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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE No. 3576
Order No. R-3250

APPLICATION OF JOMAR INDUSTRIES, INC.,
FOR WATER DISPOSAL, LEA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 24, 1967,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 5th day of June, 1967, the Commission, a
quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record,
and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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 by Order No. R-3224, dated May 8, 1967, the
applicant, Jomar Industries, Inc., was authorized to drill 64 oil
wells on a non-standard drilling tract comprising the S/2 NW/4 SE/4
and the N/2 SW/4 SE/4 of Section 30, Township 18 South, Range 38
East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing
oil from the Ogallala formation, a fresh water aquifer.

(3) That the applicant seeks authority to dispose of water
to be produced from the Ogallala formation in conjunction with
the production of oil by the aforesaid 64 wells back into the
Ogallala formation through an injection well or wells to be
located no nearer than 330 feet to the outer boundaries of the
above-described acreage.

(4) That it is anticipated that inappreciable amounts of
Ogallala water will be produced in conjunction with the production
of oil by said 64 wells.

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(5) That the water produced from the Ogallala formation in conjunction with the production of oil from said formation normally contains traces of oil or gas, or both, but otherwise is fresh water.

(6) That the said produced water is not an oil field brine as commonly understood in the oil and gas business.

(7) That the surface disposal in pits of Ogallala water produced in conjunction with the production of oil from said formation will present little or no hazard to the fresh water supply underlying such disposal.

(8) That the evidence indicates the disposal of water containing traces of oil or gas, or both, into the Ogallala formation may further contamination in said aquifer.

(9) That the subject application should be denied without prejudice to the right of the applicant to utilize surface pits for the disposal of water produced by the aforesaid 64 oil wells.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the subject application is hereby denied.

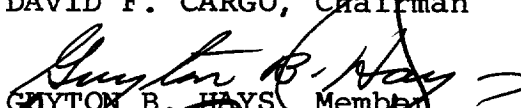
(2) That the aforesaid denial shall not be construed to prejudice the right of the applicant to utilize surface pits for the disposal of Ogallala water produced in conjunction with the production of oil from the Ogallala formation; provided, however, said produced water shall not be conveyed to said surface pit or pits by means of ditches, that said produced water shall not be removed from said pit or pits for any use whatsoever, and said pit or pits shall be fenced and the fence kept in good repair.


(3) 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


DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman


CLAYTON B. HAYS, Member


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

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