

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE No. 2863
Order No. R-2526

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY
THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS
OWN MOTION TO PERMIT ALL OPERATORS IN
THE SOUTH LANE-PENNSYLVANIAN, MIDDLE
LANE-PENNSYLVANIAN, INBE-PENNSYLVANIAN,
AND THE INBE-WOLFCAMP POOLS, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO, TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY
THE DISPOSAL OF PRODUCED SALT WATER FROM
SAID POOLS OR WITHIN ONE MILE THEREOF IN
UNLINED PITS SHOULD NOT BE PROHIBITED.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on
July 17, 1963, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conser-
vation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the
"Commission."

NOW, on this 18th day of July, 1963, the Commission,
a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented
and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised
in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by
law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject
matter thereof.

(2) That the South Lane-Pennsylvanian, Middle Lane-Pennsyl-
vanian, Inbe-Pennsylvanian, and Inbe-Wolfcamp Pools, Lea County,
New Mexico, are within or adjacent to the area designated as the
Lea County Underground Water Basin by the State Engineer of the
State of New Mexico.

(3) That the surface disposal of produced salt water in
unlined pits in the above-described pools and within one mile
thereof constitutes a hazard to the fresh waters in the Lea
County Underground Water Basin and should be prohibited.

(4) That in order to allow the operators in the subject
pools a reasonable length of time to install satisfactory salt
water disposal systems, this order should not be effective until
September 19, 1963.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That effective September 19, 1963, the surface disposal in unlined pits of salt water produced from the South Lane-Pennsylvanian, Middle Lane-Pennsylvanian, Inbe-Pennsylvanian, and Inbe-Wolfcamp Pools, Lea County, New Mexico, and within one mile thereof is hereby prohibited.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jack M. Campbell

JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman

E. S. Walker
E. S. WALKER, Member

A. L. Porter, Jr.
A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

