080
Nov.	2,548	23,850	Dec.	2,630	53,080
Dec.	3,083	21,195	<u>1949</u>		
<u>1946</u>			Jan.	1,703	46,600
Jan.	2,763	18,300	Feb.	1,859	44,120
Feb.	2,571	30,900	March	3,079	53,215
March	2,644	37,560	April	2,304	51,040
April	3,741	25,810	May	2,571	52,120
May	2,344	32,290	June	1,544	50,240
June	3,400	34,800	July	2,213	51,985
July	3,305	26,040	Aug.	2,284	47,960
Aug.	2,848	28,640	Sept.	1,643	51,360
Sept.	2,096	34,310	Oct.	2,362	53,320
Oct.	3,012	19,235	Nov.	2,186	49,360
Nov.	2,741	29,280	Dec.	1,580	51,480
Dec.	2,833	18,710	<u>1950</u>		
<u>1947</u>			Jan.	2,258	48,530
Jan.	2,709	33,830	Feb.	1,831	47,860
Feb.	1,957	34,810	March	2,161	52,360
March	3,115	44,280	April	1,427	49,805
April	2,602	37,000	May	2,428	53,085
May	2,685	40,694	June	2,117	51,600

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<u>1950 cont.</u>			<u>1953 cont.</u>		
July	1,480	52,480	Nov.	1,730	27,624
Aug.	2,472	53,320	Dec.	1,270	26,374
Sept.	2,006	50,000			
Oct.	1,792	50,020	<u>1954</u>		
Nov.	2,514	45,600	Jan.	1,126	28,000
Dec.	1,876	50,400	Feb.	1,179	82,025
			March	841	68,015
<u>1951</u>			April	926	12,866
Jan.	2,125	67,080	May	1,130	13,268
Feb.	2,196	56,100	June	675	12,034
March	2,632	68,500	July	827	12,807
April	2,674	59,040	Aug.	783	12,655
May	2,496	69,420	Sept.	1,123	12,532
June	2,260	44,200	Oct.	1,345	12,366
July	1,381	62,450	Nov.	669	12,765
Aug.	2,622	66,520	Dec.	851	9,040
Sept.	2,275	68,200			
Oct.	2,636	72,900	<u>1955</u>		
Nov.	2,465	72,000	Jan.	1,225	13,834
Dec.	1,499	62,352	Feb.	909	9,981
			March	913	10,957
<u>1952</u>			April	1,205	54,136
Jan.	2,184	49,630	May	1,316	54,698
Feb.	2,194	59,450	June	1,023	52,994
March	2,506	57,900	July	2,063	16,816
April	1,296	57,540	Aug.	1,664	16,545
May	1,616	47,135	Sept.	1,391	13,216
June	1,524	44,931	Oct.	971	18,630
July	1,387	63,300	Nov.	957	16,844
Aug.	1,660	31,835	Dec.	1,234	45,838
Sept.	1,318	36,996			
Oct.	1,694	45,560	<u>1956</u>		
Nov.	1,513	39,583	Jan.	1,050	53,058
Dec.	1,747	51,708	Feb.	1,055	40,641
			March	734	7,013
<u>1953</u>			April	298	3,336
Jan.	1,410	41,402	May	310	3,127
Feb.	1,190	36,011	June	434	4,635
March	1,825	36,452	July	2,422	5,535
April	1,392	41,388	Aug.	3,218	4,997
May	1,615	46,809	Sept.	4,861	5,603
June	1,715	42,671	Oct.	6,099	3,394
July	1,560	40,310	Nov.	8,682	4,965
Aug.	1,481	27,812	Dec.	8,589	4,534
Sept.	1,661	25,836			
Oct.	1,240	30,938			

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<u>1957</u>			<u>1960</u>		
Jan.	11,589	4,469	Jan.	11,251	9,103
Feb.	10,656	7,123	Feb.	10,018	7,935
March	11,381	3,949	March	12,101	12,421
April	10,861	4,482	April	10,554	8,997
May	11,933	8,749	May	10,023	10,937
June	11,791	8,321	June	9,068	9,907
July	12,927	6,857	July	10,264	10,230
Aug.	15,721	7,312	Aug.	10,545	11,019
Sept.	15,912	6,545	Sept.	9,528	8,488
Oct.	18,105	13,908			
Nov.	17,350	9,457			
Dec.	19,600	9,736			
<u>1958</u>					
Jan.	21,431	7,718			
Feb.	17,957	6,733			
March	18,694	7,141			
April	17,861	6,677			
May	19,338	7,495			
June	18,236	6,418			
July	18,328	6,578			
Aug.	17,574	5,717			
Sept.	17,507	5,365			
Oct.	16,348	11,880			
Nov.	16,169	12,026			
Dec.	15,372	9,575			
<u>1959</u>					
Jan.	15,471	9,754			
Feb.	13,716	8,901			
March	14,367	11,083			
April	13,777	10,868			
May	13,658	12,766			
June	12,707	10,415			
July	12,831	10,380			
Aug.	12,147	10,432			
Sept.	10,895	292			
Oct.	11,440	9,190			
Nov.	10,533	8,438			
Dec.	10,827	6,613			