

*Entered July 12, 1973*  
*A.L.P.*

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. 5009  
Order No. R-4585

APPLICATION OF WENDELL C. WELCH FOR  
AN OIL TREATING PLANT PERMIT, EDDY  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 27, 1973,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 13th day of July, 1973, 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, Wendell C. Welch, seeks authority  
to install and operate a water-bath and heat-treatment type oil  
treating plant in the SE/4 of Section 35, Township 17 South,  
Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, for the reclamation  
of 500 to 800 barrels of sediment oil per day to be obtained  
from tank bottoms and waste pits.

(3) That dikes or dams should be erected around the plant  
capable of holding the entire capacity of all tanks and vessels  
at the plant location.

(4) That the proposed plant and method of processing will  
efficiently process, treat, and reclaim the aforementioned waste  
oil, thereby salvaging oil which would otherwise be waste.

(5) That the subject application should be approved as  
being in the best interest of conservation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Wendell C. Welch, is hereby  
authorized to install and operate a water-bath and heat-treatment

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type oil treating plant in the SE/4 of Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, for the purpose of treating and reclaiming sediment oil to be obtained from tank bottoms and waste pits;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the continuation of the authorization granted by this order shall be conditioned upon compliance with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the rules and regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that prior to commencing operation of said plant, the applicant shall file with the Commission a performance bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 conditioned upon substantial compliance with applicable statutes of the State of New Mexico and all rules, regulations, and orders of the Oil Conservation Commission.

(2) That the operator of the above-described oil treating plant shall clear and maintain in a condition clear of all debris and vegetation a fireline at least 15 feet in width and encircling the tract upon which the plant is located.

(3) That dikes and dams be erected around the plant capable of holding the entire capacity of all tanks and vessels at the plant location.

(4) That the disposal of waste water accumulated in conjunction with the operation of the above-described plant on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which will constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies is hereby prohibited.

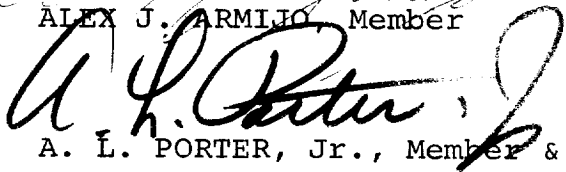
(5) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

  
ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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

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