

*Entered December 9, 1968
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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. 3977
Order No. R-3620

APPLICATION OF TEXAS PACIFIC OIL
COMPANY FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 2, 1968, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 9th day of December, 1968, 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 the applicant, Texas Pacific Oil Company, is the owner and operator of the Farnsworth "4" Well No. 7, located in Unit F of Section 4, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Seven Rivers formation, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 3168 feet to 3196 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing set at approximately 3162 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge should be attached to the annulus at the surface in order to determine leakage in the casing or tubing.

(5) That the produced salt water should be continuously treated prior to injection to prevent casing and tubing corrosion, and coupon tests should be conducted continuously on said well and

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the results thereof filed quarterly with the Commission until further notice from the Secretary-Director of the Commission.

(6) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Texas Pacific Oil Company, is hereby authorized to utilize its Farnsworth "4" Well No. 7, located in Unit F of Section 4, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Seven Rivers formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing set at approximately 3162 feet, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 3168 feet to 3196 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the produced salt water shall be continuously treated prior to injection to prevent casing and tubing corrosion, and coupon tests shall be conducted continuously on said well and the results thereof filed quarterly with the Commission until further notice from the Secretary-Director of the Commission; that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus at the surface in order to determine leakage in the casing or tubing.

(2) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(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

GUYTON B. HAYS, Member

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

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